

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
November 17, 2014

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-Absent

Dennis Weidman

WARD 3: Daryl Stuckemeyer

Dave Shaw

MINUTE'S APPROVED-The minutes from the October regular city council meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Weidman 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 Stuckemeyer and Weidman. 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 Stuckemeyer. 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 that the floor needs to be redone and will be looking into some options.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the museum has approved the new windows for the lower floor of the museum thank to the car shows generous donation. This will save the museum money on utilities during the cold winters.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported ESDA now has a facebook page for reports. They are collecting toys for the Christmas season. The parts for the siren have been ordered and testing will be done when they are fixed. Notification will be done before testing.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the board met for the regular monthly meeting and the library will be open during the Christmas walk with stories and cookies for the kids. The library will also be having a cookie sale on Dec 13th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE-Alderman Weidman reported that committee updates were given and the budget was reviewed and expenses were on track for the fiscal year.

POLICE COMMISSION- No Report.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-No Report.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the hydrant on Division has been fixed.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Hank Gerdes updated the Depot Days Car Show donations with the total now given being \$45,996.00. Next those April 8 veterans will get the chance to go to Washington with the Honor Flight and the car show is sponsoring the chosen 8 veterans. Last month the council discussed using landfill money to finish paying the new maintenance building expenses. That money should be used to pre-pay the water plant lease. Nicole Alletto from Amboy is looking into opening a daycare center downtown in the old hardware store. The building next door would also be purchased and torn down for green space. She will be sending out a survey thru the school system to see what need in the community there is for daycare. When the daycare opened 15 new people would be hired to help with the daycare facility. She will accept 4 c's payments. She is considering a second shift and would be open from 6am-6pm with meals provided. The green space would be fenced in for outside playtime. The inside space is 1500 sq. foot for the kids programs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss/Approve Raffle Ordinance/Policy (Ordinance Licensing Raffles within the city)- The ordinance has been drafted however Matt Keegan will discuss the county ordinance with the state's attorney and make sure that the car show is covered for 2015. The city can enter into a contract with the county and that would be an option. Alderman Schamberger would like to table the ordinance. Alderman Dewey explained the city just wanted to make sure there was not a violation for the car show. Alderman McLaughlin questioned if the fee could be waived and per the city attorney it cannot but the surety bond could be. Motion to table until next meeting made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. All Approved.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, By Adding Sections 2-87 through 2-90 Regarding the Establishment of Rules for Public Comment at City Council and Other Committee Meetings-Matt Keegan explained that this makes sure that at each city meeting for any committee they all must include a chance for public to speak regarding the meeting agenda items. Motion to table until next month made by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. All Approved.

Discuss/Approve Office Building Plans for New Maintenance Office Building (202 W. Main Street)

Building Inspectors Report-
Animal Report- See Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Thank you to the car show for the donation to the Depot Museum. Don't forget to vote November 4th.

Alderman Weidman-United Way is a great program for our community and does many great things to help various groups.

Alderman Dewey-The Lee County Honor Flight will be having a dinner at the Long Branch on Sunday November 9th from 11-1pm. This will raise funds to send more veterans to Washington for their honor flight trip.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Schamberger-Encourage everyone to vote. Also make sure to let your water drip when it gets colder. Thank you to Maplehurst for the salt storage.

Alderman Stuckemeyer-Condolences to the Daryl Farringer family for their loss. Retired cop William McLaughlin also passed away and the city expresses their sympathy.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Dr. Louie Ohlendorf passed away and was the community vet and lifelong resident of Amboy. Bids for the water tower will be opened on November 13th. Mike Richetta updated the MFT paperwork and the 2014 bids did come in under budget. Still working on the properties around town and trying to get them cleaned up.

Executive Session -For the purpose of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the City pursuant to (c)(5) of the Open Meetings-Motion to go into Executive Session for C-5 the purchase or lease of real property made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Schamberger. All Approved.

Motion to reconvene the regular business meeting made by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. No action taken in executive session.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. There were 20 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

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