

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
January 19, 2015

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 December regular city council meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Stuckemeyer 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 Schamberger 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 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-Nothing.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw thanked the city crew for the snow removal in the Depot parking lot.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported that ESDA met last Sunday. The Christmas basket program gave donated to 64 kids for Christmas. Thanks to everyone that donated toys.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger reported that the batting cage facility is up and running with kids practicing for the spring/summer season. The park will need some picnic tables made for the summer season.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the board met for the regular monthly meeting. The next meeting on February 10th will be at 8pm due to schedule conflicts.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Dewey reported that committee updates were given. Discussion on snow removal from downtown and carpet at the library needing to be replaced in the future. Also review of MFT funds/revenues for the past three years.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the committee met last week to review grant information regarding the police cars.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Schamberger reported the maintenance department would like to have truck #19 body work done to prevent deterioration from salt and weather. Also the rockers on another pickup truck need to be replaced. Bids will be needed before approval. Gathering information and prices for new mowers for the summer mowing season.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the winter has been quiet with only one watermain break and some snow.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Darlene Hinkle wanted to thank the maintenance department for smoothing out the bump on Division Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSS/APPROVE OFFICE BUILDING PLANS FOR NEW MAINTENANCE OFFICE BUILDING (202 W. Main Street)-Daryl Stuckemeyer reported that he has no update or quotes yet.

APPROVE & AUTHORIZE MATT HANSEN-Willett Hoffman & Associates-Grant Application (Discussion of pump replacement/updates water plant) Alderman Stuckemeyer reported that Willett and Hoffman are working on the grant paperwork.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS & APPROVE ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE AMBOY CITY CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE" (Downtown Development Main Street) Attorney Matt Keegan has made the recommended changes to the ordinance per the city council. Two members will be city council members with the other being business owners and a member from the chamber. Hank Gerdes questioned the funding and how much the council would budget for advertising. He had a concern with waiting for approval and the spring camping season coming soon. Motion to Approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of the Amboy City Code by Adding Article IV Entitled "Community Development Committee" with a budget of \$1,000.00 made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

DISCUSS & APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SQUAD CAR- Mayor Nauman explained that there is state grant money available for new two new squad cars. Jeff Bryant is filling out the grant paperwork with no cost to the city. Motion to Approve the Grant Application for the purchase of a new squad car made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Weidman. All Approved.

DISCUSS & APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF GREEN SPACE FOR PARK APPLICATION- Mayor Nauman explained that a grant for green space is available and he would like the city to apply for it. The grant application would be to purchase property then the city would have to apply for another grant to develop the property at a later date with another grant application. Nancy Kelly questioned if this was for a park or a holding pond on the property. Mayor Nauman explained it would be used as a park. Hank Gerdes didn't think that this would solve the water problem per the engineer's last study. Mayor Nauman disagreed. Motion to Approve the Grant Application for the Purchase of Green Space made by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. Voting Yes-Stuckemeyer, Schamberger, McLaughlin, Dewey and Weidman. Voting No-Shaw. Passed 5-1.

DISCUSS & APPROVE ELECTRONIC STUN DEVICE (TASER) POLICY FOR THE AMBOY POLICE DEPARTMENT- Mayor Nauman explained that there was a situation with one of our police officers and was in need of backup but didn't get it. The request is by the officer for a taser and the officer is certified to carry the taser. Attorney Keegan advised the mayor to let him know if the taser has video and sound to be included into the policy. Each aldermen needs to review the policy before approval next month. Mayor Nauman is getting a bid for the taser cost and the insurance company has been contacted to see what changes occur to the city policy.

Building Inspectors Report-Contacting property owners regarding condemned properties.
Animal Report- See Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Watch out for the winter thaw and the frost will go into the ground causing freezing pipes. The taser sounds like a good idea for the police department safety.

Alderman Weidman-Nothing.

Alderman Dewey-Also believes the taser is a good option for the police.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Schamberger-Would like to get things moving with the new office building for the city maintenance department next month.

Alderman Stuckemeyer-Snow removal signs will be installed downtown for two hour parking downtown when snow occurs. The signs will be installed on Main Street and East Avenue.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Thanks to the city crew for the quick cleanup downtown and also to Dean Powers for helping out with the sidewalks downtown during snow storms. The new maintenance building is moving along.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.
There were 15 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

Melissa Eisenberg, RMC
City Clerk-City of Amboy