

CITY OF AMBOY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
July 15, 2013

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-Absent

Dave Shaw

MINUTE'S APPROVED-The minutes from the June regular city council meeting were presented and approved after a motion was made and seconded by Aldermen Hoy 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 Weidman and Schamberger. 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 and seconded by Aldermen Dewey 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 the new microphones have arrived and will be set up for the next council meeting. Building is still busy with rentals.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the meeting was held on July 1<sup>st</sup> due to a storm. The museum will be replacing 10 windows and getting things ready for Depot Days.

E.S.D.A- Alderman Dewey reported they are getting things lined up for Depot Days. Mayor Nauman explained that the sirens are getting checked and two have been fixed.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger reported the last meeting they will be fixing some tables and the cement is ready to be started around the new building.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the monthly meeting has been changed and will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

FINANCE COMMITTEE-Alderman Hoy reported that when the committee met those items will be discussed also at the council meeting.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- No Report.

POLICE COMMISSION- No Report.

MAINT. DEPT /STREETS-Alderman Schamberger reported the city is looking into resurfacing a few alleys and the third manhole on Jones Street was completed. The concrete will be cut and asphalt completed to those spots.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Shaw reported the Jones Street manhole project is being completed and should be ready for Depot Days.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE- Henry Gerdes spoke on behalf of the Car Show requesting a need for volunteers to park cars. Anyone available please let him know. Also questioning why the concerns from the audience are now before the agenda items and not after. Attorney Matt Keegan explained it that the public still has the right to comment it just is designed for any questions that are not on the agenda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

DISCUSS VACATING ALLEYS-MILTON/APPLETON/GILSON- Bernie Kessel has not had the survey completed yet for his property or Teen Turf.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

DISCUSS DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK-AMBOY FAMILY RESTAURANT/AMBOY NEWS- The wall under the Amboy Family Restaurant has been blocked and completed. If the city would start the first third of the project the city would know what the cost would be when all work is done. Alderman Shaw wanted to know how long the first part would take to get everything put back together. Attorney Matt Keegan questioned if the city had a contract with the laborer. Alderman Hoy questioned how the project could be done for less than \$20,000 when the bid was \$94,000. Mike Richetta from Chamlin explained that by going with a different handrail the cost decreased from the project and with city workers also removing the sidewalk that cost has also been removed from the original bid. A company from Libertyville that does railings could save \$10,000 from the bid paperwork. Another \$10,000 savings from traffic control and from filling the void with chips instead of concrete saves another \$18,000 on cement. The railing will have to be bid out for the project. Motion to Approve the downtown city sidewalk first third made by Aldermen

**DISCUSS WATER BILLING POLICY**

Building Inspectors Report-See Report.

Animal Report- See Report.

**ATTORNEY CONCERNS-**

**COUNCIL CONCERNS-**

Alderman Shaw- Gordon Parker passed away and the city thanks him for the land donation many years ago where the current ball field now is used at the city park.

Alderman Dewey-Nothing.

Alderman Hoy-Reminder that there will be fireworks and music on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and you can still make donations at city hall or the Amboy Pharmacy.

Alderman Schamberger- Nothing.

Alderman Stuckemeyer- Nothing.

**MAYOR CONCERNS-** The city workers are in the process of taking down the American Automotive building. However there was asbestos in a chimney area. A certified asbestos cleaner was called in from Roscoe Illinois and samples have been taken. Paperwork for cleanup has been submitted to the EPA and is awaiting approval for the demolition of the building. The Amboy City Park is signed up for a grant process through the Coca Cola website and people need to vote for us to win. Also the position of animal control will be eliminated effective April 30<sup>th</sup> 2014. An ordinance will need to be approved at a council meeting.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. There were 14 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

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