

## STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

June 8, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session June 8, 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: 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; Rebecca Vernon, Library Director. Due to the restrictions on public gatherings, Stout 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 Crump, Second by Zumbach to approve the agenda. Ayes: Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Crump to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 Special City Council meeting. Ayes: Crump, Smith, Capron Zumbach, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Crump to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2020 Special City Council meeting. Ayes: Stout, Smith, Crump, Zumbach, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Crump to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 Regular City Council meeting. Ayes: Capron, Zumbach, Crump, Stout, and Smith. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the presentation on proposed Old Dubuque Road Extension and East/West Connections. Lindsay Beaman, Snyder and Associates, Derek Snead, Jones County Engineer, and Sheriff Graver presented the overview of the project. Maps of the project were shown and potential development were discussed. The project will include an overpass and a roundabout. Smith asked about trails with the project. They will be included. Beaman added that costs without right of way purchase will be 4-7 million. They will work toward finding grant funds to offset some of that but there are no guarantees. Several public comments were received in favor of the design. Two citizens asked about the tax consequences for property owners. There was not a clear answer at this time but will be a debt payment so it will impact property taxes. Crump stated that next steps will be to move forward with a contract with Snyder and Associates. Motion by Crump, second by smith to support and promote this design and move forward with next steps. Ayes: Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Stout to table a Resolution authorizing new street lights in the Meadow Ridge 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Additions until the next meeting. Ayes: Smith, Zumbach, Stout, Capron, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Todd Boone addressed the Council with a protest of the January 2020 utility bill for 208 N. Garnavillo Street. Sheridan explained that further investigation was done and no error was found with the reading or the calculation of this bill. Boone explained that the tenant moved out on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January and water was turned off by him a few days later. Boone claimed that the plumber that was working on the bathroom in the house stated that he found no leaks. The plumber did not testify to this at the Council meeting. Boone did not feel that it was worthwhile to pay the \$35 to test the meter. Motion by Stout, second by Crump to have the Boone's pay the average of the last 3 months occupied average for the protested bill. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Crump, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Ron Piericci and the team from Tyler Technologies presented an overview and demo of the accounting and enterprise software offered by their company. Over the past 6 months the staff at City Hall along with Councilmember Crump have viewed three different systems. All comparable in price and implementation. Tyler Technology is the product being recommended due to the scope of offerings in their system and other user recommendations. Implementation will be over a 6-9 month period. Motion by Crump, second by Smith to proceed with option 1 offered by Tyler Technologies. Ayes: Capron, Stout, Smith, Crump, and Zumbach. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Sheridan gave an overview of the June 3, 2020 Downtown Task Force meeting. 4 projects were discussed: converting Huber to Ford on the north side of Main Street to angle parking, trees and flowerbeds downtown, turning an alley into a public space and parklets. Diagonal parking would eliminate the turn lanes through this area. Crump questioned backing into traffic with only 2 lanes as opposed to the current parallel option. Dan Smith asked about snow removal. Bobby Crum is in favor of the parking change. Motion by Smith, second by Zumbach to support changing to angle parking contingent on an engineering review and feedback from downtown businesses. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Crump, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

The Chamber of Commerce is requesting a donation from the City for a Drive-in Theater Project. The project will cost about \$1000 for one movie. The Chamber has only been able to raise about half of that. The movie will be free to the public but a free will donation will be asked. Motion by Crump, second by Stout to approve donating \$250 to the project. Ayes: Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to approve the first 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, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Capron to approve the first 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 Zumbach to not open the Aqua Court for the 2020 Summer Season, second by Capron. Stout reported that the Park Board had agreed to close the pool for the summer. They considered many reasons and also thought it would allow time for some needed maintenance and repairs to be done to the facilities. Sheridan stated that there would be staffing concerns with opening as well. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Crump, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Crump opened the discussion on the issues with shortfalls projected with Hotel/Motel tax revenue issues in the coming Fiscal Year 2021. The Council had previously set up funding outlines with outside agencies for these funds. He would like those agencies to be made aware of the shortfalls so they can plan ahead.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to set a date of June 15, 2020 at the Anamosa Public Library at 6:00pm for a work session for the personnel policy manual and wages. Sheridan explained that the document is flexible. Smith would like completed job descriptions, page numbers and an indexes. Crump discussed the difference between Policies and Procedures. Asked about packets for benefits, safety committee information, introductory periods, wage scale issues, forming an employee wage board among other concerns. Ayes: Capron, Smith, Crump, Zumbach, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Zumbach, second by Crump to table the Resolution setting salaries for the Fiscal Year 2021 for appointed officers and employees for the City of Anamosa until after the work session on June 15, 2020. Sheridan knows there are concerns but wants it passed now. He feels it is competitive and fair. Crump stated that the numbers in the spreadsheet were incorrect. He would still like to see a wage/compensation board. Smith stated that the evaluations are still subjective. Crump stated that the cost of living amount is not stated as a dollar amount and he is not sure where the .25 is calculated from. Ayes: Crump, Zumbach, Stout, Smith, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to approve the following Cigarette Permits: Giggle Juice Liquor Station, LLC, Tapkens Convenience, Fareway Stores, Inc. #166, Wal-Mart Store #646, Casey's Store #2908, Casey's Store #2690, Dollar General Store #3685. Ayes: Capron, Stout, Zumbach, Smith, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump to approve the current bills less the check for Keltner printed in error, second by Carpron. Roll Vote: Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Capron, Smith, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion carried. The Mayor gave a report on the breakdown of the IPI invoice he had questioned last meeting.

City Administrators Report: Sheridan reported he is in the process of receiving and reviewing IT service proposals. The Penitentiary is wrapping up its flowmeter project. Jones County has fared well during the COVID-19 Pandemic and reopening plans continue. The new phones are arriving and should be switched over by the end of June. MMS is donating some time for the preliminary work on the Fire Station expansion plans. The City has not done any work on moving forward with the Main Street encroachment issues. Sheridan is instructed to get this moving.

Mayor and Council Reports: The Mayor reported that individuals on the Downtown Task Force and Hometown Pride are doing a great job and trying to give things strong consideration. Crump stated that he would like to wish John Machart sympathy on the passing of his wife this evening.

Public with business with the council on items not on the agenda: Angela Winekauf asked about the re-opening of the bathrooms by Monroe Field this summer. Sheridan stated that they are not scheduled to open at this time.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to adjourn. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:41pm.

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Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Brincks, City Clerk