

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
July 17, 2017

Mayor John Schamberger 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

Bill Bontz

WARD 3: Daryl Stuckemeyer

Dave Shaw

MINUTE'S APPROVED-The minutes from the June regular city council meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Aldermen McLaughlin 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 Weidman and Bontz. 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 Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. Carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY BUILDING-Alderman McLaughlin reported he will be looking into new flooring for the community building. The U of I Extension approved the rental for 2017-2018.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the Depot Commission met and wanted to thank Teen Turf for their help on the Depot grounds. The building ADT security codes will be updated.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported that Goerlitz Radio is interested in our non-functioning radios that have no value.

PARK-Alderman Bontz reported the new restrooms are being installed in the building. The ash trees will be treated by Tru Green.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the library board met and thank you to Teen Turf for their help weeding and cleaning the library grounds.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Weidman reported that the committee discussed the Depot lighting, purchase of a new truck for the maintenance department, new lighting for the street lights, purchase of new garbage cans for Main Street.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman McLaughlin reported that the city crew has been cleaning up trees thru town. Also looking over state bids for a new maintenance truck. Alderman Stuckemeyer reported on the road work on Josiah and those figures for the work are lower than the bids.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the sewer ponds continue to improve with the additional chemicals.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Darlene Hinkle asked about the water leak on Division and Davis. Condolences to the Byron Walter family.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve 2017- 2018 Appropriations- The appropriations is within the guidelines with the county values. Motion to Approve 2017-2018 Appropriations made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Approve 2017 Prevailing Wage- Motion to Approve 2017 Prevailing Wage made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Approve Carriage House Electric-Generator Bid \$46,000.00(Commercial Ave) This generator would replace the old generator and it would start automatically. Then all three lift stations would have new generators. Motion to Approve Carriage House Electric Bid for \$46,000.00 made by Aldermen Weidman and Shaw. All Approved.

Discuss/Approve Repairs City Hall/Police Dept. –Mike Leslie from Willett & Hoffman inspected both buildings for repair work and has a written inspection for the aldermen. They have proposed the work needed to repair the buildings and would like the alderman to decide which option to have done. The tie rods, tuck pointing and windows all need replaced. Alderman McLaughlin felt that option 2 would be the best option for the repairs. Mayor Schamberger will setup Willett & Hoffman to get the proposal.

Discuss/Approve Bidding Cold Storage Building-West Main-Street-Alderman Weidman began the discussion on what size building the city should build and when the city would do the project? Alderman McLaughlin feels that the city should wait on this project. All Aldermen were in agreement with waiting until spring to see what funding the city has and if the state grant money gets reimbursed.

Approve Joe Alletto Graduation/Taser Raise \$1.00 (Police Dept.)Chief Blake reviewed his completed tests and he is now eligible for a certification raise. Motion to Approve Joe Alletto Certification Raise \$1.00 made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Approve New Garbage Containers-Downtown Main Street-Upbeat Furnishing-Discussion on how many to order and what to do with the old cans. The new cans will be a 33 gallon powder coated material. This will improve the downtown area. Motion to Approve New Garbage Containers from Upbeat Furnishings (6) made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Bontz. All Approved.

Discuss Planning for Blacktopping Main Street/East Ave Downtown Areas-Alderman McLaughlin had a discussion with Aaron Full from Willett & Hoffman regarding East Ave and Main Street blacktopping. Aaron Full is working on estimates for the streets. This plan would be a three year program but all streets would be blacktopped and improve the downtown business area. More discussion next month.

Building Inspectors Report-7 roof permits, 2 fence permits, 1 siding, 1 porch and 2 decks. The house on 15 S. Appleton is being inspected tonight for court. Inspected the house at 120 N. Jones that had fire damage and is being repaired and the roof rafters will also need replaced at that property.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Alderman Shaw-The fireworks display this year was amazing and a good crowd at the park again. The city may have to donate more next year for Noble Pyro.

Alderman Weidman-Nothing.

Alderman Dewey-Nothing.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Bontz-Nothing.

Alderman Stuckemeyer- Condolences to Kirks family and we are thinking of them.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Special thanks to the Amboy Fire Dept. and Steve Noble for the fireworks this year. It's a lot of work and Steve always makes Amboy look good with his show. Thanks to all of our business sponsors. The sidewalks are almost done and have made a big improvement. Working on changing the city street lighting to LED which would look better and save the city money.

Closed Session-Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Stuckemeyer. All Approve 7:43pm. At 7:53pm Motion to reconvene made by Aldermen Weidman and Shaw. Answering present were Aldermen Shaw, Weidman, Dewey, McLaughlin, Bontz and Stuckemeyer. No action.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. There were 12 people present in the audience.

Submitted by
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