

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

July 13, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session July 13, 2020 at the Anamosa Library and Learning Center 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 since all Council Members were present votes will resume normal procedures.

Motion by Crump, Second by Machart to approve the agenda. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Crump to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 Regular City Council meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, second by Crump to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 Special City Council meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the discussion regarding the building sewer violation at 402 N Williams Street. He asked if everyone had read the memo regarding the matter and the options for City participation in the remedy. Patrick O'Connell stated that he had contacted the Seeley's about the meeting. Cody Seeley spoke on his parents behalf. He does not believe it is inappropriate for his parents' sewer to connect with the neighbor's line. This line does have the Seeley's sewage running into a line in the basement of the neighbor's house. Seeley stated that the neighbor, Dan Smith, knew the line was there and intentionally removed the Seeley's connection from his line. Dan Smith stated that he is concerned with health and safety issues due to this connection. He was not aware of the connection and was having his line replaced when it was discovered. Zumbach explained the Ordinance and that now that it is a known issue it must be corrected. The Mayor stated that Seeley is making assumptions. He also stated that the City and the taxpayers will incur this expense for a main serving one citizen's line. It is being more than fair. O'Connell stated that the Council is not ignorant of the facts and will likely prevail in court. It will be a costly battle for both sides. Council is trying to come up with a solution. Motion by Smith, second by Crump to approve Option 1 as proposed. Option 1: Extend an 8-inch gravity sewer south from MH 175 (Williams/Pine) within the east ROW of Williams St for approximately 115 LF with clean out on the end. This work includes a connection to the existing manhole, trenchless or trenched construction within ROW, and street patching. Cost Estimate: \$25,000. Roll Vote: Ayes: Machart, Zumbach, Stout, Capron, Smith, and Crump.

Nays: none. Motion carried. The Seeley's will need to obtain estimates for their private line installation from the main the City installs. This project will be completed in 2-3 weeks time.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 942 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. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Smith, Crump, Machart, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 943 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 Capron, Second by Zumbach to approve the Resolution amending the City of Anamosa's personnel policies. Smith commented that the document had removed the safety section but gave no direction as to where it was not located. Document is wordy and difficult. Roll vote: Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, and Capron. Nays: Crump, Smith, and Machart. Motion dies for lack of a majority.

Motion by Zumbach, second by Smith to table the Resolution amending contributions to outside agencies as established in Resolution 2020-11 until the first meeting in September. This issue has come forward due to the projected decreased revenues received through Hotel/Motel taxes in the coming Fiscal Year 2021. Sheridan was in contact with the agencies and several were understanding and gave funding reductions that could be made. First quarter numbers will be available in August for the Hotel/Motel Tax Funds. Agencies will also receive a letter stating the issues with funding. Ayes: Capron, Smith, Crump, Zumbach, Machart, and Stout. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Wastewater Superintendent, Dan Smith, explained the failure of the warning/back-up system at the 2nd Street Lift Station. He stated that the pumps were not running when he arrived. They were turned on and the system began pumping again. A new Mission Control System has been ordered and will offer more protection. Curtis Jones who lives across the street from the lift station stated that he did have some back-up in his basement but it was in an unfinished area and nothing was damaged. He did have backflow prevention but has found out that it was damaged and possibly not installed correctly. Smith will be looking to install this new backup system on the other lift stations as well.

Motion by Smith, second by Zumbach to approve Resolution 2020-33 approving the hiring and setting salary for two full time Patrol Officers for the Anamosa Police Department for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021. Roll vote: Ayes: Crump, Machart, Zumbach, Stout, and Smith. Nays: Capron. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-34 adopting the Jones County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll vote: Ayes: Machart, Smith, Zumbach, Stout, Capron, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to approve the amendment to Water Treatment Plant Expansion Contract between the City of Anamosa and Calacci Construction Company. Sheridan explained that this finalizes the agreement with Calacci. As per the agreement the subcontractors have been paid and this amends and closes the contract. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Capron to approve Resolution 2020-35 setting Public Hearing for July 27, 202 at 6:00 pm on proposal to sell real property directly north and adjacent to 216 E. Main Street, Anamosa, Iowa. This hearing will be held at the Anamosa Library and Learning Center during the Regular City Council Meeting. Crump asked about the \$1.00 per sq. ft. price. Sheridan stated that his was a negotiated price. He also stated that this would remove the City from any claim to the parcel that has its ownership in question adjacent to this section. Stout also questioned the price and if there will be any fines or if he will be paying legal costs. Sheridan stated that he has paid court costs and survey up to this point. Crump would also like to see a penalty. Roll vote: Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Machart, Smith, Crump, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Sheridan gave an overview of a discussion he has had with an artist's representative for art loans and donations for display in public buildings. Zumbach stated that artists can donate if they want. Once donated it belongs to the City and can be displayed as chosen. Jacob will pass on the information if they would like to pursue the opportunity.

The Mayor informed the Council of the material form the Hometown Pride Meeting and the possible acquisition of the God Bless America Sculpture. The City would end up taking ownership of the sculpture and be responsible for maintenance and insurance. There will be need to be more fund raising and planning at this point and it will come back to Council then.

Motion by Crump, second by Stout to approve the application by Carter Balentine to join the Anamosa Volunteer Fire Department. Aye: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor Led off the discussion of the closing of Old Dubuque Rd at the intersection of Highway 151. The Board of Supervisors have already voted to close their portion of this intersection. The DOT will be working with the City and County for funding for the closure expense. The City and County will do maintenance as they have been. The closure will consist of a gate at this time in order to have emergency access if needed. Snow removal will need to be worked out. Bill Goodman and Conrad Shada spoke out against the closure. Sheriff Graver and Bryce Ricklefs spoke in favor of the closure. It is a safety issue. The DOT will move ahead with a more invasive closure if no action is taken. This is one step and it will keep the access to 140th Street open for a while longer. Motion by Capron, second by Stout to close the Old Dubuque Road intersection with Highway 151. This closure will take place on or around August 3, 2020. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor led off the discussion of the possible hiring of an Interim City Administrator. Council has received a proposal from a consultant who would work 2-3 days per week. The city may also reach out to Pat Callahan. He has familiarity and is local. There will also be discussion of having the City Clerk act as interim and hire help temporarily at City Hall to assist. This will be on next agenda after more information is available.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve the Liquor License renewal for Casey's General Store #2690. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

City Administrators Report: Sheridan reported he is will be wrapping things up over the next week and compiling info on ongoing projects.

Mayor and Council Reports: The Mayor thanked Jacob for his 21/2 years of service to the City. His resignation is effective Friday. Best of luck with future endeavors.
Zumbach reported that senior dining is working on the tile floors and delivering meals.
Stout reported that Park/Rec is working on maintenance items. Pump room work will be done in August, slide painted and sealed, and gutter work done yet this year.

Public with business with the council on items not on the agenda: There were no public comments at this time.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to adjourn. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Brincks, City Clerk