

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
May 20, 2013

Mayor Mekeel 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: Tim Oester
Dennis Weidman

WARD 3: Tom Nauman
Dave Shaw

MINUTE'S APPROVED-The minutes from the April regular city council meeting were presented and approved after a motion was made and seconded by Aldermen Oester and Hoy. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED- City Treasurer Darlene Hinkle submitted the financial report. Making a motion to approve the reports as presented was made and seconded by Aldermen Hoy 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 and seconded by Aldermen Oester and Nauman. 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 Julie has started some updates and the ice machine is fixed. Still looking for a microphone system for the council meeting.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the roof has been completed and many thanks to the car show and others for the donations from Depot Days. The windows have been varnished and new darker shades have been installed.

E.S.D.A- Alderman Dewey reported they have not had a meeting and they are still having some issues with the storm sirens.

PARK-Alderman Tim Oester reported that there are no plans for this summer within the park due to the new building being built for the baseball program.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported that the budget was passed at the monthly board meeting and a copy is available at city hall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE-Alderman Hoy reported the committee met and reviewed the 2013-2014 budget. Also the committee approved the purchase of a new truck for the police department to replace the Expedition at the state bid price of \$23,957.00.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- Alderman Hoy explained the fine ordinances that had been revised and the first reading was at the finance meeting.

POLICE COMMISSION- No Report.

MAINT. DEPT /STREETS-Alderman Nauman reported the employees are busy mowing and cleaning out cricks.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Oester reported that at a special meeting a new generator has been approved for purchase.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

APPROVE 2013-2014 BUDGET- The budget has been completed by the finance committee. Motion to approve the budget made by Aldermen Hoy and Dewey. All Approved.

APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AMBOY CITY CODE-CHAPTER 1 SECTION 1-7 (FINE/VIOLATIONS) – The ordinance fines have been updated with Alderman Hoy, Sergeant Blake and Attorney Matt Keegan. The new fines are payable at city hall within 10 days, if no payment is made then court costs will be involved. Motion to approve the Ordinance Amending the City Code made by Aldermen Hoy and Oester. All Approved.

APPROVED THE RESOLUTION FOR STREET SWEEPER SALE (VILLAGE OF SUBLETTE) \$1500.00- Motion to approve the resolution made by Aldermen Oester and Hoy. All Approved.

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR SHORT STREET MFT CULVERT REPLACEMENT \$20,000- Motion to approve the resolution for MFT funds/Short Street Culvert made by Aldermen Nauman and Oester. All Approved.

Treasurers Closing Comments- Darlene Hinkle spoke on behalf of her retirement from city clerk and treasurer. She enjoyed her many years with the city. Frank has always been a conscience mayor, he always treated the employees with respect, and I know they are all going to miss him. You worked hard for our town and thank you for all you did for the City of Amboy.

Mayors Closing Comments-Mayor Mekeel spoke of his time as mayor and when Robert McKnight was held up in the police department and then the murder last summer. This job is not easy and involves a lot of stuff that goes on in our small community. I have enjoyed this very much serving as Alderman for 6 years and Mayor for 6 years. The employees we have are some of the most valuable assets the community has got. They

will stop at nothing to fix a problem, repair or take care of anything. This is the first meeting I have ever come to in a cast, shorts and slippers. Congratulations to Tom Nauman as Mayor and Daryl Stuckemeyer as Alderman and John Schamberger as Alderman and Nancy Neal as Treasurer.

Close on Fiscal Year 2012-2013
Meeting Adjourned.

Swear in and Seat new council.
Roll Call.

NEW BUSINESS-

APPROVE APPOINTMENT DARYL STUCKEMEYER-WARD 3 ALDERMAN-
Motion to Approve Appointment Daryl Stuckemeyer made by Aldermen Weidman and Dewey. All Approved.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT NANCY NEAL –TREASURER- Motion to Approve
Appointment Nancy Neal made by Aldermen Dewey and Shaw. All Approved.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT ANIMAL CONTROL- Dan Koch spoke on behalf of his brother Tony Koch and asked the council to allow Tony Koch to keep his position. This could be devastating on him and by losing his job the financial burden would fall on his family. He is asking that the city keep Tony as animal control officer. Mayor Nauman wants to make some new changes and this position is one that he would like to see changed. The city no longer can pick up cats and in the future the position will be eliminated. Motion to Approve Appointment of Ron Halterman for Animal Control Officer. Alderman Hoy asked for this to be tabled until the position is published in a local paper. Attorney Tom Sanders argued that it is an appointment and can be approved. Mayor Nauman asked again for a motion. Motion made by Alderman Stuckemeyer but no second motion. Motion Failed. Tabled until June meeting.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT BUILDING INSPECTOR-ERIC MCLAUGHLIN-
Alderman Hoy wanted to make sure there was not a conflict of interest for the city job. She asked if Eric McLaughlin and Jesse Nauman were partners. Mayor Nauman explained that his son Jesse only works for Eric and they are not partners. Motion to Approve Eric McLaughlin as Building Inspector made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. Voting Yes-Shaw, Weidman, Dewey, Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. Voting No-Hoy. Passed 5-1.

DISCUSS VACATING ALLEYS-MILTON/APPLETON/GILSON-Bernie Kessel explained that he thought at one time the alley had been vacated however there are no records of the alley being vacated. Teen Turf would also like Gilson Street vacated thru their property. Mayor Nauman will contact the city attorney and review the legal process.

Building Inspectors Report-See Report.

Police Department- See Report.
Animal Report- See Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS- Nothing.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS-Randy Singleton complained about the trailer at Teen Turf and why they have been allowed to have the trailer on the property. Randy Singleton questioned if there were minutes on the issue. Mayor Nauman explained that the city attorney will have the answer for the June meeting. Pete Rood had asked about the trailer prior to the trailer being moved to Teen Turf. Last Alarm owner Barb Harrison questioned if the extra hours were still allowed under the new Mayor. Those extra holiday hours are in the ordinance book and are still in effect.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw- School is out and please watch for the kids on bikes. Have a safe Memorial Day Weekend.

Alderman Weidman-Many thanks to Frank Mekeel, Tim Oester and Darlene Hinkle for the many years of service. Pray for the people in Oklahoma.

Alderman Dewey-Thank you to Darlene, Frank and Tim for their service. Reminder that Monday at 10am a Memorial Day service will be held at Veterans Park.

Alderman Stuckemeyer-Thank you for the appointment and it's good to be back on the city council.

Alderman Schamberger-Thank you for the support and looking forward to serving the community.

Alderman Hoy-Thank you to the outgoing city officials. Big thanks to Frank for putting up with me and for his patience working on city business. Would like to see more citizens involved in the community.

MAYOR CONCERNS- Would like to thank my family and election committee. We have a group of people that are very knowledgeable and with everyone working together we can do a lot. There are grants out there that we can get if applied for. G.G Garcia and Jeff Bryant will be on a new committee for grants. We need to clean up properties in town and each alderman needs to make a list of homes, garages and junk to clean up. However first the city is going to clean up their own property at American Automotive. Each new administration has changes and ideas to make things run smoother. Thank you to Don Behrends for the cleanup in the Sports Park and Shapiro Park from the flooding.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. There were 43 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

Melissa Eisenberg, RMC
City Clerk-City of Amboy

