

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this May 29, 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; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Travis McNally, Police Sergeant; and Rebecca Vernon, Library Director. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Emily Upah, Alliant Energy; Bill Goodman, 804 E. 1st St.; Frank Wood, Olin Telephone; Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St.; Leanna Boone, Anamosa Chamber of Commerce; Nicole Claussen, Spark Boutique; and John Thomas, Teamsters Law Enforcement Union. 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 Kay Smith to approve the minutes of May 14, 2018 Regular Council meeting with correction on the roll vote on first reading of cemetery ordinance – Rod Smith, Nay. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Amending Current City Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Mayor Barnes opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

No comments, verbal or written were submitted prior to the public hearing and no comments were offered by the public present.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Rod Smith to close the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing to Discuss the Status of Funded Activities for the City of Anamosa's Water Improvement Project

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

No comments, verbal or written were submitted prior to the public hearing and no comments were offered by the public present.

City Administrator, Jacob Sheridan read the findings on the status of funded activities for the Anamosa's Water Improvement Project for the public present at the meeting.

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to close the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Presentations

Emily Upah, Alliant Energy addressed the Council introducing herself and explained her job function as it relates to working with the City of Anamosa. She updated the Council on the contributions and participation made by Alliant in supporting the City of Anamosa and Jones County. Emily also reviewed programs that Alliant offers through Alliant Energy Foundation.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Ordinance Amending Chapter 116 of the City Code (Cemetery Regulations) to Prescribe Regulations for Gravesite Adornment

Jacob reviewed the intent and purpose of the proposed ordinance to assist with the maintenance and two clean ups per year. Discussion followed. Rod Smith stated he would like to see the allowed placement area to extend out 6" from the base. More discussion followed.

Bill Goodman, 804 E. 1st Street addressed the Council explaining that part of the base is under the ground/grass, so it is not visible. More discussion followed on making some changes to the proposed ordinance to extend the actual placement area.

Motion by Weimer, second by Machart to approve the **Second Reading of Ordinance** Amending Chapter 116 of the City Code (Cemetery Regulations) to Prescribe Regulations for Gravesite Adornment. Roll Vote. All Nays, Motion Failed.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 63 of the City Code (Speed Regulations) to Restrict the Entire Length of Old Dubuque Road to 25 MPH Speed Zone

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to approve the **Second Reading of Ordinance** Amending Chapter 63 of the City Code (Speed Regulations) to Restrict the Entire Length of Old Dubuque Road to 25 MPH Speed Zone. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Right of Way Access Agreement with Olin Telephone Company for Internet Fiber Installation

Motion by Weimer, second by Shaffer to approve right of way access agreement with Olin Telephone Company for internet fiber installation. Discussion followed.

Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division Street addressed the Council asking the Council members if they had received any additional information since the last meeting. Mike stated that the proposed agreement be tabled until the Telecommunications Board is re-instated to help do the research and this decision should not be rushed into.

Bill Goodman, 804 E. 1st Street stated that he totally agreed with Mike Dearborn comments. He questioned the transparency of the City. More discussion followed. Mike Dearborn stated that he had spoken to the former chair of the Telecommunications Board and was told that the Board was disbanded because the Council did not want to invest in the study for telecommunications services. More discussion followed on the Council being provided a proposed business plan from Olin Telephone. Frank Wood, Olin Telephone asked the Council what information they would like to see in the plan. More discussion followed. A vote was taken. 1 – Aye, Weimer. All Remaining Nays. Motion Failed.

28E Agreement for Mutual Field Access

No action was taken at this meeting.

Better Together Block Party

Jacob updated the Council on the status of the Better Together Block Part event being sponsored by the City. Bill Goodman asked for clarification on the advertising that the dog licenses would be free at the event. It was explained that an anonymous donor would be paying for them.

Lease Agreement for the Placement of the American Gothic Statue

Jacob reviewed the proposed lease agreement. Leanna Boone, Anamosa Chamber stated the committee is in favor of the placement of the statue, which will be behind the city parking lot next to Wapsi Valley Physical Therapy. Discussion followed.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Crump to approve the lease agreement for the placement of the American Gothic statue between the City of Anamosa and James and Sally Meyers. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Street Closure Permit for the City of Anamosa “Better Together” Block Part Event

Motion by Weimer, second by Machart to approve the Street Closure Permit for the 100 block of S. Ford Street from Main Street to 1st Street on June 1, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

FINANCE:

Resolution Amending the Current Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Motion by Weimer, second by Rod Smith to approve **Resolution 2018-19** Amending the Current Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Pay Request No. 8 to Calacci Construction for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to approve Pay Request No. 8 to Calacci Construction in the amount of \$126,276.49 for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills for the Month of May, 2018

Motion by Shaffer, second by Kay Smith to approve the payment of bills for the month of May, 2018. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Jacob reported that the Chief of Police, Jerimiah Hoyt starts on May 31st. He also reminded everyone that the Block Party is this Friday, June 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jacob stated that the American Gothic Statue will be arriving either June 12th or 13th. He also stated that the sexual harassment training for city employees is coming up and the schedule will be forthcoming.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Kay Smith, Anamosa Library Board reported that the Board is in the process of looking for a new children's librarian and there is an offer on the table. They are also installing baffles in the library to cut down on the sound.

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

Nicole Claussen, Spark Boutique addressed the Council stating she had attended the Memorial Day Service and is asking permission from the Council to research the possibility of placing a simple pavilion over the cement slab area in the cemetery.

John Thomas, Teamsters Law Enforcement Union addressed the Council stating that the Anamosa Police Officers are intending to form a union. He explained that the start-up costs for new police officers is around \$50,000. He went on to explain the reasoning behind the change.

Bill Goodman, 804 E. 1st Street addressed the Council asking the following questions:

1. How close are we to finishing the 2nd Street LS project – Phase I?
2. When is the City planning on laying the 12" pipe between Rosemary and 2nd St. LS?
3. Why were two oak trees taken down in Wapsianna park 2 and also how was the City intending on treating the remaining ash trees?
4. Bill stated that all employees have "startup" costs, not just police officers.
5. He stated that the slab of cement needs to be repaired in the cemetery along with 7 ft. of electric wiring that had been stripped.

Bill questioned why barriers were not put up on both ends of water main break on Linn St. and he also questioned the bill payment/approval process.

Adjournment

Motion by Rod Smith, second by Shaffer to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk