

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
June 19, 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 May regular city council meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Aldermen Weidman 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 Alderman McLaughlin 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 Dewey and Stuckemeyer. Carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY BUILDING-Alderman McLaughlin reported the city council has a bid for new gutters and downspouts for the building.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the Depot has the Amboy lettering back on the building like it was years ago. Sensient employees have been keeping the parking lot clean.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey-No Report.

PARK-Alderman Bontz –No Report.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman –No Report.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Weidman reported that there was discussion about the Depot ledge, city hall/police dept. inspections, street bids for resurfacing and other projects for the future.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman McLaughlin-The maintenance department is finishing working on the straw shed at the ponds. They also have been finishing the interior trim at the new office.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported that the sludge levels in the sewer ponds have begun to recede with one treatment. The water plant valves have been installed and the pumps will need to be hooked up.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Mike Koppien had a concern about the Depot ledge and what the city is expecting from a contractor. Also a contractor had stopped by the museum and said the city should seal the bricks however the previous opinion was to not seal the bricks. Mayor Schamberger will be discussing the repairs with an engineer.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve American Gutters Bid \$3,495.00(Community Bldg. Gutters/Downspouts) Bid is for 5inch gutters with downspouts on each side and leaf shelters included. Motion to Approve American Gutters Bids \$3,495.00 made by Aldermen Shaw and Dewey. All Approved.

Approve Amending Boundaries of the Lee County Enterprise Zone (Additional Property)- Andy Shaw from the Lee County Enterprise Zone presented the council with some updates on the new zone. The new board voted to bring Amboy back into the enterprise zone due to Sensient Technologies and Maplehurst getting tax abatements and building materials tax exemption. The new zone is now only for commercial and industrial property at this time no residential is included. The enterprise zone is asking for a payment of \$3,670.00 this year for cost of updating the mapping and an additional \$670.00 per year. Motion to Approve Lee County Enterprise Zone payment \$3,670.00 for 2017 and \$670.00 annually made by Aldermen Dewey and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Approve Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Part-Time Employee Leroy Dukes (Part-Time Summer Maintenance) Motion to Approve the Hiring of Part-Time Employee Leroy Dukes made by Aldermen Weidman and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Discuss/Approve Grant Finder Program Annual Fee \$895.00-Mayor Schamberger felt that this would be a great tool to find grants and see what opportunities could be out there for the city. Alderman Dewey wanted to know if anyone had used the program? Chief Jeff Bryant has the fire department use it to find grants. Motion to Approve Grant Finder Program Annual Fee \$895.00 made by Aldermen Bontz and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance for the Purchase of 2017 John Deere Z997R Diesel Mower Holland & Sons-Mayor Schamberger explained that the city council would like to get a rotation for the mowers and keep them under warranty. The bid to trade the mower and purchase the new John Deere is \$7,500.00. Motion to Approve Ordinance for the Purchase of 2017 John Deere Z997R Diesel Mower from Holland and Sons for \$7,500.00 made by Aldermen Weidman and McLaughlin. Voting Yes-Bontz, Stuckemeyer, McLaughlin, Shaw and Weidman. Dewey –Abstain. Approved.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance Selling 2015 John Deere Z997R Diesel Mower- Motion to Approve Ordinance Selling 2015 John Deere Z997R Diesel Mower made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. Voting Yes-Shaw, Weidman, McLaughlin, Bontz, Stuckemeyer. Dewey-Abstain. Approved.

Discuss Sunday Liquor Hours for License Holders-Mayor Schamberger had an inquiry from the grocery store about the Sunday liquor hours. They had several sales that could not be done due to the time for Sunday sales. The change would only affect packaged liquor licenses. A listing of hours for other towns was read and given to each alderman. Alderman McLaughlin asked about the current hours and what the owner would prefer. Chief Blake did have a concern with changing the hours on Sunday. More information to follow next meeting.

Discuss/Approve Fireworks Donation \$2,500.00 (Amboy 4th of July Fireworks) Fireworks will be on Saturday July 1st. Motion to Approve Fireworks Donation made by Aldermen Shaw and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Building Inspectors Report-3 building inspections this month. Questions on a garage addition, 2 decks and 1 fence issue.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Alderman Shaw-Taken calls on a yard not being mowed due to a foreclosure. Depot meeting next Tuesday (4th Tuesday of the month).

Alderman Weidman-Street bid for MFT if it is not a good bid then the city should wait. Alderman Stuckemeyer commented that the bids are a good deal at \$57.00 a ton and are comparable to the county bid. Alderman Weidman was in favor but will not be able to attend the special meeting.

Alderman Dewey-Nothing.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Bontz-Frustrated with all the U-turns downtown.

Alderman Stuckemeyer- Does the city council still want the sign for the grocery store installed at the first parking stall? Aldermen were in agreement to install the sign.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Thank you to everyone that came tonight. If anyone wants to sit and talk I will setup a time to meet with you. The Amboy Fire Dept. has access to three generators that could be installed at the community building, city hall and a third one to be placed depending on the hook ups. Thank you to Don Clayton for working on the properties around town. Had a meeting with some business owners regarding a tourism/business committee and there will be more information to follow in the next few months. Anyone interested is welcome to join the new group. Great news from the YMCA that they would like to have a facility in Amboy. Andy McFarland and I met and we are looking for 20-30 people to form a committee. This is much needed in our town and looking forward to more information in the next few months. Don't miss the fireworks on the 1st.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.
There were 16 people present in the audience.

Submitted by
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