

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this July 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; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Jeremiah Hoyt, Police Chief; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director and Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Terry Swick, Swick Cable Contractors; Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St.; Tom Durgin; and Dick Dearborn, 600 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 Rod Smith, second by Crump to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2018 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Library Board Re-Appointments

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to approve the re-appointments of Dennis Owen and Dale Condry, Jr. to the Anamosa Library Board of Trustees. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment

Jacob Sheridan stated that this is the next step in the process to move forward with intent to provide economic development support for the property located at 106 E. Main Street.

Motion by Weimer, second by Kay Smith to approve **Resolution 2018-24** Setting Date for Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Wyoming Mutual Telephone Company Fiber Project to Cell Towers

Jacob reviewed the proposal from Wyoming Mutual Telephone Company to install fiber to and between cell towers in Anamosa located by Theisen's and Fareway. He is requesting approval from the Council to the terms of the excavation permit they will be submitting which will include a \$5,000 bond and insurance coverage.

Motion by Weimer, second by Shaffer to approve the submission of the excavation permit with a \$5,000 bond amount and insurance coverage from Wyoming Mutual Telephone Company to install fiber to cell towers in Anamosa.

Terry Swick, Swick Cable Contractors addressed the Council answering questions regarding the location and size of the boxes and the depth (24" – 40" deep) and size of the conduit (1.25"). He also clarified that this install is for end users of two cell phone companies. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: NONE

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

FINANCE:

Resolution Approving the Hiring of Full Time Wastewater Operator II Employee and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2018-25** Approving the hiring of Full Time Wastewater Operator II Employee and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019. Discussion followed. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving the Hiring of Full Time Water Operator II Employee and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

Motion by Weimer, second by Crump to approve **Resolution** Approving the Hiring of Full Time Water Operator II Employee and Setting Salary for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019.

Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St. addressed the Council questioning what open position this was for. Jacob stated that there will be internal movement between departments. Mike questioned if the water position or the potential “new” position will be advertised or posted for the public. Jacob reviewed the circumstances surrounding the potential shift of employees and the current hirings. Jacob stated he is recommending approval of these hires. Mike questioned what the City’s previous process and procedure was for posting these open or new positions and he suggested following the past practices on posting of job openings. Discussion followed. Tammy stated that to her knowledge the City is required by the Civil Section of the Iowa Code to, at the minimum post job openings for a minimum of 10 days. More discussion followed.

Weimer withdrew her motion and Crump withdrew his second to the motion.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Jacob reported on the following:

- The situation of the purchase of the new police vehicle as budgeted for this fiscal year as related to the new resolution regarding the payment of claims prior to Council review.
- Police Officer Michelle Gehl has submitted her resignation as she has taken a job with the Jones County Sheriff’s Department. They will be posting for this job opening.
- The new Children’s Librarian is Veronica Broesbeck.
- The “Ride It Like You Stole It” bike event went pretty well overall and they are looking at some things to revamp with the event to make improvements.
- July 15th is the “Anamosa Day” at the Kernels Game.
- The Anamosa Library will also be hosting an event entitled “Dessert with Eleanor Roosevelt” the same day, July 15th.
- The week of July 16th the Street Projects will be starting.
- He will be attending the annual IACMA conference this week July 11 – 13th.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Machart, Landfill – Reported that they are still looking at adding LED lighting.

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

Tom Durgin addressed the Council asking when the barricades got picked up and when they were put up. He thought they were set up on Thursday and he questioned the blocking of parking spaces for viable open businesses. Jacob stated he will follow up on this. Tom also questioned a comment that it cost the City \$3,000 to help with the bike event on Saturday. Jacob stated that the actual cost is not known at this time. Discussion followed.

Dick Dearborn, 600 N. Williams St. addressed the Council suggesting once again that the City look into to tax abatement for the possible demolition of older dilapidated buildings in Anamosa. He also stated that there have been a lot of great events in Anamosa and suggested that the City do more promotion of the community. Dick suggested possibly using an outside source to do some advertising using hotel/motel tax funds. Discussion followed. Crump explained that the Jones County Tourism receives hotel/motel tax money from the City and they do a lot advertising for not only Anamosa but all of Jones County.

Adjournment

Motion by Crump, second by Rod Smith to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Coons, City Clerk