

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 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: Deanne Hoy

Brett Dewey

WARD 2: John Schamberger

Dennis Weidman

WARD 3: Daryl Stuckemeyer

Dave Shaw

MINUTE'S APPROVED-The minutes from the June regular city council meeting were presented. Correction made by Alderman Weidman regarding the number of votes per motion would only be 4-1. Motion made by Alderman 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 Hoy 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. Additional bill for Sublette Collision for \$1635.60. Making a motion to approve the bills as presented was made and seconded by Aldermen Schamberger and Weidman. 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 Dewey reported that the building has been having problems with the air conditioning system. The sislers cooler was causing the problems and has been removed.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported that the Depot Museum had their officer elections. President –Jack Dempsey, Vice-President-Helen Glessener, Secretary-Carolyn Leake. Mayor Nauman has stone samples for the museum caps from the engineers.

E.S.D.A- Alderman Dewey –Alderman Dewey reported that ESDA is doing a Smash the Car fundraiser and a Pie in the Face. The pie contest is a penny per vote.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger reported that the park board will no longer be giving the city money to purchase a mower. Anyone cutting trees in the park needs to fill out a waiver before cutting the trees. The Sports park shelter still needs a new roof.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported that the board met on July 8th and conducting interviews. The committee has given their recommendations for approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEE-Per the last finance/special meeting the land that was being auctioned was voted on again at the special meeting and approved. However per the city ordinance book the council cannot vote on an item of business unless one of the aldermen that voted no originally wants to vote again on the item. The attorney advised the Mayor that the city council cannot revote on an item that has not been passed. It is a reconsider of vote per ordinance. All city aldermen need to read the ordinance book so that everyone knows what can and cannot be done within the city business.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- No Report.

POLICE COMMISSION- No Report.

MAINT. DEPT /STREETS-Alderman Schamberger reported that the demolition of the west side storage building is done and the cement will need to be removed for the new maintenance building project. The city crew spent 13 days cleaning up trees and branches from the storm. The city is looking into purchasing a new mower. The city will be getting the downtown ready for Depot Days.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported that the media is back in the filter and it is back in service. Some discolor due to the tank being low and a fire using water and stirring up some of the low residue. It is safe to drink.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Henry Gerdes is looking for car parkers and judges for Depot Days. The 50/50 sales are already ahead of the 2013 schedule of ticket sales. All help would be greatly appreciated. Karen Bodmer had a question regarding a hydrant on Division that has been leaking since last year. Alderman Stuckemeyer explained that the valve is not repairable in the ground and a decision to put in three valves for looping needs to be made before it can be repaired. The leak does not really affect the system except for the water loss. The water department will advise the residents before the work begins in the area. Pete Rood had a question as to why the sirens were not used in the recent storm. Terry Brunt advised that the sirens are for tornados only. However a new policy should be done for high winds in storms or severe weather. Alderman Dewey asked is the policy was a city ordinance or a Lee County Storm policy. Jeff Bryant –Fire Chief advised that the power was out early and that the sirens could not be signaled due to the power outages. Terry Brunt and Alderman Dewey will meet with Kevin Lalley and review the storm siren procedures. Sergeant Blake would like to see a written policy with authority on who can signal the sirens during an emergency. Nancy Kelly had a question about the yield sign at the corner of Commercial and Monroe. Could be changed to a stop sign due to many cars running the yield sign.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON PARK STREET-TRAFFIC/PARKING/CLOSING-Alderman Schamberger has spoken to Jeff Thake School Superintendent that a proposal would be a temporary one-way for Park Street. Also a gate that could be closed during school functions for safety. The speed limit could also be lowered back to 20mph for safety. Alderman Weidman questioned what the actual issue is? Is it during school, events or speeding traffic? Alderman Schamberger explained that the school is very concerned about the traffic and a student getting hit. Alderman Weidman would like to see a sign used to slow people down instead of changing the street traffic pattern. Alderman Schamberger agreed that a mobile sign would also work for a solution. Mayor Nauman would like the speed zone lowered and possibly gates to stop traffic from using the road during events. Sue Jones explained that they currently use barricades during school functions.

NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE ON QUARTERMANI-CORRINE POWERS-DONATION-PARK BOARD-BATTING CAGES-Corrine Powers spoke on behalf of the Quarter mania fundraiser. This is a new way to auction items from vendors for .25 bids per value of the item. The number pulled wins the prize. The items are donated and the vendors purchase a table for their sales. The proceeds then are donated to the charity group selected for the month. Laura Hicks had food for sale and those proceeds benefited the Miss Amboy float. The first organization donation will be to the Amboy Park Board-Batting Cage Fund for a total of \$405.00. The next Quarter mania will be held on August 7th at 6:30pm.

APPROVE CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT INVESTMENT OF AMBOY PARK BOARD TRUST FUNDS(5/3 Bank Certificate of Deposit in the Amount of \$50,000, 5 year term, 2% annual interest)-Motion to Approve the CD Investment for \$50,000 made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

APPROVE 2014 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE (Annual Appropriate Ordinance)-Appropriations Ordinance was presented to the city council for approval by the city clerk. Motion to Approve the 2014 Appropriations Ordinance was made by Aldermen Hoy and Schamberger. All Approved.

APPROVE ORDINANCE GRANTING ZONING VARIANCE FOR A PRIVACY FENCE-BRANDON FOWLER 133. W. MAIN STREET (permitting a privacy fence less than 5 feet from lot line.)-Karen Bodmer-Zoning Board member reviewed the request with the city council. The Zoning board met and went over the property lines and neighbor lot lines before a decision was made. Neighbor Roger Eich would like to see his side the fence be 5ft off the property line. Stephanie Fowler had agreed to that request for her neighbor and is requesting a 3ft variance on the South and West side of the property. All Zoning board members approved the request. Motion to Approve Ordinance Granting Zoning Variance for Privacy Fence made by Aldermen Weidman and Dewey. All Approved.

APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT (amends the existing Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement pertaining to providing and receipt of mutual aid from other police departments in the event of an emergency or disaster)-ILEAS established an emergency mutual aid that can be drawn for assistance from other area departments in the event of an emergency situation. Attorney Matt Keegan advised to make sure the city policy covers city employees when used at an emergency that is not within the city limits. Motion to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Hoy. All Approved.

APPROVE RESIGNATION REBECCA GANT-HEAD LIBRARIAN-Alderman Weidman explained that Rebecca Gant has taken another job as a teacher and will be leaving the library. She has done a tremendous job and has seen many projects for the library and will be missed. Motion to Approve Resignation made by Aldermen Weidman and Hoy. All Approved.

APPROVE EMILY GOFF –HEAD LIBRARIAN-Alderman Weidman reported that the board members had interviews and the new head librarian will be Emily Goff. Emily has worked for the children’s library and will be very knowledgeable in her new position. Motion to Approve Emily Goff as Head Librarian made by Aldermen Schamberger and Hoy. All Approved.

APPROVE CHRISTINA HOLT –LIBRARY EMPLOYEE- Alderman Weidman presented the council with a new employee for the library. Motion to Approve Christina Holt made by Aldermen Hoy and Weidman. All Approved.

Building Inspectors Report-See Report.
Animal Report- See Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-The water lease/tower bonding has been completed and the city will need to contact Willett Hoffman to get bids for the water tower restoration as the funds need to be used within 6 months of issue. Work for the restoration would then begin in the spring when the weather warmed up for painting. The first payment on the bond will be due December 1st.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Thank you to Karen Bodmer and the Zoning board for their work on the fence ordinance. The stop signs at Commercial/Monroe will be changed next month.

Alderman Weidman-Also thank you to all the volunteers on city committees. We have many volunteers that do a great job in our community.

Alderman Dewey-Will be reviewing the ESDA policy for the storm sirens.

Alderman Hoy-As a usual request would like Mayor Nauman to resign.

Alderman Schamberger-Great job to Noble Pyro for the July 5th fireworks show. Many compliments on the location and firework from residents. Thank you to all the business

that donated to make the show a success. Asked residents to clean up their properties before Depot Days.

Alderman Stuckemeyer-The city department has worked very hard the last two weeks cleaning up the storm damage. The township also helped pick up storm damage to assist the city crew.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Mayor Nauman is looking towards a very large Depot Days crowd and 50/50 raffle. If anyone wants to volunteer that would be great. The city crew has worked very hard to cleanup town from the storm damage and there are still several dead trees that will have to be taken down. The next month will be busy with bids being taken for the streets and new maintenance building.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. There were 22 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

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City Clerk-City of Amboy