

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this June 10, 2019 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Rich Crump, John Machart, Rod Smith, Cody Shaffer and Betty Weimer present. Absent: Kay Smith. Mayor Dale Barnes presided. Also present were Jacob Sheridan, City Administrator; Penny K. Lode, Deputy City Clerk; Tyler Laing, P&R Director; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director and Jeremiah Hoyt, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Mike Dearborn, 405 N Division St.; Deb Carson, 604 Carson Ln; Tom Durgin; Don Ellis, 505 E. 1st Street, Lance Handel, 426 Jordan Dr; 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 of the May 28, 2019 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearings: None

Presentations: None

Proclamations: None

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Downtown Flower Beds

Sheridan addressed the Council stating the downtown flower beds have been an ongoing issue and asked the Council for their thoughts. Weimer explained that the group Hometown Pride has been working with the Chamber and the City to get the flower beds taken care of and they have the flowers just need mulch and manpower to get them planted. Shaffer would like the City to budget for the maintenance of the beds and hire a contractor. Weimer agrees that they are the City's responsibility and asking property owners to maintain them has not worked. Crump suggested high school kids to volunteer for their Silver Chord. Mike Dearborn, addressed the Council stating the downtown looks terrible and the trees drop berries and leaves and make a mess for the downtown business. Discussion followed regarding the trees and getting the beds done. Weimer suggested waiting to decide what to do with the trees until fall and getting the dirt, mulch and plants in now. Sheridan will place this item on an agenda in the fall to plan for next spring. R. Smith stated the City needs to provide whatever is needed to make this happen by the end of June.

Motion by R. Smith, second by Machart to make appropriate City funds available to get the flower beds done. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance Amendment – Street Use and Maintenance

Sheridan informed the Council that Street Superintendent Gregg Carpenter has voiced concerns about Garbage Haulers using alleys to collect garbage and would like the ordinance to be amended restricting the weight limit allowed on City alleys. Discussion was held regarding exceptions for certain vehicles. Several Council members were concerned about garbage being put out on Main Street for pick up if alleys cannot be used. Shaffer suggested reviewing the condition of the alleys to identify if they need to be upgraded to permit heavier vehicles. Crump would like to see an inventory of which garbage haulers are using the alleys and how often. The Council directed Sheridan to get more information and bring back to Council in the future.

Ordinance Amendment – Animal Protection and Control

Sheridan stated he had received a letter of concern from resident Deb Carson regarding her neighbors and other citizens feeding deer and turkeys in City limits. Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 55 of the City Code to prohibit the feeding of deer and turkeys. Deb Carson addressed the Council stating her concerns with feeding deer and turkeys in City limits, it is

harmful to the animals and can pose a safety issue for residents on the streets. Discussion followed regarding the enforcement and determining what animals are being fed. R. Smith suggested the City educate residents of the dangers rather than amending the ordinance. Tom Durgin addressed the Council suggesting the wording of the ordinance be very specific and written very well. Don Ellis also addressed the Council asking where you draw the line to which wildlife you can feed. Shaffer suggests Sheridan research similar ordinances from other cities.

Crump withdrew his motion, and Shaffer withdrew his second.

Petition by Lance Handel – Vicious Dog

Lance Handel addressed the Council and gave description of how the incident happened with his dog biting a person near his home on Jordan Dr. Handel admitted that the dog was not up to date on vaccinations and has been quarantined for 15 days. Handel is asking the Council to reconsider that the dog be removed from City limits. Weimer stated the Council spend a lot of time on the ordinance when the Pitbull ban was lifted and there is zero tolerance for any dog that bites. Discussion followed. Crump summarized that the event did occur, dog had not been vaccinated or registered for the past five years, the dog was off leash and the new ordinance has to be followed. Weimer stated that the Council has to back enforcement of the ordinances and the Police Department.

Motion by Weimer, second by Machart to not change the ruling. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Fireworks

Motion by Shaffer, second by Weimer to approve the fireworks display by the Anamosa Rotary Club to be held on July 3rd with rain date of July 4th. All ayes. Motion carried. Sheridan will get more information on insurance for the event for next council meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Cigarette Permits

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve the Cigarette Permits as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

FINANCE:

Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Vacating Cedar Street

Motion by Crump, second by Weimer to approve the **Resolution 2019-23** setting a public hearing to vacate and convey Cedar Street. Roll vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution Approving the Hiring of Water Operator

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2019-24** approving the hiring of water operator trainee employee and setting salary. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving Wage Adjustment for Seasonal Parks Maintenance Position

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to approve Resolution **2019-25** approving a wage adjustment. Roll vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving Hiring and Setting Salary of Part-time Patrol Officers

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve **Resolution 2019-26** approving the hiring and setting salary of part time patrol officers for the Anamosa Police Department. Roll Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Termination of City Clerk

Motion by Crump, second by Shaffer to confirm termination of City Clerk, Tammy Coons. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hiring Process City Clerk Position

Motion by Weimer, second by R. Smith to approve the profile and advertising. Sheridan proposed contracting with an area City Clerk to assist in the interim. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wage Scale FY2020

Sheridan gave an overview of the proposed wage scale for Fiscal Year 2020. Motion by Weimer, second by Crump to approve the wage scale for FY2020. All ayes. Motion carried.

FY 2019 Audit

Crump addressed the Council stating he requested this item be placed on the agenda. He feels that with the recent events of losing the previous City Administrator and most recently the City Clerk it is a good idea to expand the audit. Discussion followed.

Department Reports and Financial Information

Crump requested this agenda item when department reports are included in the packet as well as expenditure reports. Discussion followed regarding CD's and the investment procedures.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Sheridan reported on the following:

- 1 - Downtown Revitalization Project and continuing to work with architects.
- 2 - TIF agreement for development on Chamber Dr.
- 3 - Water Project update. Robert Young, Water Operator addressed the Council and gave an update on the punch list, going beyond his typical responsibilities and it was much appreciated by the Council.

Shaffer requested an update on 310 W. Main Street and would like that on the next agenda. Discussion followed. Jacob will follow up on this. Shaffer also inquired about 707 E. 2nd Street.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Machart updated the Council on Landfill and EMS meetings.

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

Tom Durgin addressed Sheridan regarding a possible bypass of a water meter at a property downtown. Weimer made a statement that this was referring to the building she once owned and had a plumber investigate and at no time was there water being used that was not metered. Durgin then addressed the Mayor and Council stating there is a real problem in the City and asked for them all to resign.

Sue Crump made the statement that there should be no comments made by the Council during this agenda item.

Mike Dearborn, 405 N. Division Street addressed the Council questioning the statement on the agendas regarding Iowa Code Section 21.4 and thinks this section should be eliminated from the agenda.

Closed Session

Motion by Shaffer, second by Crump to enter into Closed Session per 21.5(j) of the State Code to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate at 8:14 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Returned to open session at 8:35 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Crump, second by Weimer to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny K. Lode, Deputy City Clerk