

CITY OF AMBOY
COUNCIL MEETING
Oct 15, 2018

Mayor John Schamberger 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: Dennis Weidman

Bill Bontz

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 Aldermen Stuckemeyer and McLaughlin. 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 Bontz 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 Weidman and Dewey. Carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY BUILDING-Alderman McLaughlin-No Report.

DEPOT MUSEUM-Alderman Shaw reported the board is coming up with some new ideas for future events.

L.C.E.M.A-Alderman Dewey reported the next meeting will be Oct 18th.

PARK-Alderman Bontz reported the park board will be planting 10 new trees.

LIBRARY-Alderman Weidman –No Report.

COMMITTEE MEETING-Alderman Dewey reported the committee met and discussed sump pump letters, new squad car, city meeting times, tree bids and zoning.

MAINT/STREET DEPT-Alderman Bontz reported the maintenance crew is lining the new streets with gravel.

WATER/SEWER DEPT-Aldermen Shaw reported Jimmy Gorman gave the city a bid to repaint the water storage tank and also the treatment tank. This project can wait until spring.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE-George Roach reported on the audit and reviewed the procedures of the audit. All revenues and expenses were correct. The city did some major capital improvements so the general fund balance did go down but streets and city hall were improved with those funds. The grant income still has not been reimbursed from the state. The water/sewer account is covering its expenses but yearly costs are increasing so the rates will need to be adjusted. The city retirement IMRF is fully funded. Sue Englund does not feel that the City of Amboy needs a full time sergeant and should instead just have whoever is on duty be the acting sergeant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss Lisa Lane Recapture Agreement –Mayor Schamberger asked the city council for ideas on how to recapture the road costs for Mr. Elkan. Attorney Matt Keegan advised the council that the city can decide how much to recapture and how many lots to attach the agreement. More discussion next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss/ Approve DNR Culvert Replacement Permit \$2,690.00 (Commercial Street)
Mayor Schamberger will reach out to Aaron Full on the permit and paperwork. Motion to Approve DNR Culvert Permit \$2,690.00 made by Aldermen Shaw and McLaughlin.
Voting Yes-Bontz, Stuckemeyer, Dewey, McLaughlin, Shaw. Voting No-Weidman.
Passed 5-1.

Approve Tree Bids- Tree bids were accepted for 27 trees. Timber Industries bid \$17,000.00 for them to remove all the trees. The second bid from Timber was \$10,450.00 which takes the trees down but our city crew loads and hauls them away. Guether Tree Services bid was \$26,350.00 to remove all trees and cleanup. Bludders Tree Service bid was \$27,225.00 for all tree removal. Alderman Weidman and Dewey discussed the tree budget. The aldermen were in agreement to have the city guys help to keep the cost within budget. Motion to Approve Timber Industries Bid \$10,450.00 made by Aldermen McLaughlin and Stuckemeyer. All Approved.

Discuss City Council Meeting Start Time –change 6pm –Mayor Schamberger wanted to discuss moving the city meetings to 6pm start time. Alderman Stuckemeyer didn't feel the need to change it. Alderman Bontz and Weidman agreed on the 7pm start time. Aldermen Dewey and McLaughlin didn't care. Alderman Shaw was happy with the 7pm.

Discussion regarding business Jared Zellhoffer –Letter for County- Attorney Matt Keegan advised the city council to wait until the Lee County Board needs the letter. The request is for changing zoning to a property outside of the city limits.

Building Inspectors Report-2 Roof, 1 Shed, 2 Decks, 2 Fence permits. The attorney had a list of properties to review.

ATTORNEY CONCERNS-None.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Alderman Shaw-Depot is concerned on getting the chimney repaired.

Alderman Weidman-Nothing.

Alderman Dewey-Nothing.

Alderman McLaughlin-Nothing.

Alderman Bontz-Nothing.

Alderman Stuckemeyer-BAH was very nice at the new shop.

MAYOR CONCERNS-Halloween parade and Trick or Treating will be on Sunday Oct 28th. Nov 4th Chili Cook-off to benefit the food pantries. Jones & Berry Lumber will be hosting the next BAH. Please plan on attending.

With no further business to come before the council the meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Submitted by
Melissa Eisenberg, RMC