

## STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

January 27, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session January 27, 2020 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Rod Smith presiding. The following Council Members were present: Rich Crump, Alan Zumbach, Jeff Stout, Kay Smith, and John Machart. Absent: None. Also present were Jacob Sheridan, City Administrator; Beth Brincks, City Clerk; Jeremiah Hoyt, Police Chief.

Mayor Rod Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump to approve Resolution 2020-03 appointing Galen Capron to fill the City Council vacancy until the Special Election on March 3, 2020, second by Zumbach. Sheridan informed the Council that Galen Capron's was the only letter of interest that was received for the vacancy. Ayes: Crump, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump to approve Resolution 2020-04 an amended Resolution for forming the Committee to oversee the design and implementation of the Old Dubuque Road Extension to Parham Drive and closure of the Old Dubuque Road/130<sup>th</sup> Street intersection with US highway 151, second by Machart. Sheridan informed the Council that this Resolution makes minor changes to the make-up of the Committee. It allows for 2 elected officials from the county and the addition of representatives from the Iowa Department of Transportation. Ayes: Stout, Machart, Smith, Zumbach, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MI2 Operating Systems, LLC was scheduled to present the final report. They are not in attendance at the meeting. Sheridan requested that payment be removed from the current bills until the final report is received. Motion by Smith, Second by Crump to table the presentation until further information is received. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Sheridan informed the Council of the need to fill a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He recommended that a public notice be placed and letters of interest be accepted. He would like to have someone appointed at the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting if possible. Motion by Smith to make public notice and have letters of interest due by 4:30 p.m. on February 7<sup>th</sup>, second by Crump. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

The following agencies have submitted applications for funding:

Anamosa Chamber of Commerce - \$12,500 – community events, Grant Wood Art Gallery - \$4,800 – promote the arts, National Motorcycle Museum - \$12,960 – entrance renovation, Cedar/Jones Early Childhood - \$1,000, Star Lighters II - \$3,000 – children's programs, Senior Center - \$5,025, Jones Co. Economic Development - \$10,000 – Continued grant assistance, Jones Co. Safe and Healthy Program - \$3,000 – substance abuse programs, Jets - \$1,500, ECIA - \$2,500 – Hometown Pride, ISU Extension - \$500, Jones Co. Tourism - \$12,500 Sheridan explained that the awarded amounts will be announced later in the budget process.

Sheridan opened the discussion on the Downtown Assessment Report. The report is a good starting place. He gave an overview of the report and highlighted some of the key areas. There will be a Downtown Improvement Task Force set up. Members will be Sheridan, the Jones Co Econ Development Director, the Anamosa Chamber Director, an elected official and 3 downtown business and/or property owners.

Motion by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-05 approving the forming of a Downtown Improvement Task Force, second by Crump. Ayes: Crump, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, and Stout. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Discussion of downtown snow removal. LeeAnna Boone from the Anamosa Chamber presented some policies for snow removal from other communities. Most take snow from sides and windrow down the center to be removed later. Smith agreed and described some issues she had downtown with getting from the parking spots to the sidewalk. Tom Durgin asked that the plows slow down. At a high rate of speed the snow is going back up to the building and the property owner is having to clean off repeatedly. Sheridan will work on a policy and bring it to Council. Machart has been asked to consult on that policy.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to approve the final plat for the Chamber Drive Business Park. Planning and Zoning recommended approval. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve the waiver of platting requirements for Norther View Acres. Planning and Zoning recommended approval. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to approve the appointment of Tyler McCarthy to the Anamosa Volunteer Fire Department. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Stout to approve the Liquor License renewal for Giggle Juice Liquor Station. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump to approve the current bills with the exception of the MI2 payment, second by Stout. The MI2 payment will be held until the final report is received. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

City Administrators Report: Sheridan address the questions on the Utility Bills since the new rates went into effect. On the bill form the title for the base rate did not show next to the charge. This has been corrected in the billing system. The base rate on the bills has been lowered and now the customer will be paying less for that but will be charged for all usage. This gives the customer more control over the bill as they can control how much water they use. No water funds are used for anything other than water, no sewer funds are used for anything but sewer. The same goes for the landfill charge. None of the money from utilities goes to the Police, or Fire Department. The City Council will hold budget work sessions on Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the special election. Those wanting to run for the open Council seat should have their paperwork turned into the Auditors office by 5:00 pm, February 7, 2020. The Police and Fire Station financing question will also be on this ballot. Informational meeting will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Anamosa will be an overnight stop for RAGBRI on July 23, 2020.

Mayor and Council Reports: Smith reported that at the Library Board Meeting they celebrated the new sign, toured the Library, and talked about the budget.

Public with business with the council on items not on the agenda: Tom Durgin again asked for the snow plows to slow down. Bob Simonson asked about a damage claim. Crump requested that to be on the next agenda. Nancy Shaffer commented on the Utility Bills and misinformation on Facebook.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to move the budget work session items under section 11.0 to after the closed sessions in item 12.0 on the agenda. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump to go into close session per Iowa State Code Section 21.5(i) - to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Zumbach, Crump, Smith, Machart, and Stout. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried. Into Closed session 7:44 pm.

Return to open session 8:06 pm.

Motion by Crump to approve the settlement agreement with Calacci Construction regarding the dispute over the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project, second by Machart. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump to go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(i) – to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needles and irreparable injury to that person’s reputation and that individual has requested a closed session, second by Stout. Ayes: Zumbach, Crump, Smith, Machart, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried. Into Closed Session at 8:14 pm.

Return to open session 9:52 pm.

Employee will meet with Administrator later this week.

Sheridan opened the budget work session for the Mayor, City Council, and Administration Budgets. Line items were discussed.

Motion by Smith to adjourn, second by Machart. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 P.M.

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Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Brincks, City Clerk