

**CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
Oct 19, 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-Absent

Dave Shaw

MINUTE'S APPROVED-The minutes from the September 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 Aldermen Schamberger 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 Schamberger. 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 locomotive will be repainted before winter with the help of volunteers.

E.S.D.A-Alderman Dewey reported the Halloween parade will be Sunday Oct 25th at 3pm.

PARK-Alderman Schamberger reported the light post by Miller shelter fell and will be replaced. The baseball shed has been a great addition for the baseball program and is being used daily. Looking into bathrooms being built in the spring.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman reported the library board met on Oct 13th and Deb Hopkins will be the new board member.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Dewey reported the aldermen reviewed the street projects, discussed the water tower project, the new maint. building. Alderman Weidman also thought the ash trees can be treated in the spring with more research.

POLICE COMMISSION-Alderman Stuckemeyer-No Report.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Schamberger reported Washington Street will be surfaced on November 4th.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Alderman Shaw reported the interviews have been done and Blair Crum has been the person chosen for the new water/sewer dept.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-Mike Koppien had a concern regarding the ordinance change and how that will affect the hiring process for the department. Attorney Matt Keegan explained that the current ordinance only give the police commission the authority to hold hearings and police dept. discipline.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSS/APPROVE ACQUISITION OF BILL SHAW PROPERTY DEED (Rockyford Rd/Pump Station) Attorney Matt Keegan has the deed from Bill Shaw and it will be transferred and recorded. Motion to Approve the Agreement made by Aldermen Weidman and Schamberger. Voting Yes-Weidman, Dewey, McLaughlin, Schamberger. Shaw-Abstained. Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE 2014-2015 AUDIT-GEORGE ROACH & ASSOCIATES (Review & Present City Audit)-The audit was completed with all documentation being matched. All deposits were received and deposited into the proper accounts. It was a good year with many improvements from the new building to updating the water tower/bond funding. Motion to Approve 2014-2015 Audit made by Aldermen Dewey and Weidman. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE ACCEPTING METCALF STREET/NAUMAN SUBDIVISION-Nancy Kelly wanted to know if it was just a portion or the whole subdivision street. However chip and seal has never been a proper surface in the past procedure per the subdivision ordinance. Mayor Nauman explained that the council did approve the chip/seal for Metcalf to get a surface on the street. Motion to Approve made by Aldermen Schamberger and Dewey. All Approved.

APPROVE HIRING BLAIR CRUM NEW WATER/SEWER DEPT. EMPLOYEE-Alderman Shaw reported that he wants the city water/sewer position. He is in the National Guard but is willing to work anytime he is needed. Mayor Nauman needed a wage to also approve before hiring him. Aldermen Schamberger discussed the wages and training. Motion to Table made by Aldermen Shaw and McLaughlin. All Approved.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT LIBRARY BOARD-DEB HOPKINS-Motion to Approve Deb Hopkins/Library Board made by Aldermen Weidman and Shaw. All Approved.

DISCUSS/APPROVE ORDINANCE DISSOLVING THE AMBOY POLICE COMMISSION AND AMENDING THE CITY CODE-Mayor Nauman reviewed how the interview process has been done in the past and would like the city council more involved in the interview process. Attorney Matt Keegan discussed the changes to ordinance chapter 42-7 and explained the police commission. The police commission is an established commission as the same as the Depot commission, zoning commission which requires city council approval. Aldermen were in discussion on different ways to hire and how the process should be done for the next officer interview and hiring. Motion to Table Until Next Month made by Aldermen Schamberger and McLaughlin. All Approved.

DISCUSS HIRING PROCESS FOR NEW POLICE OFFICER-Mayor Nauman asked for a discussion on who will hire the next police officer and steps to start the process. In the past the chief and police commission have done the interviews with council approval. Alderman Weidman feels that the police chief and the police commission should do the interviews and then give their recommendation to the city council. Attorney Matt Keegan advised that the police commission and police chief pick the top 3 and then decide if a meeting with the city council and applicants is necessary before an officer is approved. Alderman McLaughlin suggested to use the old way and to get an officer hired and we need to have four officers.

DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT TO COUNTY TREASURER UP TO Payment to \$4869.22 FOR WATER & SEWER BOND LEVY REIMBURSEMENT FOR DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES- Attorney Matt Keegan updated the city council that he and Melissa Eisenberg/City Clerk met with the Lee County Clerk's office regarding the property tax reimbursements and the delinquent tax parcels. The county is in the process of preparing the overage lists with mailing address. The final date for tax payments is October 30th after that the properties go to the tax sale. Last week the list had 45 properties on the list to which they would like the city to pay those back to the county and they will adjust those parcels with the payment from the city. Then the property will be sold for the correct tax amount at the tax sale. Motion to Approve Payment to Lee County Treasurer For Up To \$4,869.22 made by Aldermen Dewey and Weidman. All Approved.

Building Inspector-Sensient addition is going well.

Animal Report-See Report.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-Nothing.

COUNCIL CONCERNS-

Alderman Shaw-Halloween Parade on Sunday and watch out for the kids.

Alderman Weidman-Thank you to the Shaw family for the deed on Rockyford Lift Station property.

Alderman Dewey-Nothing.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Schamberger-Nothing.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Sensient addition is going well. Sympathy to Danny & Alanna Ketchum on their home fire. Washington Street and East. Main Street will be paved the first week of November.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. There were 21 people present in the audience.

Submitted by

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City Clerk-City of Amboy