

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 2016

Mayor 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-Absent

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 McLaughlin 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 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 Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. 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 University of Illinois Extension Office has renewed their lease for another year.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the Depot Commission met and has hired someone to work on the flower boxes and will also have the 4-H Group touring the museum on May 19th at 6pm.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported that all sirens tested properly with no problems.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger –No Report.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman-No Report.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Dewey reported the committee met and reviewed the Ash Trees/Treatment, Fire Dept. Generators for the sirens, liquor license hours for minors and Dollar General.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer-No Report.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman McLaughlin reported the maintenance department has been helping with the sewer ponds and also working on the office building.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the sewer ponds are still not in compliance and the EPA has been requiring more testing and the installation of an aeration system to help with processing the sludge.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Dean Powers wanted to discuss the Dollar General location and why no one has contacted Jim Duntemann to ask him if he would sell a lot to Dollar General. He said that he has not been contacted in years since Leroy Stambaugh. That location is already zoned for commercial use and would be a great area for more business opportunities. Greg Ohlendorf also has reviewed the minutes and is it the normal process for the city to pay the frontage fees instead of the developer paying those fees. Mayor Nauman explained that the developer pays the front footage fees for all construction materials and the city does the installation of the water/sewer lines. Mandy Powers reviewed the covenants of the subdivision and the restrictions for the subdivision. The location on the East side of the road is the logical choice for the new Dollar Store location. Nicole Alletto has two home daycares in the Burke Subdivision and is concerned about the traffic and the kids in the subdivision. There will be extra traffic because not everyone is going to use Rt 52 to go to the new store. There are no parks located on the North side of town and this could be a safety issue for the neighborhood. Linda Grady wanted to know what the benefit would be of Dollar General in Amboy. It is not a grocery store and are there current plans for a grocery store. Mayor Nauman explained that the city council has been looking for someone to open a grocery store and we have a gentleman that is going to open a small store uptown but it will not be a full grocery store. Jim Grady was concerned about the water and runoff from the parking lot since the subdivision already has a water problem. Alderman Stuckemeyer explained that the plans do include a detention pond. Mayor Nauman wanted everyone to know that the main entrance will be off of Rt 52 and not on Jones Street. Dan Koch applauds the efforts of the council in bringing new business to Amboy but the location is not ideal. Many others also discussed their concerns with the new store being built in their subdivision.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE DOLLAR GENERAL PROJECT-Reviewed under concerns from the audience.

APPROVE ORDINANCE AMDENDING THE AMBOY CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6-48 (Restrictions as to persons under legal age) Attorney Matt Keegan reviewed the current ordinance and the exception for a Class A License holder for anyone under 21 with supervision of a parent can be in a bar until 9pm. Motion to Approve Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Article IV, Section 6-48 made by Aldermen Dewey and Schamberger. All Approved.

Approve Full Time Employee Raises/Evaluations Effective May 1st (3% Increase)
Alderman Dewey has reviewed the calculations for the increase and it is within the current budget and actually below budget due to employees that retired vs new employee rates. Motion to Approve Full Time Employee Raises 3% made by Aldermen Schamberger and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Approve 2016-2017 Mayor's Appointments-Mayor Nauman has made no changes to the appointments. Alderman Shaw was concerned that Tony Koch was unable to do his job as dog catcher. He requested the aldermen appoint everyone except the animal control position. Motion to Approve All 2016-2017 Mayors Appointments made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Schamberger. Voting Yes-Dewey, Schamberger, Stuckemeyer and Nauman. Voting No-McLaughlin and Shaw. Carried 4-2.

Discuss/Approve Capital Development Loan –Amboy Pharmacist \$14,500.00 –Attorney Matt Keegan reviewed the economic development purposes and how the loan would qualify. However there needs to be a term, collateral, loan rates and personal guarantee for payment. Alderman McLaughlin was concerned as to why he would not just get a personal loan from a bank instead. Per Attorney this would be a prevailing wage rate for all work done. Motion to Table until Next Meeting made by Aldermen Schamberger and McLaughlin. All Approve.

Discuss/ Approve Amboy Liquor & Grocery Store- Class B License for Packaged Liquor/Wine/Beer (E. Main Street) Motion to Approve Class B License for Packaged Liquor/Wine/Beer –Amboy Liquor & Grocery Contingent on a Rental Agreement or Purchase of the Property & Background check made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance Amending the Amboy City Code by Amending Section 6-24(3) Regarding Residency Requirements for Liquor License Holders-Mayor Nauman advised the city council that a gentleman has come to him that is willing to open a grocery/liquor store in Amboy. He has submitted a plan and paperwork for his background check. However he requested the license be in his name and he lives in Elgin. Attorney Matt Keegan advised that the current city ordinance has a residency requirement however the city can waive that requirement. Motion to Approve Ordinance Amending the Amboy City Code by Amending Section 6-24(3) Regarding Residency Requirements made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. Voting Yes-McLaughlin, Schamberger, Stuckemeyer and Shaw. Voting No-Dewey. Approved.

Building Inspectors Report-Working with the attorneys on some more demolitions.

Animal Report-1 Dog not found.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Thank you to the Burke Subdivison residents for attending the meeting and giving feedback.

Alderman Dewey-Nothing.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Schamberger-Memorial Day service at 10am at Veterans Park.

Alderman Stuckemeyer-Nothing.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Meeting tomorrow with the EPA regarding the sewer pond problems. The new aeration system should be here soon for the ponds.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. There were 36 people present in the audience.

Submitted by
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