

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
April 17, 2017

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: Dennis Weidman

Donald Clayton

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 Weidman and Stuckemeyer. 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 Alderman McLaughlin 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 Weidman and McLaughlin. 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 –No Report.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the Depot meeting was on Monday and they are going to add more members. The gift shop will be getting a debit card machine for the purchase of items.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey-No Report.

PARK-Alderman Clayton reported the park board is not in favor of smoke free parks.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the board met on April 11th with no new business.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Weidman reported the committee discussed the proposed dispatch agreement and the ATV Ordinance.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer-Nothing.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman McLaughlin reported the maintenance dept. has been working on a sewer line repair on Main Street.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer –Nothing. Mayor Nauman reported that he, Dale Simpson and Sensient staff went to Springfield to meet with the EPA. There will be a few more meetings in the future.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve ATV Ordinance –Attorney Matt Keegan has updated the city ordinance with the new state legislation. The changes are types of vehicles, must have brakes, steering wheel, turn signals, headlight, tail lights and proof of insurance. Per state law all vehicles must have this equipment or they are not allowed on the streets. This is the second reading of the ordinance. Motion to Approve ATV Ordinance made by Aldermen Weidman and Clayton. All Approved.

Approve New Electric Aggregation Rates-Mike Mudge handed out the updated readings for the electric aggregation. The city had 5 bidders for the city aggregation. The new rates for ComEd also came out and they will be higher than the rates for the new program. Mike Mudge discussed the resolution that can be signed and approved by the Mayor if the city decided to a shorter term. Attorney Matt Keegan advised the city council to decide on a term and rate before they approve a resolution. Alderman Weidman questioned if Mr. Mudge thought the ComEd rate would stay higher and Mike thought it would be higher for at least the first two years of the contract. Each Alderman picked their ideal rate and supplier. There is no opt out fees and if the ComEd rate would drop lower then Mr. Mudgets office would send out letters again for the rate change so the residents would have a chance to opt out of the aggregation. Motion to Approve Dynergy for 3 years at the rate of 6.854 made by Shaw and McLaughlin. Motion Approved.

Approve City Clerk to Take Bids for Sidewalk Cement Work 2017- Mayor Nauman reported that the city would like to seek bids for sidewalk/cement work for the 2017 season. Motion to Approve City Clerk to Advertise for Bids made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Approve Full Time Employee Raises/Evaluations Effective May 1st –Aldermen Dewey and Weidman have reviewed the budget and checked the current cost of living and feel that all full time employees should be given a 3% raise effective May 1st. Motion to Approve Full Time Raises made by Alderman Weidman and Dewey. All Approved.

Approve Ordinance /Bid -2008 Chevy Impala Police Dept. –The city received two bids on the police Impala. The winning bid was for \$1258.00 and it was a man from Elburn IL. Motion to Approve the Bid of \$1,258.00 made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Clayton. All Approved.

Approve Schmitt Plumbing & Heating Bid-Water Plant Improvements \$88,500.00-The equipment for the water plant valves and pumps is in stock at the plant and ready for installation. This bid is for the installation of the valves and pumps at the plant and has been review by Willett & Hoffman. Motion to Approve Schmitt Plumbing & Heating Bid for \$88,500.00 made by Aldermen Shaw and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Approve Resolution Governing the Reimbursement of Travel Expenses for City Officers and Employees –Attorney Matt Keegan drafted a new ordinance for employee reimbursement of mileage and meals. Alderman Dewey was concerned on the population and meal price for an employee if they travel into the city and the cost of meals increases. Attorney Matt Keegan will make the changes to the resolution. Motion to Approve the Ordinance with the correction made by Aldermen Dewey and Weidman. All Approved.

Approve Resignation Ed Lilja –Planning Commission-Motion to Approve Resignation of Ed Lilja made by Aldermen Clayton and Weidman. All Approved.

Building Inspectors Report-Reviewing properties that need letters and tags.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Alderman Shaw-The election had a great voter turnout.

Alderman Weidman-The city appreciates all the homeowners that take great care of their homes and continue to improve their properties.

Alderman Dewey-Nothing.

Alderman McLaughlin-The Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt was a great success and thank you to Amboy Food & Liquor for donating 80 dozen eggs to this event.

Alderman Clayton-Nothing.

Alderman Stuckemeyer- Nothing.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Congratulations to John Schamberger and Bill Bontz on the election. The city continues to have court with homeowners neglecting their properties and the city still has many on the list for demolition.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. There were 18 people present in the audience.

Submitted by
Melissa Eisenberg, RMC