

CITY OF AMBOY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Dec 21, 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 November 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 Aldermen Dewey and Weidman. 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 Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. 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 thanked all the volunteers for all their volunteer time and hard work during 2015.

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

PARK-Alderman Schamberger –No Report.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported board member Jim Grady has resigned and the library will be looking for his replacement.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Dewey reported the aldermen reviewed the city building codes, discussed the East Main Street asbestos/house demolition and cost sharing Morgan Rd chip/seal with the county.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer-No Report.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman McLaughlin reported the walls for the new office building have been set today and the trusses will be set tomorrow.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-No Report.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

SWEAR IN JON SHIPPET-NEW POLICE OFFICER-City Clerk Melissa Eisenberg swore in Jon Shippert and he was pinned by his father Tom Shippert. Congratulations to Jon from the Mayor and Aldermen.

APPROVE STERLING ENVIRONMENTAL /ASBESTOS REMOVAL BID \$5.650.00 (Lindstrom Property/622,624,626,628 East Main St) Matt Keegan explained that the removal bid will be for professionals to remediate the asbestos but the air quality test will not be done due to the demolition by the city employees. Alderman Shaw questioned the time frame and if the city is still within the agreement. Per Matt Keegan the city has until January 18<sup>th</sup> to demolish the building and should be within the guidelines. Motion to Approve Sterling Environmental Asbestos Bid made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. Voting Yes-Weidman, Dewey, Schamberger, Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. Voting No-Shaw. Approved 5-1.

DISCUSS & APPROVE ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78, Section 78-331(c) (Late penalty increase 10%) Alderman Stuckemeyer explained that the late fee increase will be for anyone that does not pay their water bill by the due date. By doing the increase the city will not increase water/sewer rates this year. Motion to Approve Ordinance Amending Chapter 78, Section 78-331 Late Penalty 10% made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

REVIEW & APPROVE TAX LEVY -Fiscal 2016-City Clerk Melissa Eisenberg explained the tax levy does not include the bond and the abatement for the bond has been filed with the county. The levy is based on the county EAV rates and does not exceed the 105% maximum. Motion to Approve the Tax Levy made by Aldermen Dewey and Weidman. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE HIRING PAUL SMITH PART TIME OFFICER \$18.00-Police Chief Jeff Blake explained that since the department will be short with Jon Shippert in training the schools would like to have some police staff involved with the students. Also Paul will be able to make pickups for the department and help out until Jon is done with training. Motion to Approve Hiring Paul Smith made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Discuss/Approve Terry Lester Payroll Increase \$2.00 per hour-Mayor Nauman explained that during recent reviews of the police dept. Terry Lester is below average for an officer position. Motion to Approve Terry Lester \$2.00 hour increase made by Aldermen Dewey and Schamberger. All Approved.

Approve Resignation Library Board-Jim Grady-Alderman Weidman reported that Jim Grady has been on the library board for many years however his girls are now grown and are in high school and he wishes to resign from the library board. Motion to Approve Resignation of Jim Grady made by Aldermen Weidman and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Discuss/Update Dollar General-Alderman Stuckemeyer updated the city council about Dollar General coming to Amboy. The developer is willing to help pay for the front footage fees. All fees are to be paid upfront to the city before installation the estimates are \$16,000.00 for pipe, \$6,000.00 for gravel, \$8,500.00 for engineering and \$10,000.00 for excavation. If all goes as planned the store could be operating by August or September 2016. The city council will have to approve the location and the zoning will also need changed before construction can begin. Hank Gerdes questioned if the subdivision owner or purchaser will be responsible for water/sewer installation fees. Alderman Stuckemeyer wanted to see if the city council was in agreement with the project or not before he follows up with Mr. Elkin from Dollar General. Alderman Weidman felt that the city is in need of this due to the fact we no longer have a grocery store and this will benefit the community.

Discuss Fire Dept. Training Containers/Jeff Bryant-Scott Wittenauer brought a proposal for a new training center/facility that will involve containers and will be for training at the fire department instead of having to travel for training. It will also be available for other departments in the area to use. It will be painted to match the existing building and will also include a roof and stairs. It will have windows and doors and be locked when not in use. If the city approves the project a grant can be awarded for the project. Alderman Weidman wanted to make sure it was all for training and not storage. Scott Wittenauer explained it will have different phases for training purposes in each container. The sign on the project will say Lee County Training Facility. It will be located at the north end of the triangle property. Attorney Matt Keegan explained that the current law on containers is in regards to storage and not training which allows the fire department to create the training facility. Alderman Shaw was concerned about the neighbors and getting their opinions before it is started. More information to follow.

Building Inspector-Ed is in the hospital and hopefully will be home soon.

Animal Report-1 Dog call.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Wishing everyone a happy holiday season.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Alderman Weidman-Happy Holidays and enjoy your family.

Alderman Dewey-Merry Christmas.

Alderman McLaughlin-Merry Christmas.

Alderman Schamberger-Merry Christmas.

Alderman Stuckemeyer-Congratulations to Jon Shippert.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Welcome Jon Shippert to the police department. The senior dinner was a great turnout and success. Our water tower made the TeCorp calendar for October. The new office building was started today. The state has release the funds for MFT, Video Gaming and Use Tax. There is an interested party in the grocery store but it will take some time and negotiations before it opens. Happy Holidays.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. There were 13 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

Melissa Eisenberg, RMC  
City Clerk-City of Amboy