

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
December 15, 2014

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

WARD 2: John Schamberger

Dennis Weidman

WARD 3: Daryl Stuckemeyer

Dave Shaw

MINUTE'S APPROVED-The minutes from the November regular city council meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Schamberger 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 Stuckemeyer 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 Weidman and Dewey. 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 that the senior dinner is Saturday December 20th at noon. Call city hall to make reservations.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the Depot museum alarm was set off and the Lee County Sheriff's Department responded immediately. It was a false alarm with nothing to report.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported that ESDA is still need of toys for the Christmas baskets.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger reported that the batting cage facility turf has been installed and the furnace is ready to use.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the board met for the regular monthly meeting with nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Dewey reported that committee updates were given. Discussion on an easement for the city generator and review of projects were discussed.

POLICE COMMISSION-Will be meeting within the next week.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Schamberger reported the maintenance department is busy with work being done to the new maintenance building.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Shaw wanted to remind everyone to watch their water temps to prevent frozen pipes this winter.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Nicole Alletto had updates regarding the daycare and she is now under contract for the purchase of both buildings. The name will be Country Munchkins Daycare, LLC. The daycare will be hiring 15 to 17 people. The building will need a new roof and the timeline to open would be June or July 2015. The end building will be demolished for green space for the children to play outside. Randy Singleton wishes the best of luck to Nicole Alletto on her business venture. He remembers growing up as a kid and the downtown was full and hopefully the downtown will continue to grow and keep business in town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSS/APPROVE OFFICE BUILDING PLANS FOR NEW MAINTENANCE OFFICE BUILDING (202 W. Main Street)-Daryl Stuckemeyer discussed using floor heat for the shop and break room facility and using the same system will not work. The employees need a good heated facility that will also include having air conditioning for them also in the summer months to cool off. The best most efficient system will be a central air system and also a general furnace for heat. Also added is a mudroom for boots and clothing to not track into the main office area. Estimated cost to construct the building would be \$40,736.90 with some built in costs that may be extra. The building size would be 30x40 with an office for Al, break room for the guys, mudroom and an area for people to wait. Insulation cost is higher because it would be the new spray in insulation. Mayor Nauman just wanted an idea for spring on cost and see what can be done. The employees will do all the construction on the building. If anyone wants to change something please let Alderman Stuckemeyer know.

APPROVE & AUTHORIZE MATT HANSEN-Willett Hoffman & Associates-Grant Application (Discussion of pump replacement/updates water plant) Mayor Nauman explained that with the pump updates the water plant can run more efficiently and treat more water with less valves being used. Alderman Stuckemeyer explained that the city can eliminate 14 valves and the grant would pay for \$17,000.00 towards the change. Also the money borrowed for the water tower the overage can be used to help pay for the changes or will need to be returned to the bond company if not used for plant updates. Mayor Nauman also explained the city can also save on electrical costs by not running so many pumps. If corrected the city can pump, filter and process water all in one sequence. This approval gives Willett Hoffman the authorization to apply for the grant at this time.

Alderman Schamberger made the motion to Approve & Authorize Willett Hoffman to Apply for Grant Funding. Seconded by Alderman Weidman. All Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW & APPROVE TAX LEVY -FISCAL 2015-Mayor Nauman asked if any of the aldermen had any changes before the levy was approved. The proposed levy is for \$302,237.00. With no changes being made Motion to Approve the Tax Levy-Fiscal 2015 was by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. All Approved.

DISCUSS & APPROVE ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78, Section 78-287 (4% Sewer Rate Increase -2015) Mayor Nauman explained that the city had pumps at the lift station that had to be replaced. The sewer ordinance had not been changed in eight years before last year so with this increase it brings it up with current expenses. Average senior cost will be \$4.20 for a year. Hank Gerdes questioned if the ordinance was the correct one because it read water instead of sewer. Alderman Dewey looked into the ordinance book and the ordinance is correct but looks wrong however the sewer is billed on water readings. Attorney Tom Sanders reviewed the ordinance and did agree it was the correct ordinance to be acted on. He explained that there were two sections one for water and one for sewer. This is the correct section being changed. Motion to Approve Ordinance Amending Chapter 78, Section 78-287 made by Aldermen Weidman and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

DISCUSS & APPROVE STORAGE BUILDING FOR EQUIPMENT (Storage of generators & backhoe) Alderman Schamberger explained that if the city were to purchase a portable car port it could be used for storage of equipment now and then when the new building is completed it can be moved to the sewer ponds and used for straw storage. The city has four bids for the portable sheds. The generators and backhoe would be stored in the building for the winter. Lowest bid is from Menards for \$3,208.28. Alderman Shaw questioned how long before it is in and who will assemble the building. Alderman Schamberger thought it would be a few weeks and the maintenance department would assemble the building. A door can be added at another time for a complete storage building. Motion to Approve the Purchase of Menards Storage Building made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Weidman. All Approved.

DISCUSS & APPROVE ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE AMBOY CITY CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE" (Downtown Development Main Street) Mayor Nauman explained that the attorney has drawn up the requested ordinance. Hank Gerdes questioned why it had seven members instead of five. Alderman Weidman wanted to know why seven members wouldn't work. Hank Gerdes just thought five people would be better at agreeing with each other and working together. Mayor Nauman would like to see the Chamber of Commerce more involved. Hank Gerdes has discussed this with president Colin Baker and they will have a member involved. Motion to table until next month made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. All Approved.

Building Inspectors Report-Working on house violations and the cleanup of properties.
Animal Report- See Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Questioned if the liquor store was legal with using the grocery store door? Mayor Nauman has talked with the property owner and it is being checked into.

Alderman Weidman-For many years as an elementary principal there has been a need in the community for a daycare center. Looking forward to Nicole Alletto opening the facility and it will be a great asset for our community.

Alderman Dewey-Please donate to the ESDA kids program as the list is very large this year with many kids for Christmas baskets.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Schamberger-Wishing everyone happy holidays.

Alderman Stuckemeyer- Thrilled to have the maintenance building project started.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Very happy with the possibility of a new daycare center and the community does have a need for childcare and all the home daycares are full. It will be a nice facility with many options for parents. The senior dinner will be held on Saturday December 20th at noon. Met with city engineers regarding MFT projects for spring/summer. Merry Christmas to everyone.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
There were 12 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

Melissa Eisenberg, RMC
City Clerk-City of Amboy