

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this April 23, 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; Jim Henson, Water Superintendent; Travis McNally, Police Sergeant; and Rebecca Vernon, Library Director. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Linda Lyons, 423 Chamber Dr.; Macey Soupene, 106 Therese Ave; Frank Wood, Olin Telephone; Doug Wortman, 106 E. Main St.; Randy Caspers, 20901 131st St.; and Crystal Wherry, 105 N. Williams 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 Weimer, second by K. Smith to approve the minutes of April 2, April 9, April 10 and April 11, 2018 Council meetings. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Presentations

Linda Lyons, 423 Chamber Drive addressed the Council regarding water issues on Chamber Drive and Dillon Court. She voiced concern about eave spouts being directed into neighbors' yards, a flash flood scenario, dirt piles being left behind by the contractor and no silt fencing being used during construction. She asked why the City cannot install a bee hive system to help take water away. She urges the City to get some advice from an engineer on how to remedy the issue. Discussion followed. Gregg Carpenter, Rod Smith and the developer met at the site in December, and determined that there was nothing the City could do because it was private property. Discussion followed. Machart stated the developer said they could come in and put a swale in, but until everything is seeded it may fill back up with dirt. Shaffer expressed concern with the City bringing in an Engineer to address water runoff on private property. R. Smith visited the area and witnessed that several houses on Chamber have yards that slope towards the foundations, that is the mistake of the builder. Macey Soupene also addressed the Council stated concern about water issues in her neighborhood by the same developer and thinks the City should be overseeing development sites. Sheridan will look reach out to the DNR and other avenues to get some ideas on a solution and see what can possible be done from the City standpoint.

Frank Wood, Olin Telephone addressed the Council asking for consideration to allow his company to provide fiber internet to the City's residents. It would be done in stages coming in from Hwy. 64 area. Shaffer suggested a municipal utility and looking at reinstating the Municipal Telecommunications Board.

Doug Wortman, owner of 106 E Main Street addressed the Council regarding application of a Community Catalyst Grant to restore his building that was destroyed by fire. This grant is designed for Cities to stimulate growth and reinvest in the community. Wortman explained that this type of grant has to be applied for by the City with the City matching a portion of the funds as well as the property owner matching 100%. City match does not have to be in cash, there are other options. Discussion followed.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Council Meeting Date Change

Motion by Shaffer, second by Weimer to change the date of the second Council meeting in May to Tuesday, May 29th, due to Monday being Memorial Day holiday. All ayes. Motion carried.

Subdivision Platting Waiver – Caspers Construction

Randy Caspers addressed the council regarding his request for waiver to the City's review and requirements for platting for his subdivision located on Ridge Rd. The County has approved the subdivision and a County engineer has reviewed it. The City's Planning & Zoning Commission recommended waiver of review. Discussion followed.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to waive the City's platting requirements. All ayes. Motion carried.

E-Mail Hosting Solutions

Sheridan provided several quotes from several companies regarding e-mail hosting and recommends Google. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shaffer, second by K. Smith to approve Google for e-mail hosting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Sirens

Sheridan provided handouts which showed the locations of the emergency sirens and their coverage areas. Sheridan stated that the sirens are providing good coverages, and there are no FEMA requirements on distances the sirens need to be from a residence. Three of the four are within 100 feet of a residence property line, the fourth siren is 12-15 feet from the property line and 65 feet from the house itself. Again, there are no requirements or setbacks for the sirens. Sheridan recommends not using the sirens for fire calls, as fire fighters carry radios for communication and only use sirens for weather emergencies and testing. That would cut down on the number of times the sirens are set off. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Weimer to get a cost of moving the siren at the North Williams Street location further away from the property line; eliminate the siren for fire calls and schedule monthly testing of the sirens with public notification. All ayes. Motion carried.

American Gothic Statue

Sheridan provided the Council an update on the donations to date. Sheridan discussed the City's responsibility for the statue and covering insurance for damages. Leanna Boone, Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council stating they are planning a fund raiser and are willing to put any additional funds towards the cost of insurance and upkeep of the statue. Discussion followed on site locations and marketing ideas.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Weimer to approve the contract. All ayes. Motion carried.

Community Catalyst Grant

Motion by Weimer, second by Shaffer to complete the grant pre-application and get more information on the City's match. All ayes. Motion carried

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Beer and Liquor Licenses

None

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

Sheridan pointed out that the Ordinance has been amended to include the statement "A citation for an enhanced violation of this section shall not be filed prior to final adjudication of the preceding citation".

Motion by Weimer, second by Crump to approve the **Second reading of Ordinance No. 923** prescribing civil penalties for failure to license dogs. Roll vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Weimer, second by K. Smith to waive the **Third reading of Ordinance No. 923** prescribing civil penalties for failure to license dogs. Roll vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Cigarette/Tobacco Permit

Motion by Shaffer, second by K. Smith to approve the cigarette/tobacco permit as submitted by Exhale Vape Shop. All ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

FINANCE:

Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project – Change Order No. 1

Motion by Crump, second by R. Smith to approve Change order No. 1. All ayes. Motion carried.

Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project – Pay Request No. 6

Motion by Weimer, second by Crump to approve pay request No. 6 to Calacci Construction in the amount of \$55,466.70 for water treatment plant expansion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project – Pay Request No. 7

Motion by Crump, second by K. Smith to approve pay request No. 7 to Calacci Construction in the amount of \$360,089.90 for water treatment plant expansion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills – April 2018

Motion by Weimer, second by Crump to approve payment of bills for the month of April. R. Smith asked for explanation of snow removal, water line repair, concrete saw, Menards and phosphate repair kit invoices. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Budget Amendments

Motion by Shaffer, second by Crump to approve **Resolution 2018-14** setting the date for the public hearing amending the current city budget for fiscal year 2017-18. Roll vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Jacob reported the following: 1) Chief of Police search will continue on Saturday 2) Met with school regarding sidewalk on Walworth 3) Cemetery regulations, will have a draft for next council meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

K. Smith informed the Council that Librarian Loretta Brickley is retiring and invited everyone to attend her retirement party on Friday, and other events coming up at the library.

Weimer updated the Council on progress of the Better Together Block Party.

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

Crystal Wherry addressed the Council with questions regarding the search for new Police Chief and timeline.

Adjournment

Motion by Shaffer second by Crump to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny K. Lode, Deputy City Clerk