

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
Aug 17, 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 July 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 Stuckemeyer. Carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS APPROVED- A list of outstanding bills, involving city accounts as prepared by the city clerk's office was submitted. Additional bills for TeCorp \$164,979.00 for the water tower and Airy's, Inc. for \$10,251.00 for replacement valve were added for approval. Making a motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Schamberger. 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 council will be voting on the roof being repainted.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the museum is looking for a board member.

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

PARK-Alderman Schamberger reported the park board is looking into True Green treating the ash trees in the park. The park statues are almost completed for the season.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the library board met and is looking for a new board member.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Dewey reported the committee met Aug 3rd regarding street resurfacing for Washington and E. Main. St, water tower repairs, Provost Street project and the Depot Museum ledge repairs.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the police commission met for police chief interviews and will be discussing that tonight.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Schamberger reported the maintenance department is getting ready for Depot Days.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the water tower is filled and being tested to be back online before Depot Days weekend.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Hank Gerdes spoke on behalf of the car show committee as of today the car show has 162 pre-registered vehicles and the 50/50 is ahead of last years at this point. Still looking for people to park cars and places to park the cars. Next the police chief position should have never been put out for applications because we have Jeff Blake who is an experience police officer with 22 years of service to the Amboy Police Dept. He knows everyone and is a great officer and should be the Superintendent of Police. It is the right thing to do and hopefully you will all make the right decision.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSS/APPROVE OFFICE BUILDING PLANS FOR NEW MAINTENANCE OFFICE BUILDING (202 W. Main Street)-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the concrete is poured and a materials list will be created.

UPDATE/DISCUSS DEPOT MUSEUM LEDGE REPAIRS-Mike Richetta reported a preliminary bid meeting will be held on Sept. 22 at 3:30pm at the museum to review the construction information.

DISCUSS/APPROVE BILL SHAW PROPERTY AGREEMENT-Attorney Matt Keegan has received a revised legal description for the property and is waiting on the signatures.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPECIAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE REFUNDING OF ERRONEOUSLY COLLECTED TAXES (Refunding of real estate taxes collected from Water and Sewer Bond levy). Attorney Matt Keegan had an ordinance drafted for the tax levy revenues collected on the property taxes. This funding will be deposited into a separate account until the funds are ready to be reimbursed to the tax payers. The county will provide the listing for all paid real estate taxes. Motion to Approve the Ordinance Establishing Special Reserve Fund for the Refunding of Erroneously Collected Taxes made by Aldermen Dewey and Weidman. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE CHAMLIN & ASSOCIATES TO SEEK BIDS-STREET RESURFACING-Aldermen Shaw and Schamberger feel that Main Street downtown should be a higher priority and would be good for the downtown business area. Mayor

Nauman explained that the estimate for just downtown area was \$110,000.00. Alderman Weidman has a concern on putting an overlay on the bricks and it not lasting as long as the bricks. Motion to Approve taking bids on E. Main Street made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Schamberger. Voting Yes-McLaughlin, Dewey, Schamberger, Weidman and Stuckemeyer. Voting No-Shaw. Passed 5-1.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST OF CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, INC.-Attorney Matt Keegan explained the proposed ordinance is for the city to vacate the alley so the corner property can be purchased and demolished at 1 S. Mason Ave. Motion to Approve Ordinance Vacating a Portion of a Public Alley Pursuant to the Request of Casey's General Store, Inc. made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Weidman. Voting Yes-Stuckemeyer, Schamberger, McLaughlin, Dewey, Weidman, Shaw and Mayor Tom Nauman. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE BID –COMMUNITY BLDG. ROOF REPAIRS/SEALER \$6,528.00(John Gorman)-Mayor Nauman explained the roof on the community building has no finish left on it and if it is not repainted the steel will have to be replaced. A bid from John Gorman has been submitted for the repairs. Motion to Approve John Gorman Roof Repairs Bid of \$6,978.00 made by Aldermen Weidman and McLaughlin. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE PARK BOARD INVESTING TRUST FUNDS-EDWARD JONES CD'S-Alderman Schamberger spoke regarding the park board trust and the board wanting to invest the trust Cd's into a higher investment than traditional bank certificates. Motion to Approve Park Board Investing Trust Funds made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE COMMUNITY BUILDING RENTAL WAIVER –TORNADO DISASTER DINNER-Mayor Nauman has been approached regarding use of the community building for a volunteer dinner for anyone that assisted in the tornado cleanup at Woodhaven. They were asking if the building rental could be waived. Alderman Shaw thought it would be a problem if this was done. No Motion.

APPROVE BRIAN SCHEMMELE PAYMENT–PARK TREE CARVING REPAIRS \$2,000.00-Alderman Schamberger updated the park wood carving process and requested another payment for the repair work. Motion to Approve Payment Brian Schemmel \$2,000 made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. All Approved.

APPROVE RESIGNATION TERRY BRUNT-ESDA DIRECTOR-Motion to Approve Resignation Terry Brunt made by Aldermen Dewey and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

APPROVE RESIGNATION RAYMOND JOHNSON-DEPOT MUSEUM-Motion to Approve Resignation Raymond Johnson made by Aldermen Shaw and Schamberger. All Approved.

APPROVE RESIGNATION REX HICKS-LIBRARY BOARD-Motion to Approve Resignation Rex Hicks made by Aldermen Weidman and Dewey. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 42 (Appointment, powers, duties of Police Superintendent) Attorney Matt Keegan advised the city to prepare an ordinance for the police superintendent and their duties and powers with additional living restrictions. Hank Gerdes was concerned that this was done only because of the candidate that has been selected that does not live in this community. Aldermen Dewey felt that if the city already has a set Amboy township living condition that would be enough without this ordinance being passed. Mayor Nauman asked for a motion to accept the ordinance. No Motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION C1-APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES- Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session to Discuss C1- Appointment, Employment, Compensation of Employee made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. All Approved (7:50) pm. At 9:08 Motion to reconvene made by Aldermen Weidman and Stuckemeyer. Answering present were Aldermen Shaw, Weidman, Dewey, McLaughlin, Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. Motion to Table the Hiring of the Police Chief until next month made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer.

Building Inspector-Still trying to get homeowners to answer letters.

Animal Report-See Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Thank you to the car show for all their hard work and should be a great weekend for Depot Days.

Alderman Dewey-Nothing.

Alderman Weidman-Nothing.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Schamberger-Nothing.

Alderman Stuckemeyer-Two major projects are completed and hopefully the guys can get working on the new shop soon.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Thank you to all the volunteers for all the work and time during the Depot Days. Central School parking and sidewalk are completed and will be a big improvement. With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 9:18p.m. There was 24 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

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City Clerk-City of Amboy

