

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 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

Dennis Weidman

WARD 3: Daryl Stuckemeyer

Dave Shaw

MINUTE'S APPROVED-The minutes from the September 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 Weidman and Schamberger. 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 Dewey-No Report.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the museum approved the installation of new windows on the bottom floor with funding from the car show donation. The museum will be closing early on November 1st to save on payroll and utilities. Anyone that wants to go thru the museum can call for an appointment.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported ESDA met and prepared 250 treat bags for the Halloween Parade. The parade will be Sunday October 26th at 3pm downtown. Trick or Treating will follow the parade until 6pm.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger reported the park will be closing for the season.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the board met for the regular monthly meeting and the library will be hosting a Halloween Party on October 29th with treats and games for the kids.

FINANCE COMMITTEE-Alderman Weidman reported that all council members attended the meeting with committee updates.

POLICE COMMISSION- No Report.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Schamberger reported a culvert on Sterling Rd will be replaced. Huge thank you to Maplehurst for the salt storage. The city is looking for storage for equipment this winter.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Stuckemeyer reported the valves have been installed on Division.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Rick Ketchum wanted to review the raffle ordinance that has been proposed. He referred to the public gambling act. The county ordinance may authorize borders of the county and edges of the city. Discussing with the States Attorney the car show does not have to do anymore paperwork for the Car Show raffle. Henry Gerdes read of listing of what the car show donations were for 2014. Amboy Education Foundation \$150.00, ESDA Halloween Parade \$300.00, Depot Museum \$15,000.00, Andrew Klein/State FFA Reporter \$1,000.00, Lee County 4-H Center \$500.00, Lee County Ag in the Classroom \$500.00, Buddy Bag Program \$1,000.00, Amboy Central School Library \$2,000.00, ESDA \$1,500.00, Amboy Summer Baseball \$2,000.00, Amboy Girls Softball \$3,000.00, Amboy Soccer League \$4,746.00, Baptist Church Food Pantry \$1,500.00, St. Pat's Food Pantry \$1,500.00, Amboy Fire Dept. \$500.00, Sublette Fire Dept. \$500.00, Harmon Fire Dept. \$500.00, City of Amboy \$1,000.00, Pankhurst Memorial Library \$1,000.00, Amboy Fire/Fireworks \$2,000.00, Amboy High School Drama \$1,500.00, Fire Dept. Christmas Baskets \$500.00, ESDA Kids Christmas \$500.00. The car show is holding enough money back for next year's 25th Car Show. Downtown has currently 7 empty buildings and the problem is what is the city going to do about attracting new business? The sales tax is lower and doesn't help the current business owners. The raffle ordinance is on the county site and covers the car show without a city ordinance in place. The state's attorney is handling this matter. Matt Keegan advised that the city was doing this to prevent a problem for anyone having a raffle. Hank Gerdes explained that the car show makes a lot of money and this could harm the raffle and why was it drafted. Mayor Nauman explained that the attorney was advised to prepare an ordinance for the city council to review. Darlene Hinkle wanted to thank the car show for all the hard work they do. Cindy Gerdes asked Matt Keegan if the other raffles also need to have a license within the city. Matt Keegan explained that this is not usually an issue however as big as this raffle is now the car show needs one to prevent any legal problems. The raffles act is clearly stated but he will contact the state's attorney regarding this issue. Karen Bodmer wanted to know why the hydrant is still not fixed and her home has low water pressure. The hydrant was shut down and taped off and what would happen if a fire would start. It's been a long five months with no progress and a concern for all the local homes in the area. Mayor Nauman will make sure that this week it does get turned back on. Karen is upset that it's almost been a full year of excuses and the hydrant not being fixed.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

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) Alderman Stuckemeyer has been planning an office building for the maintenance department. This will be 30x40 foot building that will include an office for the Director of Public Works, bathrooms and break room for the employees with additional storage area for parts. This plan can be changed but has the necessary needs for the employees. Alderman Shaw wanted to know how the city was going to pay for this additional building. Alderman Stuckemeyer thought that the funding was going to come from the landfill account. Alderman Shaw wanted to not use those funds until we know how much the new maintenance building will cost. Alderman Stuckemeyer explained that the building cost would be around \$35,000-\$40,000 and be built by the city employees. Randy Singleton had a question of the use of porta pots and waiting on the office building. Mayor Nauman would like to get a listing of materials for the project and this is just a discussion. Nancy Kelly wanted to know why this office area is not included in the new building. Mayor Nauman and Alderman Schamberger explained that if the building was larger it must include a sprinkler system and that cost would be \$100,000.00 additional cost. Alderman Dewey is also concerned on the funding and making sure the city can afford both buildings. Motion to a cost analysis of the office building materials made by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. Voting Yes-McLaughlin, Schamberger, Weidman, Stuckemeyer. Voting No-Dewey and Shaw. Carried 4-2.

Approve Daryl Stuckemeyer Liaison -Dollar General Contact- Mayor Nauman just wants someone to keep in contact with the Dollar General. Alderman Dewey wanted to make sure that the council had not voted on this item before. Motion to Approve Daryl Stuckemeyer Liaison for Dollar General made by Aldermen Schamberger and Weidman. Voting Yes-Weidman, Dewey, McLaughlin, Schamberger. Voting No-Shaw. Abstained -Stuckemeyer .Carried 4-1.

Approve Alderman Eric McLaughlin -Committee Appointment-Maint. /Street Department and Amboy Community Building-Motion to Approve made by Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. Voting Yes-Shaw, Weidman, Dewey, Schamberger and Stuckemeyer. Abstained –McLaughlin. Approved

Approve Alderman Brett Dewey -Committee Appointment-Ordinance Committee & Finance Committee –Motion to Approve made by Aldermen Stuckemeyer and Schamberger. Voting Yes-McLaughlin, Weidman, Schamberger, Stuckemeyer. Abstained –Dewey. Approved.

Building Inspectors Report-Roofs and sheds are the current permits issued.
Animal Report- See Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Annual Audit to be submitted to the comptroller's office and Bernardi Securities will have to provide financial disclosures for the bond requirements and internet postings.

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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City Clerk-City of Amboy