

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2016

Mayor 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-Absent

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 Stuckemeyer and Weidman. 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 Schamberger and Dewey. 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 Stuckemeyer and Shaw. 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-Absent-Mayor Nauman reported the Amboy Education Foundation had a great turnout for their wine & cheese fundraiser at the building.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the Depot has approved Bernadine Willstead and Dorothy Kowalski for the summer season.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported that it is storm season and the El Vista siren has a battery backup.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger reported the playground equipment has been checked and a big thank you to the 4th grade classes that picked up sticks and litter in the park. They did a very good job. The park board really appreciates the class volunteering.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the board met on April 12th. Dale Simpson has the Wi-Fi setup at the library. The budget has been approved and is balanced.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Weidman reported the committee met and had a presentation from Cobblestone Hotels discussed the grocery store and other needs in the community.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer-No Report.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Schamberger reported the maintenance department is working on the new office, streets and equipment. A list of roads will be next for MFT 2016 for the council to review.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the guys were working on a water main break today. The sewer ponds are still being treated and tested for problems.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Pete Rood has called Jim Duntemann and he is not interested in selling. He is not interested due to the cost of what it will be to put in the infrastructure. Alderman Stuckemeyer explained he is interested in selling but will not pay for the water/sewer or streets for development.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSS & APPROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICIES MANUAL-Attorney Matt Keegan reviewed the policy updates and asked for any questions. Alderman Dewey requested the ESDA Director report to the Police Chief and the laundry mat section be removed since we no longer have one. Motion to Approve Police Department Policies Manual made by Aldermen Dewey and Schamberger. All Approved.

UPDATE DOLLAR GENERAL PROJECT-Alderman Stuckemeyer has discussed pricing for the Nauman Estates for water/sewer portion. Mr. Elkin's next step is to have an agreement with Nauman Estates and then request zoning changes. Attorney Matt Keegan has contacted Dana Considine to review the steps for the petition. More updates next month.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE 2016-2017 CITY BUDGET (GENERAL/WATER/SEWER)-Alderman Weidman explained that the budget matches the revenues and expenses and is balanced. Some line items have been increased or decreased due to fuel prices and minimal snow plowing. Aldermen Weidman and Dewey met with all department heads to discuss the needs and what to plan for in the next fiscal year. Motion to Approve 2016-2017 City Budget made by Aldermen Weidman and McLaughlin. All Approved.

APPROVE ORDINANCE AMDENDING THE AMBOY CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6-48 (Restrictions as to persons under legal age) Attorney Matt Keegan reviewed the current ordinance and the changes that have been done are pertaining to minors within liquor establishments. Proposed changes are that a minor can be in a Class A establishment while food is being served. Alderman Weidman asked if a bar had a party would children be allowed.

Attorney Matt Keegan advised that would not be allowed under these changes unless the bar serves food. Alderman Weidman would like to see it with the supervision of a parent or legal guardian. Motion to Table Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Article IV, Section 6-48 made by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. All Approved. Tabled until next month.

APPROVE ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AMBOY CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 68, SECTIONS 68-24,68-25,68-33, 68-34, AND 68-56 (Planning Commission/Hearings) Attorney Matt Keegan reviewed the subdivision codes and per state law the Planning Commission is the advisory board for the hearings.The Zoning Committee only approves variances for property's. Motion to Approve Ordinance Amending the Amboy City Code by Amending Chapter 68, Sections 68-24, 68-25, 68-33, 68-34 and 68-56 made by Aldermen Dewey and Schamberger. All Approved.

APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF BERNADINE WILLSTEAD AND DOROTHY KOZWOLSKI (Depot Museum) Motion to Approve Depot Museum Employees made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE DEMOLITION PROPERTY -146 W. PARK (Unfinished Structures) Attorney Matt Keegan updated the city council that this property has an unfinished addition and storage buildings. The owner of the property is going to purchase a demolition permit and removed the buildings to comply with the city per a meeting with building inspector Ed Kozwolski. Attorney Matt Keegan advised the city council to table the motion and see if that does happen in the next 30 days. Motion to Table Demolition at 146 W. Park made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. All Approved. Tabled.

APPROVE CERTIFICATION RAISE .25 –TASER TRAINING-JON SHIPPERT & LISA HART/ APPROVE CERTIFICATION RAISE .25-JUVENILLE OFFICER-JON SHIPPERT -Motion to Approve Certification Raises for Lisa Hart & Jon Shippert made by Aldermen Weidman and Dewey. All Approved.

Building Inspectors Report-Still working with the attorneys and getting the abandoned homes cleaned up around town.

Animal Report-No Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-The city is doing a good job at cleaning up properties and and contacting property owners.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Hydrant flushing this week.

Alderman Weidman-Nothing.

Alderman Dewey-Nothing.

Alderman McLaughlin-Absent

Alderman Schamberger-Please report any activity in the parks to prevent vandalism.
Alderman Stuckemeyer-Nothing.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Please keep your garages shut and doors locked and call the police if you see activity in your neighborhood. Busy spring for the maintenance department.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.
There were 16 people present in the audience.

Submitted by
Melissa Eisenberg, RMC