

CITY OF AMBOY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
April 20, 2015

Mayor Tom Nauman called the Regular meeting of the Amboy City Council to order and the council and audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

WARD 1: Brett Dewey

Eric McLaughlin

WARD 2: John Schamberger

Dennis Weidman

WARD 3: Daryl Stuckemeyer

Dave Shaw

MINUTE'S APPROVED-The minutes from the March regular city council meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED- City Treasurer Nancy Neal submitted the financial report. Making a motion to approve the reports as presented was made and seconded by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. Carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS APPROVED- A list of outstanding bills, involving city accounts as prepared by the city clerk's office was submitted. Making a motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Aldermen Dewey and Weidman. Carried. \*A copy of the financial report is kept on file at the city hall and is available upon request.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY BUILDING-Alderman McLaughlin reported the city has removed the carpet for the extension office area and the new carpet is ordered.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the window project is going well and should be completed in the next few weeks.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported the ESDA group is ready for storm season. The new policy is not just for tornados but straight line winds in excess of 70mph. ESDA is also looking for volunteers if anyone is interested.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger thanked the park board members for the spring cleanup at the city park.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman-No Report.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Weidman reported that the committee met and reviewed the budget, discussed raises for employees and building permit changes.

POLICE COMMISSION-No Report.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Schamberger reported the new building floor heat will be installed soon.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Shaw reported that Willett & Hoffman held a pre-construction meeting for the water tower paint/repairs. Tentative start date is May 15<sup>th</sup> and should be completed within 30 days weather permitting.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-Alderman Schamberger reported the committee has put together a survey for the residents.

SPECIAL 911 HONOR-Shelley Dallas from the Lee County 911 Board was present to award Shane for his braveness and heroism when calling 911 for his father. He returned home from school and found his dad unresponsive. While on the line he confirmed his address, reported that his dad was on dialysis and unresponsive. The taped call was played for the meeting attendees. Sergeant Jeff Blake, John McGraw-Fire Dept. and 911 Laura Hicks were all in attendance to meet and honor Shane. Everyone stood in honor for his great braveness.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Hank Gerdes wanted everyone to know that a new banner for the Depot Days Car Show and 50/50 raffle has been placed downtown on the side of the realty business for the summer event. The car show will need extra help parking cars for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Darlene Hinkle would like to see some trees or something to help clean up the south entrance into town at the maintenance building.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

DISCUSS/APPROVE OFFICE BUILDING PLANS FOR NEW MAINTENANCE OFFICE BUILDING (202 W. Main Street)-No Report.

DISCUSS/APPROVE DEPOT MUSEUM HIGHWAY SIGN- No Report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

DISCUSS & APPROVE VIDEO EQUIPMENT/CAMERA FOR POLICE SQUAD CAR-Mayor Nauman explained that Jeff's squad and Paul's truck do not have video equipment and should be purchased for the vehicles. Price per camera is \$1,800.00. Aldermen Dewey questioned how much storage space is needed for the police department. Sergeant Blake explained to the council that more space will be needed for video storage files for cases. He also is concerned as the oldest squad will need replaced and that we shouldn't install the equipment if that car is replaced in the future. Alderman Shaw feels that this would be a definite need and safety coverage for the officers. Alderman Weidman thought that there is left over money in the budget to purchase these for the cars. Sergeant Blake expressed his concern as his police car is aging and needs replaced soon. Attorney Matt Keegan explained that police departments definitely need to

retain all files for cases. Motion to Approve the purchase of video equipment for the police cars made by Aldermen Shaw and Schamberger. All Approved.

APPROVE 2015-2016 CITY BUDGET (General/Water/Sewer) Alderman Dewey explained the within the budget the city has a line item for the tax decrease from the state if that happens, however it will not cover the total loss of tax revenue. Mayor Nauman reported that the state did take half of the March Motor Fuel revenue as stated. Alderman Weidman stated that the city budget is the same as last year with adjustments to some of the line items based on the spending. Motion to Approve the 2015-2016 Budget made by Aldermen Schamberger and Weidman. All Approved.

APPROVE FULL TIME EMPLOYEE RAISES .35 EFFECTIVE MAY 1<sup>st</sup>-Alderman Shaw wanted reviews and performance raises. Alderman Schamberger would like this tabled to discuss this more since the city has given the same rate the last two years. He wants to review insurance costs and look over figures per department. Alderman Weidman would like to review the insurance and see what costs have increased. Motion to Table full time raises made by Aldermen Schamberger and Weidman. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE FIREWORK DONATION \$2,000.00 (Amboy 4th of July Fireworks) The fire department is taking care of the fireworks again this year and have a goal of \$10,000 for a huge fireworks show. They are requesting a \$2,000.00 donation for the show and it is the same figure the city gave last year. Motion to Approve the fireworks donation of \$2,000.00 made by Aldermen Dewey and Weidman. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE CASEY'S LIQUOR LICENSE CLASS B LICENSE FOR PACKAGED LIQUOR/WINE/BEER (Change from C License of Wine/Beer) Mayor Nauman discussed that the city can issue five class B licenses if requested for packaged liquor. Casey's has requested a class B license and has a cabinet for the liquor storage. The liquor store is failing like the grocery store and may not be there in the future. Alderman Dewey has been in some other convenience stores that do sell hard alcohol but is concerned about the hours Casey's is open for selling alcohol. Motion to Approve Casey's Class B License made by Aldermen Schamberger and Weidman. Voting Yes-Weidman, McLaughlin, Schamberger and Mayor Nauman. Voting No-Shaw, Dewey. Passed 4-2.

DISCUSS/APPROVE METCALF STREET/NAUMAN SUBDIVISION (Chip/Sealcoat) by Nauman Family. Alderman Schamberger has talked with Attorney Considine regarding the subdivision and having the street chip/sealed by the family. The family is not going to pave the streets until more homes are sold. Attorney Keegan has reviewed the city code and if the city approves it will pass a resolution at that time. Motion to Table made by Aldermen Schamberger and McLaughlin. All Approved.

APPROVE BRIAN SCHEMME CITY PARK WOODCARVINGS \$2,000.00-The city has found Brian Schemmel from Forreton and he is a woodcarver and interested in working for the city repairing the wood carvings at the city park. He will be sanding them

down and fixing them to save them. Alderman Shaw asked how old the statues were. Most of them are at least fifteen years old and hopefully can be saved. Alderman Schamberger thought it was a great idea and the statues should be saved. Motion to Approve \$2,000.00 for Wood Carver Brian Schemmel/City Park made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. All Approved.

APPROVE AMENDING THE BUILDING CODE-CITY PERMIT CHANGES- Mayor Nauman explained that our current building permits allow for six months and that some of the work is not getting done and should be done within three months. The roofs, siding and porches can be completed within three months so all permits except new homes will have a three month permit. Motion to Approve Amending the building code made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. Voting Yes-Dewey, Shaw, Weidman, Schamberger. Voting No-McLaughlin. Passed 4-1.

DISCUSS/APPROVE WATER TOWER PAINT DESIGN (CLIPPER SHIP) Mayor Nauman discussed that during the water tower restoration the city can have a clipper ship added to the tower paint if the city council wants it added. More discussion next month on the final design.

Building Inspectors Report-Reviewing property inspections and building permits.

Animal Report-See Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Summer is approaching.

Alderman Weidman-Nothing.

Alderman Dewey-Lookout for farm equipment on the roads and be safe.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Schamberger-Nothing.

MAYOR CONCERNS-IEEMA hosted a meeting last week on emergency disaster situations for municipalities. They reviewed situations and the procedures of command for police, ESDA and city personnel. Sensient is in the process of getting their expansion paperwork finished. They will be making several different yogurts that will be all be made here in Amboy. They will be hiring at least 75 new applicants. The city is still waiting on grant reimbursement for the new building costs. The police department is in the process of doing cleanup orders for properties.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. There were 22 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

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City Clerk-City of Amboy