

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this April 9, 2018 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Rich Crump, Kay Smith, John Machart, Rod Smith, Cody Shaffer and Betty Weimer present. Absent: None. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Jacob Sheridan, City Administrator; Penny K. Lode, Deputy City Clerk; Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent; Gregg Carpenter, Street Superintendent; Jim Henson, Water Superintendent; Tyler Laing, Parks & Rec Director; Travis McNally, Police Sergeant; and Rebecca Vernon, Library Director. Guests Present Addressing the Council: John Ely, 301 N Davis St.; Kelly Day, 110 W. Walnut St.; Tom Durgin, Fish House Rd.; Nancy Shaffer, 803 N Division Ct.; Bill Carlson, 304 S. Booth St.; Doug Edell, 204 E Walnut St.; Cassie Strube, Chamber of Commerce; Kyle McDonald, Chamber of Commerce. 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 Crump, second by Shaffer to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2018 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Presentations

John Ely, 301 N Davis Street addressed the Council regarding dog licensing in Anamosa. He compared licenses issued in previous years and voiced concern that the licenses were not being enforced, or being enforced selectively. He believes they need to be enforced and right away. He feels the fine for having an unregistered dog without proof of vaccinations should be \$500 as it is a public health matter. The second offense should be take the dog out of the City or \$750 fine. The cost to license shouldn't be excessive. He suggested an incentive for chipped dogs, perhaps reduction in fee. He also suggested using a database software to make the information more accessible to the Police Dept. and City Hall, and possibly Sheriff Department.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Cemetery Rules and Procedures

Sheridan addressed the Council and discussed examples of regulations from other cemeteries stating that it had been discussed in the past and would like to know the desire of the Council as to any changes or updates to the current cemetery regulations. Discussion followed regarding notification to public when items will be removed and items that will be permissible. Sheridan was directed to draft an amendment to the current ordinance for the next council meeting.

Better Together Block Party

Sheridan addressed the Council stating he had been approached regarding the City sponsoring a block party as a way to promote positive interaction with the City staff. The ideas that have been discussed are having it on Ford Street in front of City Hall and the departments bring a truck or piece of equipment to model what their department does for the City. There will be food and music.

Sheridan stated there would be some items that would need to be purchased but most things would be donated. Discussion followed.

American Gothic Statue

Sheridan stated that this is kind of a fast moving item that he would like Council direction on. To get the statue moved to Anamosa it will take a \$5,000 commitment down of the total cost of \$20,000. Sheridan believes it will be a good fit for the community and wants the Council's thoughts on contributing to the cost. Discussion followed.

Motion by Weimer, second by K. Smith to contribute \$5,000 to the project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Walworth Ave. Sidewalk

Sheridan addressed the Council stating that this issue has been brought up in the past but it needs to be addressed again. Sheridan stated this sidewalk falls under the same guidelines as any other sidewalk in the City, and it is the adjoining property owner's responsibility to repair and maintain. Discussion followed. Sheridan was directed by the Council to meet with the School Superintendent.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Beer and Liquor Licenses

None

Implementation of Fines for Failure to License Dogs in the City of Anamosa

Motion by Shaffer, second by Weimer to approve the **First Reading of Ordinance** setting fines for failure to license dogs with the City of Anamosa with the addition of statement "A citation for an enhanced violation of this section shall not be filed prior to final adjudication of the preceding citation".

Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division asked for clarification of the ordinance and if the offenses are counted on a fiscal year basis or the life of the dog. Sheridan explained the offenses are per dog, not four offenses per year.

John Ely addressed the Council stating that all dogs need to have a rabies shot and be licensed. Bill Carlson, 304 S. Booth St., addressed the Council stating that a dog has to be a certain age before they can get a rabies shot, can they still be licensed. McNally stated the ordinance requires rabies at four months and does accommodate for age of dog. Tom Durgin, Fish House Rd, owns property in Anamosa and asked if dogs visiting the City from out of town would be required to be licensed. It was stated that they would not be required to license with the City as long as they had proof of rabies vaccination. Durgin asked if there are fines for people allowing their dogs to defecate on other peoples' property. The Council will look into if there is a current ordinance to address the issue, if not they will look into adopting one. Kelly Day, 110 W. Walnut St, asked if there is a time frame to get your dog licensed. McNally stated the owner has three days to get a dog licensed. Sheridan stated that there is a two month window when it comes to renewing the license, but it must be obtained within three days of ownership.

Roll vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Noise/Street Closure Permit – Anamosa Chamber of Commerce

Motion by Shaffer, second by K. Smith to approve the permit as submitted.

Doug Edel, 204 E Walnut, representing the committee organizing the event addressed the Council, as well Cassie Strube with the Chamber; Kylie McDonald, Chamber Vice President and Chuck Bildstein, Chamber member and discussed their plans for the event. Discussion followed. The City will work with the committee to get the signs and barricades put up. The committee will be responsible for the fencing. Sheridan proposed that the Council look at the fee charged for the street closure permit and perhaps increase the fee for events such as this to cover or offset the cost to the City. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

FINANCE:

Hiring and Setting Salaries of Seasonal Part-Time Employees for Aqua Court and Parks Maintenance

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2018-13** approving the hiring and setting salaries of seasonal part-time employees for the Anamosa aqua court and the parks maintenance department for the upcoming season. No discussion. Roll vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Jacob reported the following: 1) Received 42 very strong applicants for the Police Chief position, nine of which will be interviewed this week. 2) He is working on review of the emergency sirens and locations, 3) He is still gathering information on email hosting solutions, 4) He was approached by a new property owner about a voluntary annexation, and he is gathering information on that possibility.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Machart stated that the Landfill will be switching to LED bulbs to save money. Nothing to report from Emergency Management (911).

Crump had nothing to report from the Tourism meeting, just election of officers.

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

Tom Durgin asked about bicycle licensing for out of town residents who bring their bike into town. It was determined that it would need to be licensed. He also believes that dogs should be allowed in the cemetery as it is already a mine field from the geese.

Adjournment

Motion by Rod Smith, second by Machart to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny K. Lode, Deputy City Clerk