

## STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

September 14, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anamosa met in Regular Session September 14, 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; 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.

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

Motion by Smith, second by Stout to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2020 Regular City Council meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, second by Zumbach to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2020 City Council Work Session. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve Resolution 2020-45 authorizing acceptance of real property donated to the City Of Anamosa by Burr Oak Development Co. Bryce Ricklefs stated that the storm damage to the roof had been repaired. The Mayor and the City Council thanked Bryce and Sarah Ricklefs for their generous gift. Roll vote. Ayes: Capron, Stout, Zumbach, Machart, Smith, and Crump. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to approve Resolution 2020-46 agreeing to become a member of the Safety Group East Iowa and IAMU Agreement with appointed delegate Jim Henson, Water Superintendent and Dan Smith, Wastewater Superintendent as alternate. This approval will be pending the review of the 28e agreement by the City Attorney. Dave Hraha from IAMU gave an overview of the program and differences to our current program. With the new program the City will have a designated Safety Coordinator and an individual plan. The City will also have department and organizational training that will be tailored to our specific needs. Crump requested information about pricing and how notice of price increases will be made known and when. Hraha stated that the prices will be released the quarter before the renewal. Jim Henson, Water Superintendent spoke out in favor of the program. Roll vote. Ayes: Crump, Smith, Machart, Zumbach, Stout, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Capron, second by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-47 endorsing a grant application for funding through The Iowa Department Of Transportation's "Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy" (RISE) Program. This application is in support of the US 151 Grade

Separation Project. Roll vote. Ayes: Machart, Zumbach, Crump, Smith, Stout, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Stout to approve Resolution 2020-48 approving the official Iowa Department of Transportation Financial Report for City Streets and Parking for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020. Roll vote. Ayes: Smith, Machart, Zumbach, Crump, Stout, and Capron. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the discussion on the Downtown Taskforce investigation and request for quotes for wayfinding signage. This was one of the items emphasized as part of the Downtown Assessment. It gives directions for various attractions. Crump asked if there would still be cooperation with the schools to incorporate school and field signage in with this. It is still planned to go that route. This item will come back to the next meeting with more information as it becomes available.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-49 requesting reimbursement from The Iowa Covid-19 Government Relief Fund. Roll vote. Ayes: Smith, Capron, Zumbach, Crump, Stout, and Machart. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Zumbach to approve the appointment of Nancy Shaffer and Heath Engelbart to fill vacancies on the Anamosa Parks and Recreation Board. Stout reported that the Park Board had met and voted to approve these two nominees. They have had several people interested in serving and will keep the others for possible future vacancies. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Capron to approve the request by Jerry Collell for a front porch pergola/carport variance at 108 South Sales Street. This item was approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Stout to approve the request by Jerry Collell for a carriage house carport variance at 108 South Sales Street. This item was approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Machart to approve the Liquor License renewal for Dollar General. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

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

City Administrators Report: Brincks reported: We are waiting for the report from the storm damage insurance claim. A Department meeting was held on Friday and topics discussed were cell phones, new accounting system, information about vendors for the Covid reimbursement, and just general updates. Information will be forth coming with regard to amending the TIF area for the new development agreements and levy information for the various projects.

Mayor and Council Reports: The Mayor proclaimed that September 17-23, 2020 is Constitution Week. Traffic flow for the start of school has been monitored by the Sheriff and Police Chief.

Both have reported that traffic flow has been good even with the closure of Old Dubuque Road. Chief Hoyt reported that classes are split and no traffic issues have noted. Crump reported that Jones County Tourism had seen increases in tourism dollars as well as tourism employment and tax revenues last year. Numbers for this year are expected to be down due to COVID. Capron reported that the Solid Waste Commission met and tabled the increase in rates for recycling. Stout attended the Park and Rec Meeting. The filter upgrade is almost complete, the pool shell is being power washed and painted, the slide will be refurbished over the winter, and they are still working on a solution for the gutters. Dog waste stations have been installed.

Public with business for on items not on the agenda: No comments received.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to enter into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. City Attorney O'Connell confirmed that this is an appropriate use of Chapter 21.5 (1)(c). Roll vote. Ayes: Zumbach, Stout, Capron, Machart, Crump, and Smith. Entered Closed Session at 7:31 pm.

Return to open session at 8:10pm.

Motion by Crump, second by Smith to direct legal counsel to proceed as advised by the City Attorney in Closed Session. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Crump, second by Machart to adjourn. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

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Rod Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Brincks, City Clerk