

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
December 19, 2016

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

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 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 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 reported the Senior Christmas dinner was well attended with more than 80 people that day. The bathroom sinks have been fixed and are running fine.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the Christmas walk was a success with over 300 people viewing the museum that day.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reminded everyone that the sirens will be tested all winter.

PARK-No Report.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman –No Report.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Weidman reported the committee discussed many of the items on the city council agenda.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer –No Report.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman McLaughlin reported the maintenance department is working on the new shop building a loft for storage.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer –No Report.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Chief Blake had a concern with the first parking stall in front of the grocery store. If a large vehicle parks in that spot the traffic turning can be a problem. Something the department will continue to watch.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE RESIGNATION JOHN SCHAMBERGER-WARD 2 ALDERMAN- Motion to Approve Resignation John Schamberger Ward 2 Alderman made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. All Approved.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT DONALD CLAYTON WARD 2 ALDERMAN- Motion to Approve Appointment Donald Clayton Ward 2 Alderman made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

DISCUSS ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER-REMOVAL–The calls for dogs have been minimal and it has been discussed to dissolve the position. Alderman Shaw felt that Lee County is on call and can take care of any dogs within the city. Alderman Weidman asked if the police dept. would be able to respond in an emergency situation with a dog. Chief Blake advised that they already do help with the calls. Dan Koch had questions regarding the position and the letter of termination his brother Tony received. Matt Keegan advised that this is a two-step process. He also knew his brother met with the Mayor but not the department head. Laura Koch Hicks questioned what rights her brother had according to the city handbook. Dan Koch asked if his brother could just finish out his time until April. Mayor Nauman explained that the city is paying \$400.00 a month for only one call per month and the position is not necessary anymore. Motion to Reappoint Tony Koch as Animal Control Officer made by Aldermen Shaw and Dewey. Voting No-Stuckemeyer, Clayton, McLaughlin, Dewey and Weidman. Voting Yes-Shaw. Motion Denied 5-1.

APPROVE ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AMBOY CITY CODE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-41 THROUGH 14-44 (ELIMINATING ANIMAL CONTROL)-Motion to Approve Ordinance Amending the Amboy City Code by Repealing Chapter 14, Section 14-41 Through 14-44 made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Weidman. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE BACKHOE SNOW BUCKET-MELICO ATTACHMENTS \$2,600.00- Mayor Nauman would like the city buy a snow bucket for use with the backhoe. This would save time downtown when clearing snow. It can also be used with gravel and rock during the summer months. Motion to Approve the Melico Snow Bucket made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE DIGITAL VIDEO EQUIPMENT –NEW SQUAD CAR-The video equipment in the Impala is outdated and Chief Blake is looking into a system similar to the equipment in the Dodge pickup. The equipment in the Impala is bulky and would be difficult to install and chances are it won't last much longer or be dependable. Alderman Stuckemeyer wanted to table the motion until next month. Motion to Table the Digital Video Equipment made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Weidman. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE HIRING NEW POLICE OFFICER-Officer Jon Shippert has taken another position in Byron. The city will be looking for another officer to fill that position. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to C1- Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation of Employees made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Weidman. All Approved (7:42) p.m. At 8:13p.m Meeting reconvened with aldermen answering present were Aldermen Shaw, Weidman, Dewey, McLaughlin, Clayton, Stuckemeyer. Motion to Authorize City Clerk to Advertise for Police Officer Position made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Clayton. Voting Yes-Dewey, Shaw, Weidman, Stuckemeyer and Clayton. Voting No-McLaughlin. Motion Passed 5-1.

REVIEW & APPROVE TAX LEVY-FISCAL 2017-Motion to Approve 2017 Tax Levy made by Aldermen Dewey and Weidman. All Approved.

APPROVE ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2016 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$1,385,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE) SERIES 2014, OF THE CITY OF AMBOY, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOS-Motion to Approve Ordinance Abating the Tax Levied for the Year 2016 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Bonds made by Aldermen Dewey and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Building Inspectors Report-More paperwork on abandoned homes.
Animal Report-See Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Homes are still being demolished and will continue to pursue properties as the city council moves forward.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Alderman Stuckemeyer- Nothing.
Alderman Clayton-Nothing.
Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.
Alderman Dewey-Merry Christmas to everyone.
Alderman Weidman-Merry Christmas.
Alderman Shaw-Happy Holidays.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Thank you to John Schamberger for his service as Alderman. Thank you to Tony Koch for his many years of service as animal control. The sheriff will be requesting some additional funding for 911 dispatch calls. Great job to the maintenance department with the snow removal. The new grocery is a great addition to the city and downtown business district.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.
There were 13 people present in the audience.

Submitted by
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