

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this March 25, 2019 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Rich Crump, Kay Smith, John Machart, Cody Shaffer and Betty Weimer present. Absent: Rod Smith. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Jacob Sheridan, City Administrator; Tammy Coons, City Clerk; Jim Henson, Water Superintendent; Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent and Jeremiah Hoyt, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Mark Culver, ECICOG; Macy Soupene, 106 Therese Avenue; Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St.; Tom Durgin, Main St. building owner; Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct.; Bill Sperfslage, Warden ASP; and Katy Nagel, 536 Kaitlynn Ave. 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 Machart to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

#### **Public Hearing on Rezoning of Property Located in the Meadow ridge 8<sup>th</sup> Addition, Anamosa, Iowa, from 8R-1 to 2R-2.**

Mayor Barnes opened public hearing at 6:01p.m. No comments had been received or offered by the public present at the hearing, but Jacob Sheridan stated that people in attendance at the P&Z meeting made comments. Motion by Shaffer, second by Crump to close the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried

### **Presentations:**

Mark Culver, ECICOG addressed the Council stating that the International Building Codes cover the entire United States. He also stated that most cities our size or larger have building codes. Mark stated that the codes would create a minimum standard that would level the playing field between contractors. He stated that ECICOG does provide enforcement of the codes. ECICOG would review the plans to ensure that the plans meet the building codes. ECICOG would set their fee and the City would collect the fee with the building permit fee. ECICOG would contact the contractor or builder to set up the needed inspections. Crump asked Mark what experience he had in this field. Mark stated that he was a contractor for many years and he has taken classes also. Mark also clarified that the State would have to do the electrical inspections. Discussion followed. Crump also asked how many other cities he provides this service for. Mark stated that they provide the service for the city of Shellsburg. He also stated that it is surprising that a city the size of Anamosa does not have building codes and that the building codes are based on safety. Macy Soupene, 106 Therese Avenue addressed the Council asking what the current minimum standards are in Anamosa. Jacob stated that the City does not have any minimum standards. Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St. inquired as to how this service would affect the building permit fees. Mark stated that the fees would be added to the permit fees. Mike asked if the Council had reviewed the list of ECICOG's fees. Jacob stated that they had not been reviewed yet as this is just general discussion at this point. Mark explained how their fee scale would be set up and the inspections would be for framing, footings, rough-in and mechanical inspections. Mike questioned the difference in the inspections. Jacob stated that the inspections would probably not apply to small jobs but some remodeling projects may be included. Tom Durgin stated he was against the additional cost. He also questioned how the value of the project is determined. Mark stated that if a contractor is used the value would be determined by their fee and if the homeowner is doing the work themselves the value would be determined using the cost of the material times two. Tom also questioned if a permit would be required for tuck pointing. Mark stated that would be a decided by the City Council. Discussion followed. Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct. asked how long Mark Culver had been doing this service. Mark stated less than two years. Nancy asked who other cities are using for this service. Mark gave some examples. Nancy also questioned if the inspection fee would be per fixture. Mark reviewed the fee structure again. Nancy questioned if the home owner would be required to provide receipts for the cost of project. Mark stated yes they would. More discussion followed.

**COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:**

**Implementation of Building Codes**

Weimer stated that they needed to at least look at building codes, no matter who the City chooses to hire to do the inspections and that as a community we need to raise the bar. She recommended taking the step to gather more information. Discussion followed. Jacob stated he will put together more information for the council to review.

**City Logo Design Contest Award**

Jacob reviewed the results of the recent City Logo design competition. He stated he and two local artists reviewed the eight submissions and chose the winner – Isabelle Arnessa Marquez Bella. Weimer presented Isabelle with the prize of \$100 in Anamosa Chamber bucks.

**Approval and Adoption of Official City Logo**

Jacob stated that they had worked with the winning artist to finalize the logo. Jacob showed the chosen option out of the three possible ones. Jacob is recommending the first option.

Motion by Weimer, second by Kay Smith to accept the first rendition of the city logo. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Ordinance Re-Zoning the Property located in the Meadow Ridge 8<sup>th</sup> Addition from 8(R-1) Single Family Residential to 2(R-2) Multi-Family Residential**

Jacob reviewed the re-zoning request and stated that the request was in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and fits into the existing zoning in the area. He is recommending approval.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Weimer to approve the **First Reading of Ordinance** Re-Zoning the Property located in the Meadow Ridge 8<sup>th</sup> Addition from 8(R-1) Single Family Residential to 2(R-2) Multi-Family Residential. Roll Vote. 1 – Absent, Rod Smith. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Ordinance Amending Chapter 69 of the City Code (Parking Regulations)**

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to approve the **Second Reading of Ordinance** Amending Chapter 69 of the City Code (Parking Regulations). Roll Vote. 1 – Absent, Rod Smith. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Ordinance Amending Chapter 92 and 99 of the Anamosa City to Restructure Water and Sewer Rates to Finance Improvements to Utilities Infrastructure**

Motion by Crump, second by Kay Smith to approve the **First Reading of Ordinance** Amending Chapter 92 and 99 of the Anamosa City to Restructure Water and Sewer Rates to Finance Improvements to Utilities Infrastructure.

Bill Sperflage, Warden, ASP addressed the Council reviewing the impact that the new rates would have on the Penitentiary. He stated that he does not endorse the new rates but appreciates the revisions spreading out the increase over a longer period of time. He stated that there are some unknown factors yet, so this may need to be revisited in the future. Discussion followed. It was noted by the Council that two of the dates in paragraph 2 at the bottom of page one had the wrong years. These corrections were noted in the motion. Jacob also stated that the utility rates would be reviewed on an annual basis. Roll Vote.

1 – Absent, Rod Smith. All Remaining Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Beer and Liquor Licenses**

Motion by Crump, second by Kay Smith to approve the renewal of Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales Privileges for the LaHacienda Mexican Restaurant. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS: NONE**

**FINANCE:**

**Payment of Bills for the Month of March, 2019**

Motion by Weimer, second by Kay Smith to approve the payment of bills for the month of March, 2019. Discussion followed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Jacob reported the following:

- 1- He attended the IMMI conference last week and it was a good opportunity to learn new things, refresh his knowledge and network with other administrators.
- 2- The old Police squad car was sold at auction for \$4,165.

**Structure of Water and Wastewater Departments**

Jacob reviewed his recommendation to bring more management into these utility departments and not just for the projects. This position would address efficiency of operations, HR issues, budget, etc. Discussion followed. He stated that these two departments take at least 50% of his time. It was suggested by the Council to provide more training to the current management in those departments and then review the status given some additional time. More discussion followed. Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division St. stated that when the previous council had removed the Public Works Director position, it was not a quick fix. He also asked why this is a crisis now after 4 or 5 years. Jacob stated that he cannot get into employee issues, but it is an issue of running the city to the best of our ability. Dan Smith, Wastewater Operator addressed the Council reviewing the multiple projects and items that have taken a lot his time. He stated that he takes offense at being called a bad manager. Jim Henson, Water Superintendent addressed the Council stating that he has been short an employee in his department since January. Nancy Shaffer, 803 N. Division Ct. addressed the Council stating that when a person requests to address the Council on separate agenda item then previously he should be allowed to speak. Bill Sperflage, Warden ASP addressed the Council expressing his concern with adding another utility position after raising the rates.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Weimer, Home Town Pride – reported that they had met today and they were excited about the new logo and they are working with the City and businesses to create more for the community.

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

Tom Durgin, Downtown Building Owner addressed the Council asking if the City will be requiring building owners to have their buildings inspected by a structural engineer at their expense before receiving any grant funds. He also stated that the City needs to share the fact that the City's portion will be in the form of loan. Tom then asked where he signs up to get his sidewalk cleaned. He stated the building owners need to pay for their own buildings and the City needs to focus on their own buildings.

Kate Nagel, 536 Kaitlynn Avenue addressed the Council stating that before the final plat is approved for the new Meadow Ridge subdivision is approved that they make sure the lot numbers on the plat are correct.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Coons, City Clerk