

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

April 27, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session April 27, 2020 in Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom meeting 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, 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 Smith, Second by Zumbach to approve the agenda. Ayes: Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Machart, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Capron to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Ayes: Crump, Stout, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump to approve Resolution 2020-21 adopting the City of Anamosa Purchasing Policy, second by Zumbach. Sheridan reviewed the changes that were made at the request of the Council. This Policy will be reviewed in December to make sure it is working and does not need to be amended. Ayes: Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Machart, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Sheridan introduced Brian Doyle from Acumen who gave an overview of the employee benefits and options for the renewal. Sheridan is recommending going with a partial self-funded plan to reduce the annual costs. This plan does carry some risk and will be evaluated annually. Other companies were considered. Plan prices are the same across brokers so commission costs were compared. The difference in commission costs were negligible. Motion by Smith to approve renewing with Acumen and the 2020 Partial Self-funded Plan recommendation, second by Capron. The City will be staying with Acumen as they have been able to give excellent customer service and have found cost savings for the City. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Machart, Crump, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Sheridan presented the policy for phone use and stipend. He also gave an overview of the current phone plan and the FirstNet phone plan. He is recommending moving to First Net. Jeff Swisher from the Jones County Sherriff's Office informed the Council on the County's experience with FirstNet. They have had a favorable outcome. Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve the switch to FirstNet and the telephone use and stipend policy. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Capron, Smith, Machart, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Sheridan gave an overview of the Ordinance amending Chapter 92 of the City Code concerning Utility Billing. There are still some things to be worked out with this Ordinance. Motion by Crump, second by Smith to table this Ordinance for future discussion. Ayes: Crump, Stout, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Sheridan gave dates for the Elected Official Training. This training will be with the City Attorney over Zoom Meetings. It will be held in two 90 minute sessions. Dates to be confirmed with the City Attorney for two evenings during the week of May 19th at 6:00pm.

Motion by Crump to approve Resolution 2020-22 setting the public hearing to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget for 6:00pm on May 26, 2020, second by Smith. Ayes: Stout, Smith, Machart, Crump, Zumbach, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump to approve the current bills, second by Machart. 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 he is still working on correspondence with Olin Phone about correcting fiber optic vaults. The Mayor would like to have a meeting with them as soon as possible. City facilities will remain closed through May 15, 2020. Staff continue the rotation until the 15th as well. The Simenson insurance claim has been denied due to the tree being determined to be on private property.

Mayor and Council Reports: The Mayor had no report at this time. Smith reported that the Library Board met. It was a typical meeting.

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

Motion by Smith to adjourn, second by Crump. Ayes: Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Machart, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Brincks, City Clerk