

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session this June 24, 2019 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Rich Crump, John Machart, Kay Smith, 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; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director and Jeremiah Hoyt, Police Chief. Guests Present Addressing the Council: Bryce Ricklefs, Boomerang; Tom Durgin; Bill Goodman, 804 E. 1st Street, Leanna Boone, Chamber of Commerce; Tim Shada, Fire Chief; Jim Henson, Water Superintendent. 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 R. Smith, second by Crump to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 Regular Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: Vacate and Convey Portion of Cedar Street

Mayor Barnes opened the public hearing on proposal to vacate and convey that portion of Cedar Street south of Cherry Street and north of Vine Street. No discussion. Motion to close the public hearing by Shaffer, second by Weimer. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT:

Ordinance Vacating and Conveying Portion of Cedar Street

Motion by Crump to approve the first reading of ordinance vacating and conveying that portion of Cedar Street lying south of Cherry Street and north of Vine Street, second by Shaffer. R. Smith asked for confirmation that there are no utilities in the right-of-way area, Sheridan stated there were none. Roll vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance Amendment – Library Board of Trustees

Motion by Weimer to approve the first reading of ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to reduce term of office of trustees, impose term limits on trustees, and stagger the appointment of trustees, second by Machart. Roll vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-27 Approving Preliminary Plat of Chamber Drive Business Park

Motion by Weimer to approve Resolution 2019-27 approving Preliminary Plat of Chamber Drive Business Park, second by Crump. R. Smith wants to make sure sidewalks are installed as well as street lighting. Discussion followed. Roll vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Library Board Appointments

Motion by Crump to reappoint Sandy Antons to the Anamosa Library Board, second by Machart. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump to appoint Richard Stout to the Anamosa Library Board, second by K. Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Anamosa Volunteer Fire Department Appointments

Motion by Crump to appoint Robert Young and Jeremiah Snow to the Anamosa Volunteer Fire Department, second by Weimer. R. Smith is in favor of the appointments, but asked for clarification on City's policy regarding employees attending fire calls during business hours. Jim Henson addressed the Council stating it is on a case by case basis. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Verbal Warning – Wastewater Superintendent

Motion by Crump to have the record of verbal warning for Wastewater Superintendent, Dan Smith stricken from his personnel file immediately, second by Shaffer. Weimer stated employee issues are the responsibility of the City Administrator and is against the removal of the warning. R. Smith asked if there has been any new information brought to light to change the fact that directions were not carried out by the employee; Sheridan stated he is not aware of any new information.

Tom Durgin addressed the Council. Mayor Barnes stated that the item was not open to public comment. Durgin went on to state he felt the news interview that initiated the warning was a positive one.

Bill Goodman, 804 E. 1st St. addressed the Council. Mayor Barnes informed Goodman that the Council will not be answering the public regarding the matter. Goodman went on to state that this issue should not be in a public forum. Weimer stated the item was placed on the agenda per the request of the employee. Weimer went on to state that the employee was given direct orders that were not followed and disagrees with overruling the City Administrator in personnel matters.

Ayes: Crump, Shaffer, Machart, K. Smith. Nays: Weimer, R. Smith. Motion carried.

FINANCE:

FY 2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Item was tabled.

Resolution Setting Salaries for FY 2019-20

Motion by Shaffer to approve **Resolution 2019-28** setting salaries for FY 2019-20 with the omission of the Police Department, second by Machart. Roll vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution Approving the Hiring and Setting Salary of Part-time Employee for Lawrence Community Center

Motion by Weimer to approve **Resolution 2019-29** approving the hiring and setting salary of part-time employee for the Lawrence Community Center, second by K. Smith. Roll vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution Approving Change in Title and Wage for Seasonal Aqua Court Employee

Motion by R. Smith to approve **Resolution 2019-30** approving the change in title and wage for an Aqua Court employee, second by Shaffer. Roll vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills

Motion by Crump to approve the payment of bills including two invoices from Shaffer Plumbing & Heating that were missed, second by Shaffer. Discussion followed. All ayes. Motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Sheridan reported on the following:

- 1 - There are five candidates for the three police officer openings.
- 2 - Eleven applications have come in for the City Clerk position. Application deadline is June 30th.
- 3 - Water Project update – the punch list is complete.

Shaffer asked for an update on 310 W. Main Street. Sheridan stated it is now a contempt of court case. Weimer asked if the Council could get an update from Adrian on the status of this at the next meeting. Crump suggested the City should pursue a more aggressive City Attorney.

Shaffer asked for an update on 707 E 2nd Street. Hoyt stated he is still monitoring the situation.

Crump asked why they had not received any department reports this month. Sheridan stated he will get reports collected and distributed to the Council.

Crump asked why the audit was not on the agenda. Sheridan stated it will be on a future agenda.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

K. Smith praised the Library for their presentation on Normandy. Shaffer suggests the City Council plan field trips to visit all the City facilities in order to better understand the operations that are discussed at the Council meetings.

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

Tom Durgin addressed Sheridan concerning a late payment made last month for the City's insurance coverage. Durgin also asked if Sheridan had investigated further into the by-passed water that had been discussed previously. Sheridan stated that there has been no further investigation.

LeeAnna Boone, Chamber of Commerce stated the nodes/flower beds are done and thanks the City departments, Street Department, Warden, Prison guards and inmates for all their work and cooperation.

Tim Shada, Anamosa Fire Department addressed the Council stating they were to be on the agenda to discuss the building project. Discussion followed.

Adjournment

Motion by Shaffer to adjourn, second by Crump. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Dale Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny K. Lode, Deputy City Clerk