

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 31, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Special Session August 31, 2020 at the Anamosa Library and Learning Center with a 6:00 p.m. start time with Mayor Rod Smith presiding. The following Council Members were present: Rich Crump, Jeff Stout, Kay Smith, John Machart, Alan Zumbach, and Galen Capron. Absent: none. Also present were Beth Brincks, City Clerk, Gregg Carpenter, Streets Superintendent, and Shelly Carr, Parks and Rec Director. 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 was taken with a quorum present.

Work Session for the Street Department was opened by the Mayor asking for the primary direction of the discussion. Zumbach stated that there are many projects and Council would like to see more work done in-house for savings. It is the primary duty of the street department to maintain the streets. We need to stop outsourcing duties. No need for the department at current staff levels if everything is outsourced. Carpenter stated that they have had no one at the Cemetery for several years and no inmate help this year. Crump stated that Carpenter was to hire part-time help for his department. Capron asked about mowing by different departments in the same area. Seems a waste of resources to have this going on. He also stated that helping other departments is part of the job. When he was with the department they did all of the different jobs for various departments. Machart agreed that they used to cooperate and do work in-house. Smith asked what the mowing was taking them away from. Crump asked why the Cemetery work is listed on both the parks report and the Streets report. Crump would like new goals set going forward and they be tied to the job description. Zumbach stated that communication is an issue and equipment sharing is a must. The Mayor stated that Storm Sewer locates need to be done and should be on the list. Oil Changes and vehicle maintenance were discussed as well as sludge hauling and part-time seasonal help. Crump requested that job descriptions will be completed and reviewed at the first Council Meeting in October. The pay categories for Streets will be condensed since the duties are not different.

Motion by Zumbach, second by Capron to adjourn. Ayes: all. Nays: none.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Brincks, City Clerk