

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

June 22, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session June 22, 2020 in Council Chambers at City Hall and via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Rod Smith presiding. The following Council Members were present: John Machart, Rich Crump, Alan Zumbach, Jeff Stout, Kay Smith, 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, 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 Crump, Second by Zumbach to approve the agenda. Ayes: Machart, Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, second by Crump to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 Regular City Council meeting. Ayes: Crump, Smith, Machart, Capron Zumbach, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Machart to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Special City Council meeting. Ayes: Stout, Smith, Crump, Machart, Zumbach, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to approve the Second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 4 (Municipal Infractions), Chapter 51 (Junk, Junk Vehicles & Outdoor Storage Of Vehicles), Chapter 52 (Lawn Maintenance) And Chapter 145 (Dangerous Buildings) And Repealing/Replacing Chapter 50 (Nuisance Abatement Procedure) Of The City Code Of Ordinances. Sheridan stated that the changes are to the process and posting/publication requirements. Hoyt commented that this will streamline the abatement process. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Crump, Machart, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to approve the Second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 1, as well as various penalty provisions of the Anamosa, Iowa Code of Ordinances. This change removes the criminal charge and imprisonment language. Ayes: Stout, Smith, Crump, Zumbach, Capron, and Machart. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to table the Resolution amending the City of Anamosa's Personnel Policies. The Mayor asked if everyone had received the most recent version of the policy. They had but it was late and they had not had adequate time to review it. Sheridan stated that the majority of edits were to remove requested items. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Machart, Smith, Crump, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Capron to approve wages with a \$.40 per hour increase for all employees. He explained that he had averaged the proposed increases and found that to be a fair number. This motion died for lack of a second. Smith asked if the figures included insurance benefits. They did not. Questions were raised about the use of seasonal employees versus Street Department workers for mowing. Stout stated that the cost of living increase was reported to be 1.6%. Smith stated that all proposed levels of increase were projected to be under budget with the exception of 3% which was just slightly over. Ginger Thomas, Deputy City Clerk, stated that she would still like to see something done for merit and had concerns that animosity toward the Street Department may be effecting other department's compensation. Motion by Crump, second by Stout to approve Resolution 2020-30 setting salaries for the Fiscal Year 2021 beginning July 1, 2020 for appointed officers and employees of the City of Anamosa with a 2% increase to wages. Ayes: Crump, Machart, Zumbach, Stout, and Smith. Nays: Capron. Motion Carried.

Motion by Capron, second by Zumbach to approve Resolution 2020-31 authorizing new street lights in the Meadow Ridge 9th and 10th Additions approving the 6 lights as submitted but adding a seventh light at the intersection of Chamber Drive and Kaitlyn Avenue. Ayes: Machart, Smith, Zumbach, Stout, Capron, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Zumbach to approve the request to begin residential construction on Lot 5 with in Country Club Estates 2nd Addition prior to approval of the final plat. Sheridan explained that this has been done with previous lots. Bryce Ricklefs reported that final plat is 30-60 days out but with available labor they would like to start now. Ayes: Capron, Machart, Stout, Smith, Crump, and Zumbach. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Stout to approve an agreement with Snyder & Associates to perform engineering services related to the extension of Old Dubuque Road and East/West connections in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Lindsey Beaman of Snyder & Associates presented information on the project and the engineering projections. Project length will be approximately 3½ years. The application process for grant funding will begin as soon as possible. Several Citizens spoke in favor of the project. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Crump, Machart, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve the implementation of parklets within the downtown area with the following restrictions: this approval is only for this year, they will be removed by October 15th, a limit of 5 total, only 2 will be allowed on Main Street. Sheridan reported that Weber Stone has agreed to provide stone to block off the parking spaces to form the parklet. Each one will only be on one parking space. The Chamber and JCED spoke out in favor of the proposal. Businesses are in favor of it. The businesses will be responsible for furnishings. Rachel Neverman asked about alternative parking and if it alternates who gets to have the parklet for the season. Bryce Ricklefs stated that it is important for traffic and drawing attention to the downtown. Ayes: Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Capron, and Machart. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Capron to approve Resolution 2020-32 amending the emergency provisions set forth in Resolutions 2020-16 and 2020-17 related to COVID-19. Sheridan recapped the Resolutions. Council Meeting will still be held electronically, each department has a reopening plan, utility fees will go back into effect in July but there will be no shut-offs until October. Travel restrictions will be lifted for all employees. Crump wants to see information given to the public with regard to utility late fees and door post fees. He would also like to see

if Council Meetings could be held at the Library. The Library space would allow for more room to distance. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Machart, Smith, Crump, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to table the Resolution amending contributions to outside agencies as established in Resolution 2020-11 until there is contact and direction from the 12 outside agencies. This issue has come forward due to the decreased revenues received through Hotel/Motel taxes in the coming Fiscal Year 2021. Sheridan had set up percentages for the allotments. Crump and Stout asked that the agencies be consulted to see what they can reduce and see if they have received money from any COVID relief sources. Ayes: Capron, Smith, Crump, Zumbach, Machart, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump to approve the current bills, second by Machart. Mayor asked about the invoice for the sewer camera cable. Dan Smith and Dave Carson explained that the cable replacement is part of regular maintenance. Crump asked about IT services. Sheridan is still working on proposals. Roll Vote: Ayes: Machart, Zumbach, Stout, Capron, Smith, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion carried.

City Administrators Report: Sheridan reported he is still working with the City Attorney to resolve the encroachment issue on Main Street. The transition to FirstNet phones is complete. The Penitentiary is wrapping up its flowmeter project. There was a meeting with the engineers and Dan Smith with regard to a pretreatment agreement for the Penitentiary and also the flow equalization project. The DNR approvals for that project are in the works. The Fire Station Project is still on track. MMS has generously donated time to this project but has come to the point where an architect or a structural engineer will need to be consulted and this will incur costs. The bond process for the Fire Station Project cannot start until September.

Mayor and Council Reports: The Mayor reported that the HWY 151 Committee is looking to close the west side of the intersection August 3, 2020. This would have the intersection altered before the start of school. The DOT will provide signage and a gate closure for Old Dubuque Road to be used for emergencies. Shane Brown asked about snow removal at that intersection. They will need to look at that as things progress. There will be bonding for the larger project. It will not have a public vote. He has been working with Chief Hoyt on getting nuisance properties notified and abated. Zumbach stated that he will be contacting Senior Dining to see how they are doing and if they need help with anything.

Public with business with the council on items not on the agenda: The City Attorney cautioned about this item and being very careful not to enter into discussion. There were no public comments at this time.

City Attorney O'Connell gave a legal opinion that we are authorized to go into closed session for the stated purpose. Motion by Crump to enter 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 Machart. Ayes: Zumbach, Capron, Crump, Machart, Smith, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried. Into Closed Session at 8:49pm.

Return to open session 10:27pm.

Motion by Crump to table discussion and possible action on approving amended employment agreement for the City administrator, second by Zumbach. Ayes: Stout, Zumbach, Capron, Machart, Smith, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion carried

Motion by Smith, second by Machart to adjourn. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:28pm.

Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Brincks, City Clerk