

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

February 24, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session February 24, 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 Galen Capron. Absent: John Machart. 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 Zumbach, second by Smith to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 6:02 p.m. the Mayor opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Maximum Property Tax Dollars for the Fiscal Year 2021. The Public Hearing notice was published in the Anamosa Journal-Eureka on February 13, 2020. No written comments were received by the City Clerk at City Hall before this hearing. Only one verbal comment was received to ask a question and inform of misinformation being shared on the internet. Dennis Holland, Dawn Koob, and Dick Dearborn spoke to concerns about the increase in property taxes and effects on the affordability of living in Anamosa. With no further comment, Crump motioned to close the public hearing, second by Capron. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump to approve Resolution 2020-07 approving Final Plat for Chamber Drive Business Park, second by Stout. Roll vote: Ayes: Capron, Crump, Smith, Zumbach, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Sheridan gave an overview of the Snow Removal Policy. Adjustments were made to the draft policy to reflect concerns brought forward. This policy outlines the process of calling a Snow Emergency and how notifications are made, clearing the emergency snow routes and alternating routes after, snow plow speed restrictions, downtown snow removal procedures and who is responsible for monitoring conditions. Motion by Crump to table until next meeting for additional adjustments, second by Capron. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Sheridan presented the revisions to the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project construction dispute and settlement agreement with Calacci Construction. Motion by Smith, second by Stout to approve the settlement agreement. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump to approve Resolution 2020-08 approving that the maximum property tax levy for the affected tax levies, not including voted general fund levies, debt service levy, or capital improvement reserve levy, for fiscal year 2021 shall not exceed \$14.0195 per one thousand dollars in valuation or \$1,946,453.87 in property tax dollars. The maximum property tax dollars requested for fiscal year 2021 represents a 5.59% increase over the 2020 fiscal year, second by Stout. Sheridan had explained that the reasons for the requested increase were due to facilities repair specifically at the Lawrence Community Center roof replacement, increased health insurance premiums, and wage and accompanying IPERS increases due to collective bargaining with the Police Department. The approved Resolution will be approximately 5%

less than what the requested actual need is so cuts will need to be made to accomplish this. Public comment was also taken at this point and was similar to what was discussed during the Public Hearing. Roll Vote: Ayes: Crump, Smith, Zumbach, Stout, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to approve the \$15,000 in seed money for RAGBAI planning. Betty Weimer and Trevor Hewitt were at the meeting representing the Anamosa Chamber of Commerce. They explained that the money will be reimbursed to the City and will be used for deposits and set-up costs. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith to approve the purchase agreement in the amount of \$366,500 for a 2020 Vactor 2100i Combination Sewer Truck, second by Crump. Wastewater Superintendent Dan Smith gave state and safety features on the trucks that were considered. The Vactor truck was the best value and gave the highest trade-in offer for the current truck. The new truck will have a 10 year warranty. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Sheridan discussed possible changes to the Utility Billing Policies. Changes would give a different penalty schedule and more time to pay their bill before service is interrupted. Possible changes to move-in and move out policies were also discussed. Sheridan will bring back in the form of an Ordinance to be considered.

Motion by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-09 Approving the Hiring and Setting Salary for Full Time Wastewater Operator, second by Crump. Roll Vote: Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Capron, Smith, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump to approve Resolution 2020-10 setting wages for Parks and Recreation Assistant Directors, second by Zumbach. Roll Vote: Ayes: Stout, Capron, Zumbach, Smith, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Resolution to set wages for the Utility Billing Clerk that was presented died for lack of a motion.

Motion by Crump, second by Stout to set the dates of Monday, March 2, 2020 and Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers for Budget Work Sessions. Ayes: all. Nays: none.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Tapken's Convenience Plus. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Crump to approve the Liquor License Renewal for La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump to approve the current bills, second by Zumbach. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

City Administrators Report: Sheridan gave an update on the Downtown Revitalization Grant. Property owner's meetings have been going well. There are 22 buildings that have submitted for the grant. With the high response it may be necessary to split the requests and do a request next year as well. Snyder and Associates were in to meet regarding the Overflow Storage Project at the Wastewater Plant. The tank size will not be able to exceed 3 million gallons due

to the extra cost. Some savings can be realized if the piping for the second tank is installed with the first tank and the second tank is done as a future project. The next public meeting for the Police and Fire Project will be Wednesday night. The special election will be March 3rd. The Simonson claim is still in process and a second notice was sent to the property owner on Main Street.

Mayor and Council Reports: Kay Smith reminded everyone that the Better Angels documentary will be playing at the Library on March 5th. Alan Zumbach reported that he has plans to plant extra garden space and donate vegetables to Senior Dining. The Mayor reported on the Old Dubuque Road and Hwy 151 Committee met and has set some milestones for the intersection. Next steps include finding funding for the extension of Parham Road and modifications to the intersection. The next meeting will be March 10th. He also gave a reminder on the expected power outage that will occur on the 26th and 27th between 8-9 am as Alliant Energy does some system changes. Alliant has notified customers.

Public with business with the council on items not on the agenda: Tom Durgin asked about the funding for the Downtown Revitalization Grant match. Sheridan explained that it will be borrowed and that the City's bonding capacity is in good standing.

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 needless and irreparable injury to that person's reputation and that individual has requested a closed session, second by Capron. Ayes: Zumbach, Capron, Crump, Smith, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried. Into Closed Session at 9:47pm.

Return to open session 11:17pm.

Motion by Crump to table discussion and possible action on approving amended employment agreement for the City administrator for 30 days and have it reviewed by the City Attorney, second by Zumbach. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump to adjourn, second by Zumbach. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:18pm.

Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Brincks, City Clerk