

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
March 20, 2017

Mayor Tom 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: Dennis Weidman

Donald Clayton

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 Stuckemeyer and Weidman. 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 Clayton and McLaughlin. 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 Weidman and Dewey. 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 first meeting will be on March 27th at 6pm.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported the new siren is almost hooked up.

PARK-Alderman Clayton reported the park had the Liston shelter roof replaced with steel. The park is getting some trees donated in memory of Doug Payne.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the library board met on March 14th with no new business.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Weidman reported the finance committee met to discuss city bids for MFT 2017, proposed dispatch agreement and ATV Policy.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the city will be hiring a new officer.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman McLaughlin reported the city will be approving some bids for the new office building.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported that the tank needs to be cleaned and that item is on the agenda for approval.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Fire Chief Jeff Bryant announced the 145th Anniversary Celebration to be held August 19th at the Amboy Fire Station.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Simonton –Public Safety Sales Tax Increase-New Jail-Jon Simonton did a presentation on the jail and the current conditions at the jail. A review of the jail and the housing conditions were presented with a slide show of photos and information. The jail used to be able to house 66 prisoners however now can only hold 42 due to new size requirements for jail facilities. Many pipes are leaking and the facility is not ADA compliant. Wendy Ryerson explained the best funding option is a public safety sales tax that everyone would pay not just property owners. Tax exempt items are groceries, vehicles, prescription medications. Jon Simonton explained the new facility and upgrades that will happen if the increase is passed. All operations would be under one roof with increased effectiveness and security. The facility would be an 80 bed facility and be able to have segregation and contracts with other county jails. Make sure to vote on April 4th.

Lora Fassler-Smoke Free Parks Program-The program is thru the Lee County Health Dept. and is for smoke free parks. She had containers that the Teen Turf kids picked up with cigarette butts and litter that filled the jars. The kids were concerned about their parks and the litter left by smoking adults. The Teen Turf center made posters and are supporting smoke free parks. Cigarette smoke even outside affects the population, animals and environment. Alderman Weidman would like to have the park board involved in the decision.

Discuss/Approve Fire Dept. Training Containers-Scott Wittenauer Assistant Chief reviewed the containers the fire department was interested in obtaining from Sauk. The Amboy Fire Dept. is known for its training and Spring Extrication Training. The Sauk fire program is not going to have the fire science program and is offering the training unit to the first department that can pick them up. If the Amboy Fire Dept. would get the units it would add additional training to the department's current setup. The fire department used to be able to train in homes however the paperwork and availability is limited in the area. These units would be able to train for search and rescue and fire training. Some photos were handed out of what the additional containers would look like at the fire department. Alderman Weidman was concerned on how this would affect the area with additional units. Attorney Matt Keegan was concerned about how many structures are permitted and the zoning of the property.

The fire department owns that part of the property and they lease the rest with the city. The city attorney will look into the zoning and description of the property. Motion to Table the Fire Dept. Training Containers made by Aldermen Weidman and Dewey. All Approved.

Approve Bids Cold Storage Building (202 W. Main)-Alderman Stuckemeyer had the bids for the cold storage building. The city took bids for two different size buildings that were comparable to the new maintenance building. The bids received are from Precision Buildings in Ashton \$104,210.00, N.L. Morton in Mendota \$96,700.00 and Rural Renovators in Franklin Grove \$66,800.00 all for the 60x80 building. Bids for the 60x120 Precision Buildings \$139,880.00, N.L. Morton \$131,750.00 and Rural Renovators \$97,200.00. The Rural Renovators bid looked like it did not have the prevailing wage on those bids. Alderman McLaughlin was concerned on the bids and would like more information on the prevailing wage information for Rural Renovators. Alderman Stuckemeyer was concerned that the bids were not for the same specifications and would not match the new building. Mayor Nauman agreed that the bids were irregular. Attorney Matt Keegan recommended that the city re-bid the project so that everyone bids on the same information. Motion to Table the Bids for Cold Storage Building made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. Voting Yes-Weidman, Dewey, McLaughlin, Clayton and Stuckemeyer. Voting No-Shaw. Tabled 5-1.

Approve Bids Electrical Installation Office (202. W. Main) Alderman McLaughlin had received bids for the office electric work. The lowest bid was Carriage House Sublette \$16,945.00, Sparkys Electrical Solutions, Byron \$21,142.00, Preferred Electric Dixon \$34,900.00. Al Stenzel had a detailed listing for the bids. Motion to Approve Carriage House Electric bid made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Weidman. All Approved.

Approve Bids Drywall Office (202. W. Main) Alderman McLaughlin had one bid from Gibs Drywall. He will furnish the sheetrock, prime, tape, install and paint for \$11,948.00. The bid will be actually less when he is done with the project due to steel being used instead of drywall in the garage area. Motion to Approve Gib's Drywall bid for \$11,948.00 made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Weidman. All Approved.

Approve Interior Tank Cleaning-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported that the million gallon storage tank needs to be inspected and cleaned. It hasn't been done in many years and needs to be done this spring. The bid for the cleaning is \$3,000.00 that will include any debris cleanup and a video of the cleaning. Motion to Approve Interior Tank Cleaning \$3,000.00 made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Clayton. All Approved.

Approve Resolution Hiring Police Officer- Mayor Nauman explained that the city council has taken applications and interviewed the applicants. The new police officer will be Joe Alletto with the councils support. Motion to Approve Resolution to Hire Joe Alletto made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Weidman. All Approved.

Approve Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Part-Time Mowing Employees (Gordon Koch and Rich Geiger)-Motion to Approve Hiring of Part-Time Mowing Employees made by Aldermen Weidman and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Discuss ATV Ordinance –Attorney Matt Keegan has updated the city ordinance with various new state legislation. The changes in this are types of vehicles, must have brakes, steering wheel, turn signals, headlight, tail lights and proof of insurance. Per state law all vehicles must have this equipment or they are not allowed on the streets. Chief Blake was in favor of the ordinance however he didn't think that having inspections or registrations would be beneficial for the city. The council needs to review the ordinance and make any changes before approval.

Authorize City Clerk to Advertise for Bids for 2008 Chevy Impala-The transmission has went out of the vehicle however the city may still be able to get some money for the vehicle. Motion to Authorize City Clerk to Advertise for Bids made by Aldermen Clayton and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Building Inspectors Report-Next court date will be in May.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Alderman Shaw-Congratulations to Joe Alletto. Don't forget to Vote April 4th.

Alderman Weidman-Please share the information about the public safety tax.

Alderman Dewey-Would like to see a good turnout at the election and support of the public safety tax.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Clayton-Congratulations to Joe.

Alderman Stuckemeyer- Nothing.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Congratulations to Joe and the city is looking forward to having you as a police officer. Grand opening of the grocery store Saturday, March 25th at noon. Encourages everyone to vote in the election.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. There were 36 people present in the audience.

Submitted by
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