

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
Nov 16, 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 October regular city council meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. 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 Dewey 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 Schamberger 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-No Report.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the museum is closed and can be opened by appointment.

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

PARK-Alderman Schamberger –No Report.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the library will be open for the Christmas walk on Sunday Nov 29th and also will be hosting a cookie sale on Dec 13th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Dewey reported the aldermen reviewed Sensient's expansion project, discussed the Legion Park and Matt Hansen from Willett, Hofmann Assc. gave a presentation regarding the flood maps/properties and FEMA requirements.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer-The city hosted a retirement party for Paul Smith and will be hiring a new officer tonight.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Schamberger-No Report.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the water department is busy fixing pipes before winter and the new employee is working out well.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-None.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss/Approve Willett Hoffman & Associates –Topographic Survey/Floodplain Map Updates \$54,524.84-Matt Hansen met with the city council regarding a floodplain survey that needs to be done in Amboy. This is the only part not done within the city limits. FEMA and the IDNR require these study's before any type of construction can be done or building permits issued in those zones. Motion to Approve the Topographic Survey/Floodplain Map Updates made by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. All Approved.

Approve Ordinance Abating The Tax Levied For The Year 2015 To Pay Debt Service on \$1,385,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2014, of the City of Amboy, Lee County, Illinois-This ordinance is needed for the bond abatement regarding the property taxes. The city will need to approve the abatement yearly during the life of the bond. Motion to Approve the Ordinance Abating the Tax Levied for the 2015 Taxes made by Aldermen Dewey and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Authorize City Personnel to Demolish Property Located At 622,624,626,628 East Main-Attorney Tom Sanders explained the process from letters and legal paperwork on the property to the publications and now the city has legal authority to demolish the property once the asbestos testing is completed and approved. Motion to Authorize the City Personnel to Demolish the Property/Lindstrom made by Aldermen Dewey and Weidman. All Approved.

Approve and Authorize Litigation For Demolition Of Distressed Properties- Attorney Tom Sanders updated the city council on three more properties (Toth/Gersch/Delisle) that have also been sent letters and now the city can file petitions for abandoned properties. The process is costly but it will clean up the neighborhoods and improve the area for its neighbors. Motion to Approve and Authorize Litigation for Demolition made by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. All Approved.

Discuss/Approve Hiring Police Officer-Mayor Nauman discussed the hiring of the police officer and the interviews went well with many qualified applicants. The city council met with the final three applicants and has decided on Jon Shippert for the position. He will be paid \$16.00 an hour and begin on Dec 7th training with Chief Blake. He will attend PTI training in January. Motion to Approve Jon Shippert as a Police Officer made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Dewey. All Approved.

2015 Car Show Report/Donations-Hank Gerdes-The 2015 Depot Days Car Show was a record success with a large 50/50 drawing winner of \$149,333.00. Also topping the record was the number of 817 registered car show vehicles. Record crowd attendance all weekend and huge success for our small town. The car show will be looking for new ways to attract visitors for Depot Days 2016. Kim Watley is doing a write up for the local newspapers. Jeff Gerdes and Ed Lilja were running tickets each day to various locations selling tickets. Linda and Garth Dallam are the leaders of the show and do so much for the car show event all year long. Melissa Eisenberg /Depot Days Chairperson does a great job and also will be adding new entertainment to next year's event. The fire department helps out in great ways during the weekend by washing streets, hosting a breakfast and will be adding their parking lot and street for the 2016 show. The car show gave away a record amount of donations. The total donated was \$104,407.00 –Amboy Fire Dept. \$4,075.00-Grain Bin Training, Amboy Fire Dept. \$25,000 new Thermo Imaging Cameras, Amboy Fire Dept. \$2,500.00 Fireworks, Amboy Fire Dept. \$1000.00, Food Baskets, Lee County Fair \$2,500.00, Depot Museum \$18,000.00, Central School Library \$2,000.00 Books, AHS Chorus \$2,000.00 Risers, AHS Spring Musical \$1,500.00 Lights, Ag in The Classroom \$500.00, Teen Turf \$11,000.00 Classrooms, Amboy Legion \$1,000.00, Special Olympics \$1,000.00, Shining Star, Buddy Bags, Amboy ESDA \$500, Amboy Chamber of Commerce \$500.00 Christmas Walk, Amboy Education Foundation \$3,500.00, Pankhurst Library \$2,000.00, Lee County Shop w/a Cop \$1,540.00, Amboy Lions Club \$1,000.00, Amboy Summer Baseball \$2,000.00, Amboy Halloween Parade \$292.00, St Pats Food Pantry \$2,500.00, Baptist Church Food Pantry \$2,500.00, Amboy Education Golf Sponsor \$150.00, Sublette Fire Dept. \$2,500.00, Harmon Fire Dept. \$2,500.00. Thank you to all the help and make the event a success.

Building Inspector-Working on abandoned properties with the city attorneys.

Animal Report-No Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Thank you to the car show donation to the Depot Museum.

Alderman Weidman-Thank you to Depot Days Car Show committee for the generous donation to the Buddy Bags Program. It is currently feeding 28 children on the weekends and it is a beneficial program for our community.

Alderman Dewey-Thanks to the car show for the donation to the ESDA group.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Schamberger-Nothing.

Alderman Stuckemeyer-Looking forward to the abandoned properties being cleaned up in town.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Amboy Chamber Christmas Walk will be hosted on Nov 29th Downtown Amboy with Santa, Carriage Rides, Reindeer and Crafts. The new office

building will be next on projects for the city dept. Everyone have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. There were 19 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

Melissa Eisenberg, RMC
City Clerk-City of Amboy