

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
June 16, 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-Absent

WARD 3: Daryl Stuckemeyer

Dave Shaw

MINUTE'S APPROVED-The minutes from the May regular city council meeting were presented. 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 Stuckemeyer. 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 Hoy and Schamberger. 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 seventeen events scheduled and to make reservations soon for events.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported that the Depot Museum met on May 26th and the city has installed some scaffolding for entry into the building for tourists. The ten windows on the west side have been replaced with the donation from the Depot Days Car Show Committee.

E.S.D.A- Alderman Dewey –Alderman Dewey reported that the FCC license has been changed to the right category for radio service.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger reported the Shapiro family has donated the money to replace the roof at the shelter. A few trees need to be removed before they fall. Still looking for any advice on the statues. The city council needs to decide if they are going to keep the mower maintenance account fund balance of \$3,039.82 or donate the funds back to the park board. Vote to be taken at the July council meeting.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman-No Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE-Alderman Hoy reported that all items that were discussed are on the new business for tonight's agenda.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- No Report.

POLICE COMMISSION- No Report.

MAINT. DEPT /STREETS-Alderman Schamberger reported that the city crew has a lot of projects to complete for summer.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported that the media is back in the filter and that will be back online soon. The sewer ponds seem to be adjusting to the treatments.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Sue England spoke about the alderman and their rolls in the community. Alderman Shaw is always working hard, Alderman Weidman also does a lot for the library, and Alderman Hoy is always doing something for the community. She was at the park with some people and she saw a young man slap a girl she then asked him why he did that? He said it was called doing the Tom. I find that to be very embarrassing and that is not what we want for the city. This all began over you telling a person to wait until spring for water. To hit Alderman Hoy twice you should not be in office for that. Mayor Nauman explained that once the investigation is done then it will all be handled. Sue England interfered if it was anyone else they would have been asked to step down. Hank Gerdes wanted everyone to know that due to the demand for 50/50 tickets they have started selling tickets. Current locations are Napa Auto, Mort's Tap, Last Alarm, Depot Museum and the Shamrock in Dixon. Randy Singleton wanted to find out about the policy on cats. If they are tagged the animal is returned to the owner and a ticket issued. Mayor Nauman explained that city does not trap cats. Randy Singleton explained that several people due in fact have cages. Since the city sells tags are they responsible? Mayor Nauman advised that if a cat is captured Tony Koch must be notified so the cat can be returned to the owner if it has a city tag. If you trap an untagged cat you as an individual are taking a risk of not returning someone's pet. Randy Singleton questioned how the ordinance was written and what was required.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVE MFT STREET MAINTENANCE IDOT RESOLUTION & ENGINEERING (RESOLUTION SEEKING IDOT APPROVAL OF STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT) -Mike Richetta from Chamlin & Associates explained the resolution and engineering costs. Total cost estimate for the project is \$55,000.00 for 2014 MFT Street Maintenance. Motion to Approve the IDOT Resolution & Engineering Agreement for MFT Street Maintenance made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

APPROVE & AUTHORIZE CHAMLIN & ASSOCIATES TO BID 2014 MFT STREETS PER IDOT (AUTHORIZATION TO BID STREET MAINTENANCE)-Mike Richetta explained the street maintenance to be done. He read a list of streets (on file in clerk's office) Alderman Hoy questioned if the plan was still for Main Street to be chip and sealed? Mayor Nauman answered yes to that question. Motion to Approve & Authorize Chamlin & Associates to Bid 2014 MFT Street Project made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. Voting Yes-Shaw, Schamberger, Stuckemeyer, Dewey. Voting No-Hoy. Passed 4-1.

DISCUSS DEPOT MUSEUM REPAIRS-CHIMNEYS-Mayor Nauman explained that an engineer from Chamlin & Associates has reviewed the repair work and it putting together the bid packet information and having a pre-bidding meeting to be held on Monday June 23 for all interested bidders is mandatory. Then on June 30th at 3pm the bids will be opened at city hall by Chamlin & Associates.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (Alternate Revenue Source), SERIES 2014, OF THE CITY OF AMBOY, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,700,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING WATER PLANT CAPITAL LEASE, FINANCING CERTAIN CAPITAL RELATED PROJECTS OF THE CITY AND PAYING FOR COSTS RELATED THERETO (Approval of Water and Sewer Bond Ordinance to Issue Bonds). Attorney Matt Keegan explained that this is the ordinance to set forth the bonds. It has the annual requirements and after it is approved the bond will go to market and depending on rates the bond closing will be on or before July 17th. This refinances the current water plant lease with additional money to repair the water tower. The engineering and bids for that project will need to be done as soon as possible with bids being taken in the fall and work done in the spring. Hank Gerdes wanted to know how many years has the city paid the lease? What is the new term of the bonds compared to the old lease? The new bonds will be paid in December 1, 2022 with the same payments. Alderman Dewey asked John Vezzetti what the rates are looking at for this bond. John Vezetti explained that given the city's current credit rating of AA- which the city should be proud of as many municipalities do not receive that high of a credit rating. The city is looking into rates of 2.25 -2.35 % and netting around \$55,000-\$65,000 in savings. It also is paying the interest on the current additional money being added to fund the water tower repairs. Motion to Approve An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014, of the City of Amboy, Lee County, Illinois in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$1,700,000 for the Purpose of Refunding the City's Outstanding Water Plant Capital Lease, Financing Certain Capital Related Projects of the City and Paying for Costs Related Thereto (Approval of Water and Sewer Bond Ordinance to Issue Bonds).made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. All Approved.

APPROVE 2014 PREVAILING WAGE-Motion to Approve the 2014 Prevailing Wage Act made by Aldermen Hoy and Schamberger. Voting Yes-Shaw, Hoy, Stuckemeyer and Schamberger. Voting No-Dewey. Passed 4-1.

APPROVE RESIGNATION CAROL BIESTER-DEPOT MUSEUM-Motion to Approve the Resignation of Carol Biester made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Dewey. All Approved.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT JUDI CALLISON-DEPOT MUSEUM-Motion to Approve the Appointment of Judi Callison to the Depot Museum made by Aldermen Dewey and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

APPROVE LEASE FOR MAINTANCE DEPT. STORAGE-MCCOY STORAGE BUILDING -\$50.00 MONTHLY(Approval of Lease for Storage at McCoy Storage-Mayor Nauman explained due to American Automotive building being torn down the maintenance dept. needs a place to store some of their items and equipment. Motion to Approve the Lease for Storage made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF FIREWORKS LOCATION (MOVING FROM DOWNTOWN TO THE CITY SPORTS PARK)-Steve Noble spoke on behalf of the fireworks. He would like to see the family's be able to sit in a park and enjoy the fireworks. The people downtown will still be able to view the fireworks from that location. Jeff Bryant Sr. also had concerns with people sitting in cars on 52 and safety reasons. Alderman Hoy had concerns with parking at the Sports Park. Motion to Approve the New Fireworks Location to the Sports Park made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. Voting Yes-Dewey, Shaw, Stuckemeyer and Schamberger. Voting No-Hoy. Passed 4-1.

DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF CITY DONATION FOR 2014 FIREWORKS-Jeff Bryant has sent out donation letters however they are still in need of additional funds due to a large sponsor dropping out this year. Alderman Dewey questioned what amount the city was recommending? Alderman Hoy explained that before the fireworks committee never asked the city for a donation. The reason that a committee was formed was because the city could not afford the fireworks and the business owners all donated to keep the fireworks. Alderman Schamberger thought the city could donate and help out by using some of the gambling machine revenues. Donations have been made however it may not be enough to cover the costs of the fireworks. Alderman Dewey felt that has begun to be a great event for Amboy and would hate to see it not work out this year. Alderman Hoy explained that in the past few years this brought business back to town and helped the bar owners during a busy holiday. She believes that the money can be raised without the city donating the money. Motion to donate \$2,000 to the 2014 Fireworks made by Aldermen Dewey and Schamberger. Voting Yes-Stuckemeyer, Shaw, Dewey, Schamberger. Voting No-Hoy. Passed 4-1.

DISCUSSION ON PARK STREET-TRAFFIC/PARKING/CLOSING-Mayor Nauman installed a street counter on Park Street to see what kind of traffic pattern is on Park Street. Within 48 hours 668 cars traveled that street with school not in session. Alderman Schamberger got an aerial shot of the road and would like to see if it could be turned into a one-way. If everyone just wants to look into what the city could do to fix the problem as traffic is traveling way to fast and someone might get run over. It seems to be used a lot however a one way could fix some of that traffic. Alderman Shaw has met with Principal Joyce Schamberger and would recommend the speed zone be reduced at all times due to people traveling very fast. Randy Singleton also agreed that they travel very fast heading west on Park Street. Mayor Nauman explained that it was 20mph years ago however the previous Mayor changed it. The concern is if this is changed to a one-way then the buses won't be able to use that road to get to the bus garage. If gates were installed and could be closed during school and then open after school and for weekends and summer. Alderman Schamberger thought the gates may work out without having to change the road. Alderman Dewey asked if there would be one gate or two gates. Mayor Nauman would like to see two gates. Hank Gerdes and Sue Jones questioned why now the road is an issue since the school has been there for so many years. Alderman Schamberger explained that traffic is going very fast when they travel by the Jr. High School. Alderman Shaw said one of our four police officers could sit there. Alderman Hoy explained that of the four officers we have only two work during the day and not all four. They are sometimes in court and always busy working on items. Jeff Bryant does feel that Main Street speed should be reduced due to Teen Turf, Jr. High School, downtown business area and the Pankhurst Memorial Library and the City Park. It's a long road with many people traveling that road every day. There are no cross walks and campers do not realize the location of the library. Mayor Nauman also did the traffic study on Main Street with 3943 cars in three days.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY (Bid to Purchase Vacant Lots on Locust Street-PIN-02-15-23-101-020. –Mayor Nauman explained the empty lot by the maintenance garage is for sale for taxes. It is land locked and of no use to anyone and he would like to see the city bid on the lot. The minimum bid is \$661.00 due to the property taxes not being paid. The bids are being accepted until July 11th. Attorney Keegan advised that the city should have title work done before a bid being submitted. The resolution is to authorize the mayor to place a sealed bid up to a maximum dollar amount. Hank Gerdes questioned if the lots were connected to the others on Locust Street. Attorney Keegan explained this lot is separate from the other property with the home and garage on Locust. Randy Singleton questioned how necessary is this lot for the building since a new location is going to be used for equipment. Hank Gerdes also asked what will the old building be used for if this property is acquired. Alderman Schamberger thought it would benefit our current piece of property. Motion to Approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to bid the max at \$2,000 made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. Voting Yes-Stuckemeyer and Schamberger. Voting No-Hoy, Dewy, Shaw. Denied 3-2.

Building Inspectors Report-See Report.

Animal Report- See Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Last week the Mayor, Melissa, Auditor George Roach participated in a call regarding the credit rating for the city. The city received a AA-rating and did a very good job.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Schools out and watch for the children playing.

Alderman Dewey-Does not like the way the city has to bid on that lot.

Alderman Hoy-Also agrees that the bid for the lot is not a great business option and not usable for anyone else with no access to it. It was also brought to her attention that she did not ask for Mayor Nauman's resignation last meeting and once again would like to ask the mayor to step down. Appreciation to Sue for her words but the victim should never be blamed for what has happened. Some people are bullies.

Alderman Schamberger-Wishes everyone a safe 4th of July.

Alderman Stuckemeyer-He disagrees with Sue's comments and no one should judge until the State Police are done with their investigation. Alderman Hoy explained that Daryl knows there was an incident but is waiting until that is finished. Mayor Nauman and Alderman Hoy both know what happened. Mayor Nauman asked the State Police the day that this happened to investigate and then it sat at the States Attorney's office for 8 weeks. We will let them do their investigation. Sue England thought it is getting ridiculous that everyone keeps talking about it and no one knows what happened. It is an embarrassment for this town and kids are making fun of it now. No man should hit a woman for any reason. Mayor Nauman agreed with Sue and wants to let it lay and let the State Police do their job. Sue England believes Deanne and will apologize if wrong. Mayor Nauman told her she better get ready. As far as the Depot Museum the bricks are loose and are a hazard even with the scaffolding. We will know more next Monday. Also the trees at the city park are a risk.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Mayor

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. There were 20 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

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City Clerk-City of Amboy