

CITY OF AMBOY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
May 18, 2015

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: John Schamberger

Dennis Weidman

WARD 3: Daryl Stuckemeyer

Dave Shaw

MINUTE'S APPROVED-The minutes from the April regular city council meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. 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 Weidman and Stuckemeyer. 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 new carpet is ordered and should be installed soon.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the window project is almost done.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported the ESDA group is looking for office space to use. They also need storage for the Red Cross blankets and supplies. The sirens are still being tested and are for outdoor awareness.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger reported the city has sprayed the park for weeds and is putting new mulch around the playgrounds at the City Park and Sports Park.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman –Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Dewey reported the committee reviewed employee raises, depot museum repairs and retirements.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer met with the police commission regarding purchasing new cameras, Paul's retirement date and taser certification for Lisa Hart.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Schamberger reported the new mowers have cut mowing time and the parks are looking great for summer.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the new tower paint/repairs will begin soon.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE-No Report.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Hank Gerdes reported the car show is already advertising for the event. The 50/50 tickets will be available on June 1<sup>st</sup> in all business locations listed. Anyone that registers a car on car show day will be eligible to win half the gate registrations for the day. Other special events will be the face painters, Cinderella's carriage and the upside down truck. Hagerty Insurance will also be attending and sponsoring a kids judging class and also have giveaways on Sunday during the car show.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

DISCUSS/APPROVE OFFICE BUILDING PLANS FOR NEW MAINTENANCE OFFICE BUILDING (202 W. Main Street)-The area is cored and graveled but needs more gravel before the foundation can be poured.

APPROVE FULL TIME EMPLOYEE RAISES EFFECTIVE MAY 1<sup>st</sup>-Mayor Nauman discussed that with Gary Dimmig retiring in June that Dale Simpson is due for a pay increase as he has all his water license paperwork, he does all computer repairs/updates is responsible for all water/sewer duties and is a great employee with dedication to his position. Alderman Schamberger has reviewed the raises and feels that the employees deserve a .60 increase this year. Alderman Dewey explained that the figure is calculated by a 3% raise and then an insurance deductible/co-pay increase that has saved the city money but the employees were not compensated correctly over the last few years. Hank Gerdes asked how much the increase would cost the city and it will be around \$14,900.00. Alderman Weidman agreed that with changing the insurance the city is saving way more than it is paying out for the employee increase. Alderman Stuckemeyer explained that Dale Simpson started out at a low rate of pay. Comparing his rate to other communities his rate as water superintendent is low and needs increased. Mayor Nauman thanked the finance committee for all their time and effort reviewing the budget to make sure the increase would be within the current budget figures. Motion to Approve Full Time Employee raises of .60 Effective May 1<sup>st</sup> made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Motion to Approve Dale Simpson's rate increase of \$2.50 Effective May 1<sup>st</sup> made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE METCALF STREET/NAUMAN SUBDIVISION (Chip/Sealcoat) by Nauman Family. Alderman Schamberger explained that this would allow the Nauman family to chip/seal the Metcalf street portion of their subdivision. Attorney Matt Keegan advised that by doing this the city waives the subdivision guidelines for this street only. If approved the street would be chip/sealed by the end of summer. Motion to Approve the City of Amboy to waive the requirements for the city subdivision code on Metcalf Street made by Aldermen Schamberger and Weidman. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE WATER TOWER PAINT DESIGN (CLIPPER SHIP) Mayor Nauman discussed that during the water tower restoration the city can have a clipper ship added to the tower paint if the city council wants it added. The high school football field faces the south side so we could have one on the North and South side of the tower. The West and East side would have Amboy. This will be no additional cost to the painting. Alderman Shaw questioned if the ship would be red or black. Motion to have two clipper ships on the water tower in black paint made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Dewey. All Approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

QUARTERMANIA DONATIONS-Corrine Powers- The Quarter mania donation for April was for the Amboy Fire Dept. AED Equipment. The next Quarter mania event will be on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

2015-2016 MAYORS APPOINTMENTS-Mayor Nauman has made no changes to the appointments so they will remain the same as last year. Motion to Approve 2015-2016 Mayors Appointments made by Aldermen Dewey and Stuckemeyer. Voting Yes-Shaw, Weidman, Dewey, McLaughlin and Stuckemeyer. Voting No –Schamberger. Passed 5-1.

APPROVE HIRING STRUCTURAL ENGINEER (DEPOT MUSEUM LEDGE) - The Depot Museum ledge is falling off on the West side of the building. TNT Tuck-pointing came to see what the cost would be for the repairs and also removed the loose cement for safety concerns. The recommendations and bid were too high for the city to fix. Mayor Nauman is recommending Chamlin & Associates to hire their engineer to advise what can be done with the museum ledge. Motion to Approve Hiring Structural Engineer from Chamlin & Associates made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Schamberger. Voting Yes-Weidman, Stuckemeyer, Schamberger, Shaw and Dewey. Voting No-McLaughlin. Passed 5-1.

APPROVE RESIGNATION JUDI CALLISON-DEPOT MUSEUM-Motion to Approve Resignation of Judi Callison made by Aldermen Weidman and Dewey. All Approved.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT DON STEBBINS-DEPOT MUSEUM-Motion to Approve Appointment of Don Stebbins made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Shaw. All Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF POPPY DAY PROCLAMATION-Mayor Nauman read the proclamation and declared May 22-23<sup>rd</sup> as poppy days. Make sure everyone purchases their poppy that weekend.

Building Inspectors Report-The new home on Washington has been delivered. Mayor Nauman is concerned with all the vacant properties and need the homeowners to take responsibility to clean up and repairs those homes. Nancy Kelly was concerned with properties that need mowed and the police dept. has tagged them and they will be mowed before the holiday weekend.

Animal Report-See Report-1 Dog with citation.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Open Meetings Act –Online training for all board members needs to be completed and on file at city hall.

#### COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Don Schamberger and Doug Foster have been working very hard at Veterans Park for the Memorial Day Service. Please call the police if you see kids causing problems around town during the summer.

Alderman Weidman-Nothing.

Alderman Dewey-ESDA needs more volunteers for weather spotting. June 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> is free fishing weekend for Illinois.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Schamberger-Attended the Honor Flight with his grandfather and it was a great program for the veterans to take part in and everyone should support it. The car show sent local community members.

Alderman Stuckemeyer-Nothing.

MAYOR CONCERNS-The yards in town look really bad and the city is working at getting property owners to comply with city codes. If you can help out your neighbors please do that. Sensient Technologies will be hosting an open house/ground breaking ceremony on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am. The Depot Days license plates have been ordered. Summer Concerts begin this Saturday at 7pm. The maintenance guys are busy working on many projects along with the new building construction.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. There were 16 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

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