

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 23, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session March 23, 2020 in 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, John Machart, and Galen Capron. Absent: none. Also present were Jacob Sheridan, City Administrator; Beth Brincks, City Clerk; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director. Due to the restrictions on public gatherings, Sheridan, Crump, Stout, Machart and the public utilized Zoom to participate in the meeting from their homes. Iowa Code Chapter 21, as interpreted, permits public meetings to be held electronically.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Vernon gave some brief instructions on use of Zoom and how to participate in the meeting. The Mayor stated that all votes will be roll votes so as to be properly recorded.

Motion by Zumbach to make an emergency amendment to the agenda as permitted by Iowa Code Section 21.4 (allowing this addition inside of the 24 hour posting requirement, given that the City is trying to maintain operations and respond to citizen needs during a public health emergency and a State of Emergency declared by Governor Reynolds) adding item 8.1, a Resolution temporarily restricting travel for City personnel, Second by Smith. Ayes: Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Machart, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, second by Crump to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Ayes: Crump, Stout, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 at 6:08 pm. No written or verbal comments were received. No public comments were made.

Motion by Smith, second by Stout to close the Public Hearing. Ayes: Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Machart, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried. The hearing was closed at 6:10 pm.

Motion by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-15 adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget as presented with submission being contingent on the City Administrator presenting a Purchasing Policy at the next Council meeting, second by Capron. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Machart, Crump, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring that the month of April will be Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Motion by Capron, to approve Resolution 2020-16 enacting temporary travel restrictions for City personnel but adding that exceptions can be permitted with approval by the Mayor or City Administrator, second by Zumbach. The Mayor stated that this resolution is needed to keep critical staff members available. Resolution was presented on the recommendation of the City Attorney. Ayes: Stout, Smith, Crump, Zumbach, Capron, and Machart. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump to approve Resolution 2020-17 enacting an emergency declaration for the City of Anamosa in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, second by Machart. Sheridan explained the four major areas covered: Electronic Meetings, Facility Closures, Water Shut offs, and the Family First Act for FMLA. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Capron, Smith, Machart, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-18 committing the City of Anamosa to extend Old Dubuque Road to Commercial Park, Second by Capron. Sheriff Graver and Cody Shaffer presented a committee meeting overview. Avenues for funding this project are being explored. County and the IDOT are committed to the project. The Mayor stated that City support is needed to move forward. Ayes: Stout, Smith, Machart, Crump, Zumbach, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to table the discussion of the fiberoptic vaults until a future meeting. Ayes: Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Machart, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump to approve Resolution 2020-19 approving the hire and setting of salary for a temporary water operator with a correction to the date in the resolution, second by Zumbach. Roll vote: Ayes: Capron, Crump, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to approve the appointment of Galen Capron to the Jones County Solid Waste Commission for 2020 as recommended by Mayor Rod Smith. Ayes: Smith, Machart, Crump, Zumbach, Capron, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

No action was taken on the business relocation (Fair Play) agreement with the City of Hiawatha.

Motion by Crump to approve the current bills, second by Smith. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried. Roll Vote: Ayes: Machart, Zumbach, Stout, Capron, Smith, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion carried.

City Administrators Report: Sheridan reported that meetings with downtown businesses are progressing. Additional studies will need to be done as part of the grant application process. Last Tuesday at the Department Head meeting the Governors COVID-19 update was listened to and discussed plans for City facilities. Next meeting will be tomorrow.

Mayor and Council Reports: The Mayor reported that as of today all City buildings will be closed to the public. This is necessary for the safety of employees and the public. Retailers in town are confident that they will be able to maintain stock of needed items. This will depend on the level of over purchasing that may go on. Please be mindful of others when purchasing. Adhere to the Governors declarations, be patient and safe. Smith reported that the Library Board met and discussed resolutions, policies, and the purchase of a geothermal pump. Zumbach reported the floors need to be sealed and polished at Senior Dining. Crump reported that the tourism office is closed for the rest of March and possibly April.

Public with business with the council on items not on the agenda: None.

Motion by Crump to adjourn, second by Capron. Ayes: Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Machart, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Brincks, City Clerk