

CITY OF AMBOY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 20, 2016

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 May regular city council meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. 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 Dewey. 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 McLaughlin and Stuckemeyer. 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 –No Report.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the museum is looking forward to the summer months of tourism. The engine will be painted before Depot Days.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported that he and Chief Blake will be meeting with Kevin Lalley to discuss weather warnings/sirens with other communities.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger reported the park board has a few small projects to do and lots of people are using the shelters for reunions and parties.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman-No Report.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Dewey reported the Aldermen discussed the ESDA Sirens from the last storm, sewer treatment for the ponds and the officer residency policy.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer-No Report.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman McLaughlin reported the maintenance department has been cleaning up from the storm and also working on the office building.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the new bubblers have been installed and the ponds are looking better.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Hank Gerdes reported the pre-entrys for the car show are ahead of schedule and more car parkers are needed. The Fire Dept. has offered their parking lot for use on Sunday. Would like to request the city to consider behind the shop on Short Street which is a one-way street to changing it back to a two way street. Sue Englund was concerned about a tree that was trimmed on the highway.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

UPDATE DOLLAR GENERAL PROJECT-Alderman Schamberger will setup a date for Mr. Duntemann to attend a meeting and discuss possible location for the new dollar store.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Asbestos Inspection at 204 W Hubbard (Contingent upon finalization of the demolition order with the court) Attorney Tom Sanders discussed the next steps on the property. Motion to Approve Asbestos Inspection by Sterling Environmental for \$375.00 made by Aldermen Schamberger and Shaw. All Approved.

Discuss/Approve 2016 Sidewalk Replacement Bid- Mark Meador-\$6.50sq ft.-The city advertised for bids on city sidewalk replacement. The city received two bids and Mark Meador was the low bid at \$6.50 per square foot. Motion to Approve Mark Meador for 2016 Sidewalk Replacement Bid made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Weidman. Voting Yes-Weidman, Dewey,Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. Voting No-Shaw and McLaughlin. Passed 4-2.

Approve Electric Aggregation Letters to Residents Regarding Rates-Mayor Nauman explained that the current Com Ed rates have dropped lower than the city's aggregation rate and Rock River Energy will send letters to the residents so they can opt out of the program if they decided to. The savings would be around \$7.00 per month. Motion to Approve Electric Aggregation Letters to Residents made by Aldermen Dewey and McLaughlin. Voting Yes-Weidman, Dewey, McLaughlin, Shaw, Stuckemeyer. Abstain-Schamberger. Approved. 5-0.

Discuss Officer Residency for Police Department-Chief Jeff Blake discussed the current residency policy and that the council has time to review the mileage in that policy. More information next meeting.

Approve Ordinance for State Bid Police Dept.-2017 Ford Police Interceptor SUV – Wright Automotive for \$28,354.00-Chief Jeff Blake has requested the city replace the 10 year old 2006 squad car. The 2008 Impala is having some mechanical problems and the city is replacing tires, door locks, brakes and rotors.

Aldermen Dewey would like a quarterly report on repairs to the squad. Motion to Approve Ordinance for State Bid Wright Automotive \$28,354.00 made by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. Approved.

Approve Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Part-Time Depot Museum Employee Maricela Velazquez –Motion to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Part-Time Employee Maricela Velazquez made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Approve Ordinance Granting Zoning Variance for New Building Construction Setback Molly Meusel-303 S. Mason Ave (building construction permit 9ft 4 inches from intersection) Zoning Member-Karen Bodmer updated the council regarding the zoning variance all the members went to the property and viewed the measurements. The zoning board recommends that the city council approve the 9ft 4inch setback for the new building. Motion to Approve the Ordinance Granting Zoning Variance for Molly Meusel made by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. All Approved.

Approve Fireworks Donation \$2,000 (Amboy 4th of July Fireworks) Amboy Fire Department is again hosting the fireworks for Amboy and are asking for the same donation as last year. Motion to Approve the Fireworks Donation of \$2,000.00 made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. All Approved.

Approve Brian Schemmel-Park Tree Carving Repairs \$2,000 –Brian Schemmel is ready to work on the woodcarvings in the park. Motion to Approve Brian Schemmel –Park Tree Carvings Repairs \$2,000.00 made by Aldermen Shaw and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Approve Certification Raise Blair Crum –Water License .25-Aldermen Stuckemeyer reported that Blair has passed his water license test and is doing a great job. Motion to Approve Certification Raise for Blair Crum made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Weidman. All Approved.

Approve Retroactive Pay for Lisa Hart Taser Certification \$406.38-Mayor Nauman explained that when her approval was done in May it was not retroactive to her Taser certification. Motion to Approve Retroactive Pay for Lisa Hart Taser Certification \$406.38 made by Aldermen Dewey and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Approve Resignation Library Board-Joyce Dale-Motion to Approve Resignation Library Board made by Aldermen Weidman and Dewey. All Approved.

Approve Resignation Depot Museum-Clint Conway-Motion to Approve Resignation Clint Conway Depot Museum made by Aldermen Shaw and Weidman. All Approved.

Approve Appointment Depot Museum-Diane Carbonari –Motion to Approve Appointment Depot Museum-Diane Carbonari made by Aldermen Shaw and Dewey. All Approved.

Executive Session –Litigation 2(C)(11) Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Litigation 2(C)(11) made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Weidman. All Approved (7:38) pm. At 8:23 Motion to reconvene made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. Answering present were Aldermen Shaw, Weidman, Dewey, McLaughlin, Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. Mayor Nauman explained that during Executive Session the council discussed litigation and the city council needs to approve a meeting with the EPA. Motion to Approve the Attorney to Setup a Meeting with the EPA Regarding Violations of the Sewer Ponds made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Building Inspectors Report-Working with the attorneys on some more demolitions.

Animal Report-4 Dog calls.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

#### COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Thank you to the Zoning Board for having a special meeting and approving the request for Molly Meusel. Everyone have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Alderman Weidman-Thank you to the homeowners around town that are doing a great job on their homes and yards. Very proud of those that are putting in the extra effort to make our town look good.

Alderman Dewey-Thank you to the Police Dept., Fire Dept. and the Maint Dept. for their quick response the night of the storm. Roads were passable and clear all because of everyone's help.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Schamberger-Nothing.

Alderman Stuckemeyer-The city crew has done a wonderful job helping install the bubblers at the sewer ponds and doing things they have never done before. They have done a great job and are really appreciated.

MAYOR CONCERNS-In regards to the ponds we thought the city crew could do the welding on the plastic piping and we didn't have the equipment to install those. So we did have to spend some extra money for the installation but it has made a difference.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. There were 16 people present in the audience.

Submitted by  
Melissa Eisenberg, RMC