

AMERY REGULAR COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 8, 2020

The Amery City Council met on January 8, 2020 at City Hall – Council Chambers. Mayor, Paul Isakson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Interim City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund conducted Roll Call.

Present: Mayor, Paul Isakson. Council President, Tim Strohbusch. Alderpersons, Julie Riemenschneider, Rick Van Blaricom, Kris Vicker; Sarah Flanum and Chad Leonard.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Interim City Administrator/City Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund; Management Analyst-Deputy Clerk, Ben Jansen; Chief of Police, Tom Marson; Fire Chief, Dale Koehler; Library Director, Amy Stormberg; and Assistant Public Works Director/Wastewater Treatment Manager, Jeff Mahoney.

Staff Absent: None.

Others present: Members of the Public and Guests.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor, Paul Isakson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Public Comment: Gloria Lansin of the Amery Women’s Club was present to discuss the Polk County Recycling Center.

Communications: Wisconsin State Highway 46 Pavement Rehabilitation Project in 2022.

Officer Reports: Interim City Administrator-City Clerk-Treasurer; Management Analyst-Deputy Clerk; Police Chief (absent shared in council members’ packets); Fire Chief; Library Director and Director of Public Works.

Committee Reports: Plan Commission (No Meeting); Public Works (No Meeting); Parks & Recreation (No Meeting); Finance & Personnel (November 11th, 2019; December 6th, 2019; January 7th, 2020); Public Safety & Welfare (No Meeting).

Consent Agenda Items: (Items under the consent agenda may be acted upon by one motion).

1. **Minutes:** November 6th, 2019 – Regular Council Proceedings; November 19th, 2019 – Finance and Personnel Committee; November 20th, 2019 – Special Council/2020 Budget Hearing Proceedings; and December 6th, 2019 – Finance and Personnel Committee Proceedings.

Motion by Alderperson, Van Blaricom; to accept all minutes; seconded by Alderperson, Riemenschneider.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.

New Business:

1. **Resolutions: Discussion/Action** – Resolution #01-2020 Budget Amendment TID #7.
2. **Ordinances: Discussion/Action** – None at this time.
3. **John Carlson/Joe Vierkandt Departure: Discussion/Action** – The Council wished to extend its gratitude to Officer Carlson and Assistant Chief Vierkandt for their service to the City and extends its well wishes to both on their future endeavors.
4. **Appoint Election Inspectors for 2020-2021: Discussion/Action** – The Council was presented with the proposed Election Inspectors for 2020-2021.
5. **Keller Avenue Project Update: Discussion/Action** – A representative from MSA was present to discuss the progress on the Keller Avenue project.
6. **Main St. Back Alley Improvements: Discussion/Action** – The Mayor announced that he would be sending out a letter to all downtown business owners asking for their input regarding the upcoming alley renovation.
7. **Schedule of Fees: Discussion/Action** – The Council directed Interim City Administrator, Bjorklund; and Management Analyst, Jansen; to review the City’s schedule of fees and amend as necessary.
8. **Standard Developer’s Agreement: Discussion/Action** – The Council reviewed the Developer’s Agreement with Dick’s Fresh Market.
9. **Amery Theatre: Discussion/Action** – The Council decided to consult with MSA on options for the repair of the Amery Theatre.
10. **Police Officer Hiring: Discussion/Action** – Police Chief Marson brought forward his recommendation of Joshua Tyler to fill the full time Police Officer vacancy to the Council.
11. **Library Board Appointments to replace Shawn Doerfler (Township 2020 Term): Discussion/Action** – Greta McCarty and Annie Braaten were presented as proposed replacements for Mr. Doerfler.

Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Flanum to approve the Budget Amendment to TID #7 in the amount of \$9,000 to account (420-53700-420).

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Riemenschneider to approve proposed Election Inspectors for 2020-2021.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Flanum to approve the Developer’s Agreement with Dick’s Fresh Market.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Vicker to approve the hiring of Joshua Tyler for the full time Police Officer vacancy effective February 4th, 2020.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Alderperson, Van Blaricom; seconded by Alderperson, Riemenschneider to approve the appointment of Annie Braaten and Greta McCarty to the Library Board in place of Shawn Doerfler.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Closed Session: Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Leonard to go into closed session proceedings at 5:45 p.m. under WI §19.85 (1) (e) & WI § 19.85 (1) (g). At 5:45 p.m.

Roll Call Vote was conducted by Interim City Administrator, Bjorklund as follows:

Ayes: Strohbusch, Riemenschneider, Van Blaricom, Vicker, Flanum, Leonard and Isakson.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Alderperson Leonard; seconded by Alderperson, Van Blaricom to come out of closed session proceedings at 6:00 p.m.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Leonard to approve the Purchase Agreement for the Bremer Bank Building in the amount of \$350,000.

Roll Call Vote was conducted by Interim City Administrator, Bjorklund as follows:

Ayes: Strohbusch, Riemenschneider, Van Blaricom, Vicker, Flanum, Leonard, and Isakson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Alderperson, Van Blaricom, seconded by Alderperson, Leonard to move forward with the signing of the Condo Agreement with Amery Hospital tentatively dated July 31st, 2020.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Leonard to send out Requests for Proposals regarding the Bremer Bank Building.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Alderperson, Flanum; seconded by Alderperson, Van Blaricom to adjourn at 6:10 PM.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Jansen
Management Analyst
January 8th, 2020