

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
March 9, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session March 9, 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, John Machart, and Galen Capron. 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 Smith to make an emergency amendment to the agenda adding item 6.8, the Resolution setting the Public Hearing date for the Proposed Annual Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, Second by Zumbach. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Stout to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 Budget Work Session. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Sheridan gave an overview of the Snow Removal Policy and the changes made since it was last reviewed. Street Superintendent Carpenter stated that he did not have any further changes. Tom Durgin asked for clarification on the movement of snow downtown. It will be pushed to the corners and not next to the sidewalk. Motion by Crump to approve the Snow Removal Policy, second by Smith. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jackie Schneiter of Schneiter Weers Insurance presented the annual EMC Insurance Renewal. She gave an overview of the policy and what was driving the increase this year. The workman's comp coverage was the main increase and processes are being put in place to help mitigate this exposure. Schneiter did shop for other coverage but was not able to find it at a lower cost. She also recommended adding a Cyber Liability Coverage. Crump requested that this coverage be added to the next council meeting agenda. Crump motioned to approve the Renewal of the EMC Insurance Policy with an effective date of April 1, 2020, second by Capron. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-11 approving appropriating funds to outside agencies for Fiscal Year 2021, second by Stout. Roll vote: Ayes: Capron, Crump, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Aubrey Edwards of 205 E Liberty Street addressed the City Council with regard to a high water bill from January. Sheridan explained that this bill could not be waived without Council approval and that the process for appeal was followed. Her meter was tested and found to be working correctly. On a motion by Crump, Second by Stout to average the last three months and bill that amount for January with the remainder being waived. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

LeeAnna Boone of 208 N Garnavillo Street addressed the City Council with regard to a high water bill from January. The water meter for this house is located in another house. The water was not shut off at the curb. There will need to be further investigation into this as far as testing the meter and finding out if the adjoining pipe is leaking. Motion by Crump to table this issue until the next meeting to have the meter tested, shut-off located, and bill reviewed. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, Second by Zumbach to approve Resolution 2020-12 Hiring and Setting the Salary for a Full Time Patrol Officer for Fiscal Year 2020. Ayes: Crump, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, Capron, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, Second by Stout to approve Resolution 2020-13 Setting Salaries for Park and Recreation Assistant Directors. Ayes: Smith, Machart, Crump, Zumbach, Capron, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Shada addressed the City Council with regard to possible next steps for the Fire Department Expansion. The ballot measure was defeated on the March 3, 2020 Special Election. The plans and specs for the building have been paid for and are ready to be bid. Sheridan explained that due to the referendum it will need to be on hold for the next six months before another funding request can be made. Fireman McGreevy stated that several companies have pledged in-kind donations for the project. Sheridan reminded that State Law must be followed with regard to bidding. Motion by Zumbach to table discussion of the Police and Fire Projects until the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in April and look at the possibility of setting up a work session for future discussion, second by Machart. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump to approve Resolution 2020-14 Approving setting the date of March 23, 2020 at 6:00pm for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021, second by Capron. Roll Vote: Ayes: Machart, Zumbach, Stout, Capron, Smith, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Wal-Mart Supercenter. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

City Administrators Report: Sheridan reported that the Downtown Task Force had their first meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>. They have invited 3 business owners to join the group and are waiting for confirmation on their participation. April 1<sup>st</sup> will be the next meeting. The RAGBIA meeting in Des Moines was attended by Chief Hoyt, Sheridan and the Mayor. The site map for the new website is complete and should launch this spring. The encroachment issue downtown is moving forward and the attorney is following the procedure. Attorney O'Connell informed council of the process and options moving forward.

Mayor and Council Reports: The Mayor reported that the next meeting for the 151 Intersection will be on Thursday, March 10, 2020. Machart attended the Emergency Management Meeting and reported that Monticello is preparing for the Iowa's Ride to be stopping there in July. The Corona Virus was discussed as well as the issues finding supplies of hand sanitizer. Security is a concern for RAGBRAI with the Jones County fair going on at the same time. Zumbach reported that he discussed wants and needs with Senior Dining. The current need is for the

floors to be sealed and polished. His wife has decided to volunteer there. It is a good program. Stout reported that Park and Rec is looking to get things moving on the pump room project at the pool.

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

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 Smith. Ayes: Zumbach, Capron, Crump, Machart, Smith, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried. Into Closed Session at 7:58pm.

Return to open session 8:22pm.

Motion by smith to enter into Closed Session per Iowa State Code Section 21.5(J) – To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property, second by Zumbach. Ayes: Crump, Machart, Smith, Zumbach, Capron, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried. Into Closed Session at 8:26pm.

Return to open session 8:50pm

Motion by Crump to enter Exempt Session per Iowa State Code Section 20.17 to discuss strategy in relation to collective bargaining, second by Zumbach. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried. Into Exempt Session 8:52pm.

Return to open session 9:24pm

Motion by Smith to adjourn, second by Crump. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.

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Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Brincks, City Clerk