

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
May 15, 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 April regular city council meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Aldermen Weidman 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 Alderman Clayton 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 Clayton. 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 he has a bid for the next meeting for new gutters for the community building.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the committee met and have two new members Jeff Bryant & John McGraw. The museum has been given railroad lights that will hopefully be installed before Depot Days. Shirley Bender will be painting the freight house and the meetings will now be on Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey-No Report.

PARK-Alderman Clayton reported the memorial tree for Doug Payne has been planted. The maintenance guys have been preparing for the septic tank but the tank has not been installed yet.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the board met on May 9th with the new budget approved.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Dewey reviewed the committee meeting items. The committee discussed Dollar General, budget review, Josiah road work.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer-Nothing.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Clayton –No Report.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported that a pre-construction meeting was held to discuss the pump/valve replacement at the water plant. That project will begin June 1st.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Darlene Hinkle reminded everyone about Poppy Days coming up on Memorial Day weekend. Many volunteers will be helping with the sales and volunteering their time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve 2017-2018 Annual Budget-Motion to Approve the 2017-2018 Annual Budget made by Aldermen Weidman and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Approve Dollar General –Water/Sewer Line Pipe/Valves \$8,291.89-Alderman Stuckemeyer reviewed the list of materials needed for water/sewer to the property. This process has taken time and negotiations between Mr. Elkin and Mr. Duntemann for the property site. The Dollar General will be located two lots North of Subway. Total list of materials would cost \$15,269.29 however the city has some of the items needed such as the hydrant and other supplies so cost to purchase the rest of the materials for this would be \$8,291.89. Motion to Approve the Dollar General Water/Sewer Line Pipe Valve for \$8,291.89 Contingent on the long term lease made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Weidman. Voting Yes-McLaughlin, Dewey, Weidman, Clayton and Stuckemeyer. Voting No-Shaw. Passed 5-1.

Approve Aggregation Program Agreement –Dynergy Energy Contract Approval for 3 years. Motion to Approve Dynergy Energy Contract made by Aldermen Weidman and Clayton. Motion Approved.

Mayors Closing Comments-Congratulations to John Schamberger and Bill Bontz on their newly elected positions. Thank you to Don Clayton for stepping in to replace the Ward 2 Alderman position. Mayor Nauman is concerned about city hall and it has been condemned today. Someone needs to take a look at it before the wall falls. Keep working on the cold storage building so that project can be finished. The Dollar General project would be able to pay for the water/sewer and road installation if the TIF District would not have been dissolved years ago. However by January 2018 the Dollar Store construction should begin. The new maintenance building and office will be a great new location for our crew to work on equipment. They deserve a new building the other one is in bad shape. The building would never have been built without grant funding. It's been a good run and thank you everyone.

CLOSE ON FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017
Swear In and Seat New Council
Roll Call

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Police Dispatching with Lee County- Motion to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Police Dispatching made Aldermen Dewey and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Approve Mayors Appointments 2017-2018-Motion to Approve Mayors Appointments 2017-2018 made by Aldermen Shaw and Dewey. All Approved.

Approve 2017 Sidewalk Replacement Bid –Koch Construction-The city only had one bid from Koch Construction. Alderman Shaw wanted things clear that all work would be done by Mr. Koch. Alderman Weidman asked about the bid and what was comparable for sidewalk bid work. The bid awarded last year was \$6.50 sq. foot. Motion to Approve 2017 Sidewalk Replacement Bid Koch Construction \$5.00 sq. foot made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Stuckemeyer. Voting Yes-Weidman, Bontz, Stuckemeyer, Mayor Schamberger. Voting No-Dewey, Shaw, McLaughlin. Passed 4-3.

Discuss/Approve Aqua Fix Treatment \$9,400.00 (Sewer Pond Chemicals) Alderman Stuckemeyer reviewed the sewer ponds and the treatments needed. Aqua Fix would like us to use a new treatment that would reduce the sludge in the ponds. The pellets would be released from a boat every three weeks and we should see a significant reduction this summer. Several audience concerns about how it works and if it would be bad for the environment. Alderman Stuckemeyer read the information on the pellets and granular. Aqua Fix has good recommendations and they know how the chemicals work. Motion to Approve Aqua Fix Treatment \$9400.00 made by Aldermen Shaw and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Building Inspectors Report-No Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Welcome back to the council. Open meetings act training needs to be done for all council members.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Alderman Shaw-Welcome back to the council and looking forward to working with you.
Alderman Weidman-Welcome back John and Bill. Thank you to Tom for his many years of service and hard work for the city.

Alderman Dewey-Nothing.

Alderman McLaughlin-Congratulations to John and Bill. Let's all work together and move forward and forget about the past.

Alderman Bontz-Thank you to Don Clayton and Tom Nauman for the time and dedication.

Alderman Stuckemeyer- Congratulations to our new members. Lee County Highway dept. has a new electronics recycling program. They will accept electronics Monday-

Friday during working hours. The semi will be loaded and will only cost \$400.00 per semi. This will be a great asset for our community.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Thank you to Mayor Nauman, Don Clayton and Ed Kozwolski for all they did for the city. Welcome Bill Bontz to the city council. Matt Henkel has agreed to treat the Veterans Park and make it look great by end of summer. The Depot ledge will need to be looked at again this summer. Let's get a list of items for the committee meeting that we need to be working on. Thank you to the community for electing me as your mayor. Have a great Memorial Day Holiday.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. There were 25 people present in the audience.

Submitted by
Melissa Eisenberg, RMC