

CITY OF AMBOY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
March 16, 2015

Mayor Pro Tem Daryl Stuckemeyer called the Regular meeting of the Amboy City Council to order and the council and audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Nauman-Absent

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 February regular city council meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. 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 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 McLaughlin reported the city has a bid from Boss Carpet for new carpeting for the extension office.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported TNT Tuck-pointing has removed the bad sections of the ledge on the Depot Museum. They will be submitting a bid for the repairs.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported the El Vista siren is still not working properly and it will be checked.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger wanted to remind coaches and parents that after baseball games to please empty the garbage cans and cleanup before they leave the property. The new batting facility is busy with all baseball/softball groups using the building for practices.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the board met for the regular monthly meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Weidman reported that the committees met discussing grant options, library carpet, ESDA sirens and the library roof.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported that a video camera is needed for Jeff's squad car.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Schamberger reported the city will be having a spring cleanup and to report any potholes to city hall.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Shaw reported everything is going well.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-Alderman McLaughlin reported the committee will be meeting next week.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Hank Gerdes questioned the attorney about the resolution for hiring employees and why it has to be done each time. Attorney Keegan explained that is the proper way to hire employees for the city. Pete Rood announced the upcoming Fish Fry at Teen Turf.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

DISCUSS/APPROVE OFFICE BUILDING PLANS FOR NEW MAINTENANCE OFFICE BUILDING (202 W. Main Street)-Alderman Stuckemeyer is working on concrete bids for the new office building.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

APPROVE MFT STREET MAINTENANCE IDOT RESOLUTION & ENGINEERING (Resolution Seeking IDOT Approval of Street Maintenance Project)

The resolution is for MFT Street Maintenance for Provost Street/Central School. This is the paperwork for IDOTS approval for the 2015 project. The street will be widened and a new coat of asphalt, curb, gutter, sidewalks will all be updated for the school. Hank Gerdes asked if the water/sewer lines had been updated before the street is redone. Mayor Pro-Tem Daryl Stuckemeyer explained the lines are further down on the street and should not be affected or a problem. Motion to Approve the MFT IDOT Resolution made by Aldermen Schamberger and Weidman. All Approved.

APPROVE & AUTHORIZE CHAMLIN & ASSOCIATES TO BID 2015 MFT STREETS PER IDOT (Authorization to Bid Street Maintenance/Central School/Provost) By approving this Chamlin and Associates can go ahead and bid the project once IDOT has approved their paperwork. Motion to Approve & Authorize Chamlin & Associates to Bid MFT Streets per IDOT made by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. All Approved.

APPROVE & AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW COMMERCIAL DIESEL MOWERS (Holland & Sons/\$28,000.00) Alderman Schamberger explained the city has

been looking into purchasing two diesel John Deere commercial mowers with 72 inch decks to replace the two grasshopper mowers the city currently uses for mowing.

The city would trade in the two grasshopper mowers and pay \$14,000 and lease the remainder of the balance. The lease would be for three years at a rate of 4% and a five year warranty will be included with a \$1.00 buyout at the end of the lease. Motion to Approve & Authorize the Purchase/Lease of Two New Commercial Diesel Mowers from Holland and Sons for \$28,000.00 made by Aldermen Schamberger and Weidman. Voting Yes-Shaw, Weidman, McLaughlin, Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. Abstain-Dewey. Approved.

APPROVE & AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE –PLAINWELL BRASS INC.-Floor Heat Supplies \$10,590.86 (New Maintenance Building Heated Floor) Mayor Pro Tem Daryl Stuckemeyer explained that the in floor heat for the new shop will cost the city \$10,590.86 without the boiler unit. The city maintenance department will be installing the in floor heat and hooking up the piping. Motion to Approve & Authorize the purchase from Plainwell Brass Inc. –Floor Heat for \$10,590.86 made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. All Approved.

APPROVE & AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE-BOSS CARPET-Extension Office Carpet \$2,380.53 (Purchase and Install Carpet –U of I Office Area) Melissa Eisenberg explained that the city has received a bid from Boss Carpet for carpet replacement. The old carpet is worn and in bad shape. The University of Illinois has a new lease for 2015-2016 for all office space again. Motion to Approve & Authorize the Purchase of Carpet from Boss Carpet for \$2,380.53 made by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. All Approved.

APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEE Gordon Koch –Seasonal Mowing 2015-Mayor Pro Tem Daryl Stuckemeyer explained that Rich Geiger only wants to work part time and Gordon Koch also only wants part time mowing so they will alternate days during the week for mowing. Motion to Approve Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Part-Time Employee-Gordon Koch made by Aldermen Schamberger and Shaw. All Approved.

Building Inspectors Report-Letters have been sent to property owners. Next step will be to have the attorney write letters to homeowners.

Animal Report- 1 Dog Fine.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Alderman Eric McLaughlin asked Attorney Matt Keegan if the city could purchase homes for taxes and then proceed to demo them after the property was acquired. Attorney Matt Keegan advised that he didn't think the city could do this since they were a governmental entity.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Thank you to Mayor Nauman for clearing the sidewalks this winter from Teen Turf to the Jr. High School. There are many students that walk that route in the winter.

Alderman Weidman-Nothing.

Alderman Dewey-Nothing.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Schamberger-The next downtown business meeting will be Monday at 5:30pm. Looking for any ideas or suggestions for our community.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Mayor Pro Tem Daryl Stuckemeyer reported that he, Dennis Weidman and Brett Dewey will be attending a mayors meeting regarding the tax cuts the State of Illinois is talking about for municipalities.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. There were 11 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

Melissa Eisenberg, RMC  
City Clerk-City of Amboy