

## STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 24, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session August 24, 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, Jeff Stout, Kay Smith, Alan Zumbach, and Galen Capron. Absent: none. Also present were Beth Brincks, City Clerk; Veronica Groesbeck, Youth Services Librarian. 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.

Librarian Groesbeck gave some brief instructions on use of Zoom and how to participate in the meeting.

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

Motion by Stout, second by Crump to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 regular City Council meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Lindsay Beaman with Snyder and Associates opened the discussion of ADA compliance and the Sycamore Street Project. Asphalt overlay counts as a modification and that is what prompts the ADA compliance requirement. If there are not currently sidewalks at this location the City is not required to add them. Crump stated that the original intent was to narrow the street and install a pad on one corner. If the street is not narrowed this will require a retaining wall and possibly moving utilities on that corner. This will push the price for the project over the limit required for engineering and sealed bid. Maintenance and safety of the retaining wall was discussed. Shane Brown from the Street Department commented that larger blocks could be used for the retaining wall to avoid extensive maintenance. More research will be done and this project will come back to Council for consideration.

Motion by Crump, second by Stout to approve moving forward with the process of a TIF agreement with Scale Tec. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

K. Smith led off the discussion of the Street Department. She began with several projects that are waiting to be completed. She also discussed bid procedures and vendors used. It was stated that there is a need for someone in the department to carry a chemical application license for weed control. Crump and Zumbach wanted to discuss in-house repairs and the need to use the employees for these jobs. Possibility of more seasonal help. Crump also discussed need for more cooperation between departments. Zumbach would like to see a motor pool set up for better equipment sharing. Motion by Zumbach, second by Machart to set a work session date of August 31, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Anamosa Library and Learning Center to discuss the duties and expectations of the Street Department. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to return the planning and planting of the downtown flower beds to the City. Brincks asked for control to be returned to the City for activities involving the beds. Others will be invited to participate but planning and spending will be City controlled. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve the July 31, 2020 Treasurer's Report. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

City Administrators Report: Brincks reported that the Insurance adjustor has visited and toured damage at City facilities. Work has begun with this year's audit. The State will be conducting our audit. The 4 year audit is still ongoing. Some issues with getting them remote access. The storm took out a component of our system. Phil has gotten us back up and everything running. Looking into replacements for the tablets. UB did not door post as planned due to the storm and tech issues. The League of Cities Conference is open for registration if Council would like to attend.

Mayor and Council Reports: The Mayor thanked everyone for their work with storm clean up. He has received many compliments.

Smith reported that Library Director Rebecca Vernon has been working on a survey that will be available online and used to engage citizens with Library services.

Zumbach reported that he was out of state when the storm came through and came home as soon as he could. He is glad to be home.

Public with business with the council on items not on the agenda: Jan Hoag called in and asked about damaged stones at Riverside Cemetery. Brincks informed her that stones are considered private property and she can make arrangement with a monument company for repair. The City can assist with marking for placement if necessary.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to adjourn. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

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Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Brincks, City Clerk