

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this August 28, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Rich Crump, Bill Feldmann, John Machart, Rod Smith, Cody Shaffer and Betty Weimer present. Absent: None. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Alan Johnson, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Tyler Laing, Park & Recreation Director;; Bob Simonson, Police Chief and Travis McNally, Police Sergeant. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Macey Soupene, 106 Theresa Ave.; Dixie Rickels, 109 Theresa Ave.; Doug Edel; Scott Pottorff, MMS Consultants; Dick Dearborn, 600 N. Williams St. and Larre Osterkamp, 400 N. Garnavillo St. Mayor Dale Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Council Minutes

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2017 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

Presentations

Paul Nelson – Hearing Regarding Notice to Abate Nuisance at 308 N. Garnavillo Street

Paul Nelson was not present. It was noted that the notice was received and signed for by both the renter and the property owner on August 15th and given 10 days to abate the nuisance, which would be August 25th. A municipal infraction will be implemented after the inspection if nuisance was not abated.

Macey Soupene – Regarding Property at 114 & 116 Theresa Avenue

Macey Soupene, 106 Theresa Avenue addressed the Council distributing a petition signed by all the homeowners in the Theresa Avenue neighborhood requesting that the property at 114 & 116 Theresa Avenue be cleaned up. She also distributed pictures of the area in question. Macey reviewed the history of the construction at 114 & 116 Theresa Avenue and the corresponding building permit. She also reviewed the history of the proposed hammerhead at the end of Theresa Avenue along with the on-going drainage issues relating to the construction. Macey asked the Council to address the issues relating to contractors putting in new construction and to require that hammerhead be installed. Discussion followed. Alan Johnson stated that there is not enough property for the City to install a hammerhead. More discussion followed.

Dixie Rickels, 109 Theresa Avenue addressed the Council questioning why anyone would purchase the property without the landscaping being completed. Discussion followed on whether the issues with new construction would be covered under the nuisance ordinance. Dixie also stated that there is an area in the street next to her property where it is sinking. Discussion followed on the time requirement on building permits and also the possibility of requiring silt fencing with new construction. Rod Smith suggested that the contractor be given an extension to the building permit with required completion dates.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Memorandum of Agreement with Jim McDonough Productions for “Holiday Grande 2017” Event

Motion by Feldmann second by Crump to approve the memorandum of agreement with Jim McDonough Productions for the “Holiday Grande 2017” event. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Appointments to Anamosa Library Board of Trustees

Motion by Feldmann, second by Machart to approve the appointments of Marilyn Holcomb, Susan Koppenhaver and Douglas Schoon to the Anamosa Library Board of Trustees. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Request by Carrie Klatt to Place Concrete Slab in City Right-of-Way

Alan reviewed the history of the request and the importance of the City having the right-of-way. Discussion followed on the possibility of offering the purchase of the adjacent alley to the Klatts.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to deny the request from Carrie Klatt to place a concrete slab on the City right-of way next to their property at 303 Gibbs Street. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Re-Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to approve the re-appointment of Tim Hollet and Dave Phelps to the Planning and Zoning Commission. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Beer and Liquor Licenses

Motion by Crump, second by Feldmann to approve the new Class C Liquor License with Class B Wine Permit and Outdoor Service with Sunday Sales Privileges for AmericInn Lodge & Suites (New Owner). All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Amending Animal Protection and Control Ordinance to Delete First Bite Exception

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to approve the **Second Reading of Ordinance** amending Animal Protection and Control Ordinance to delete first bite exception. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Feldmann to waive the third reading of Ordinance amending Animal Protection and Control Ordinance to delete first bite exception. Motion died for lack of second.

Street Closures Request for the 2017 Anamosa Pumpkinfest

Motion by Feldmann, second by Machart to approve the street closures request for the 2017 Anamosa Pumpkinfest with a note to open Carroll Street at 3 p.m. for the churches. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Appointment of Volunteer Fire Fighter to the Anamosa Volunteer Fire Department

Motion by Feldmann, second by Crump to approve the appointment of Travis McNally to the Anamosa Volunteer Fire Department. Betty Weimer stated for clarification that as an Anamosa Police Officer, Travis's primary duty is the Police Department if no other coverage is available. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Change Order No. 2 for the 2017 STP Project

Scott Pottorff, MMS Consultants addressed the Council explaining that the original plans and specifications accounted for the removal of old asphalt, but not for the old concrete that was actually needed. He explained that the net amount of the change order is \$21,725.16 of which 80% would be paid by STP Funds and the remaining amount is being deducted from the "not to exceed" amount on the MMS engineering services agreement. Discussion followed.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve Change Order No. 2 in the net amount of \$21,725.16 for 2017 STP Project. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Change Order No. 3 for the 2017 STP Project

Scott Pottorff, MMS Consultants explained that Iowa Dot requires that PCC pavement samples be taken for this project.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the 2017 STP Project. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Services Contract with MMS Consultants for the 2017 STP Project

Motion by Feldmann, second by Weimer to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Services Contract with MMS Consultants for the 2017 STP Project reducing the “not to exceed” amount. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Scott Pottroff gave an update on the 2017 STP Project stating that the paving of the intersections and driveways will be starting on Wednesday this week and that the first phase of the project should be opened in 2-3 weeks. He stated that they are currently ahead of schedule on the project.

FINANCE:

Pay Request No. 1 to Horsfield Construction on the 2017 STP Project

Motion by Feldmann, second by Machart to approve Pay Request No. 1 to Horsfield Construction in the amount of \$186,173.56 for the 2017 STP Project. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Pay Request No. 1 to Ricklefs Excavating for 2nd Street Lift Station and Sewer Improvements Project

Motion by Feldmann, second by Crump to approve Pay Request No. 1 to Ricklefs Excavating in the amount of \$270,778.50 for the 2nd Street Lift Station and Sewer Improvements Project. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Hiring and Setting Salaries of Part Time Employees for the Lawrence Community Center

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2017-42** Hiring and Setting Salaries of Part Time Employees for the Lawrence Community Center for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills for the Month August, 2017

Motion by Smith, second by Feldmann to approve the payment of bills for the month of August, 2017. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Request from the Masonic Lodge for Donation to Child Safety Program Event

Motion by Feldmann, second by Crump to approve a donation of \$100 to the Child Safety Program event as requested by Paul Feldman from the Anamosa Masonic Lodge. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Alan Johnson expressed his appreciation of the management team during his recent absence over the last several weeks. Alan also stated that Oct. 21st is the next scheduled City-Wide Clean Up event and more information will be coming.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Rod Smith, Library Board stated that the Board had approved adding six emergency lights and some policy changes are in the works with the City Attorney. He stated that the Board had approved the three appointments to the Board.

Acceptance of Letter Resignation Submitted by Alan Johnson, City Administrator

Motion by Feldmann, second by Smith to accept letter of resignation submitted by Alan Johnson, City Administrator. Bill Feldmann expressed his appreciation and wished Alan well in his retirement. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Plan of Action to Fill Upcoming City Administrator Vacancy

Betty Weimer suggested hiring Pat Callahan to do the Administrator search.

Motion by Feldmann, second by Shaffer to have Pat Callahan present a contract for the City Administrator search. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public with Business with the Council on Items not on the Agenda:

Dick Dearborn, 600 N. Williams Street addressed the Council suggesting progressive thinking for the community regarding housing and blight issues. He stated he would like to see the Council give incentives to contractors to continue to build new and replace dilapidated housing in the community. Dick suggested some form tax abatements.

Larre Osterkamp, 400 N. Garnavillo Street expressed his concerns over the nuisance property at 308 N. Garnavillo Street. Discussion followed.

Adjournment

Motion by Crump, second by Weimer to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk