CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
November 21, 2016

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 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 Alderman McLaughlin 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 Dewey. 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 that the Depot Museum will be closed for the winter but will be open for the Christmas Walk. They will be collecting food for the food pantries and On 3 Photo will be taking photos in the root beer stand.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported the new siren is not installed yet. They are working on the platform.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger reported that the parks will be closed for the winter but the park board is working on a plan to install bathrooms in the batting facility.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the board met on November 8th. The library will also be participating in the Christmas Walk.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Dewey reported the committee reviewed the sidewalk repairs, outsourcing the backflow checks, generator maintenance contract, installing restrooms at the park, air compressor purchase and Josiah Street repairs.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer –No Report.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Schamberger reported the maintenance department is working on many projects and getting ready for the Christmas walk.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported that we have had no report from the EPA.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Hank Gerdes gave the report for the Amboy Depot Days Car Show on their funds distributed. Those entities receiving donations were Jon Simonton-Honor Guard, Scholarships AHS, Shop with a Cop Program, Amboy Central School Library, Lee County 4-H Fair, Lee County Ag in the Classroom, AYSO, Shining Star, July 4th Fireworks, Depot Museum, Amboy Fire Dept., American Legion-Veterans Park, Ashton Lions Club, Sublette Fire Dept., Harmon Fire Dept, Lee County Weather Agency, Amboy Police Dept, Sublette 365 Community, Honor Flights, Jr. Beta Club, Teen Turf, Amboy HS Drama Dept, Amboy Park Board, St. Patricks Food Pantry, Baptist Church Food Pantry.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Discuss/Approve Water Plant Pump/Valve Project – Gasvoda Bid $20,275.00-Alderman Stuckemeyer explained that the city did get the grant to upgrade the valves and motors. The city will be able to pump water and create water at the same time. Motion to Approve Water Plant Pump/Valve –Gasvoda $20,275.00 made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Weidman. All Approved.

NEW BUSINESS
Approve 2015-2016 Audit-George Roach & Associates –George Roach updated the council members on the audit. He reported the financial statements must show the new GASB and the liability to fund the pension for all employees fully funded. The IMRF program is one of the best in the State of Illinois and this shows the liabilities on page 12. The landfill revenues have increased and made the city funds increase and they can be used for infrastructure or other needs within the city. This is a great revenue source for capital improvements and projects that doesn't affect the budget. The water/sewer revenues are funding the expenses in that department. The city is setup with their accounts and they are in good shape with the fund balances to cover unexpected needs in the city. The city paid for the new maintenance building and is waiting on repayment for that grant revenue. Motion to Approve 2015-2016 Audit made by Aldermen Shaw and Schamberger. All Approved.

Approve Bid/Ordinance Selling -1999 Chevy Blazer -$801.00 & 2006 Impala-$1,250.00-Motion to Approve Bids/Ordinance Selling Vehicles made by Aldermen Schamberger and McLaughlin. All Approved.

Approve Generator Service Contract (Altorfer $1,500.00 Annual) Alderman Stuckemeyer explained that this contract will be for maintenance on the Rocky ford generator. They will change the oil, hoses, cooling systems and batteries. This generator is still under warranty and Altorfer will service that one. Motion to Approve Generator Service Contract Altorfer $1,500.00 made by Aldermen Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Approve Sterling Environmental /Asbestos Removal Bid $2,200.00
(Property-148 N. Mason Ave)Mayor Nauman discussed the next step in the demolition project will be the asbestos removal. Motion to Approve Sterling Environmental Asbestos Removal Bid $2,200.00 made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Schamberger. All Approved.

Discuss/Approve Snowplow Box-Discussion on a snowplow box to push snow downtown and make the cleanup faster. Brad Kessel has the box and the backhoe would need a quick attach installed. He has two boxes that both would work for the city's backhoe. One box is 10 foot wide and the other is twelve foot wide. Price range is $1,500.00-$2,200.00 with the size of the box. Alderman Shaw was concerned how this would work with the cars downtown. Alderman Dewey was in favor of the quick attach for the new box. Motion to Approve Snowplow Box made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Dewey. Voting Yes-Stuckemeyer and Dewey.Voting No-McLaughlin,Schamberger, Shaw and Weidman. Motion Denied 4-2.

Building Inspectors Report-More paperwork on home violations.
Animal Report-See Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

COUNCIL CONCERNS
Alderman Shaw-Wish everyone a safe Thanksgiving. Don't forget the Christmas Walk on Sunday 12-3pm.
Alderman Weidman-Nothing.
Alderman Dewey-Thanks to the car show committee for all they do for the community.
Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.
Alderman Schamberger-Nothing.
Alderman Stuckemeyer- Everyone have a great Thanksgiving.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Willett & Hoffman are looking into the ponds and the sludge in the ponds for cleanout. Final audit for the new maintenance building with the state. The Christmas walk is this Sunday. The Senior Dinner is December 17th at noon.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. There were 13 people present in the audience.

Submitted by
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