

AMERY CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
June 5, 2019

The Amery City Council met on June 5, 2019 at City Hall. Mayor, Paul Isakson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund conducted Roll Call.

Present: Mayor, Paul Isakson. Alderpersons: Tim, Strohbusch, Julie Riemenschneider, Kris Vicker, Rick Davis, Sarah Flanum.

Absent: Alderperson, Rick Van Blaricom

Staff Present: City Administrator, Kim Moore; Public Works Director, “Bones” Allen McCarty; Fire Chief, Dale Koehler; City Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund and Amy Stormberg, Library Director.

Staff Absent: Police Chief, Tom Marson.

Others present: Julie Anderson, Amery Women’s Club; Dick Waterman, Waterman’s Sanitation and Norm Osero, Amery Ventures, LLC.

Mayor, Isakson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Vote was conducted by City Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund as follows to open the Public Hearing:

Ayes: Strohbusch, Riemenschneider, Isakson, Vicker, Davis, Flanum

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor, Isakson opened the Public Hearing to hear written and oral testimony regarding proposed changes to Title 2, Chapter 1 (Ordinance 01-2019) of the City of Amery Code of Ordinances pertaining to Elections. Also, Title 2, Chapter 3 (Ordinance 02-2019) of the City of Amery Code of Ordinances pertaining to Municipal Officers and Employees. Also Title 10, Chapter 1 (Ordinance 03-2019) of the City of Amery Code of Ordinances pertaining to Traffic and Parking. Also, Title 11, Chapter 2 (Ordinance 04-2019) of the Amery Code of Ordinances pertaining to Offenses and Nuisances. Also, Title 11, Chapter 5 (Ordinance 05-2019) of the Amery Code of Ordinances pertaining to Offenses by Juveniles. Alderperson, Davis commented that the reason that the codes are being approved is to get them ready to be combined with the final draft. Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund reiterated the fact that the code should be ready for final review this fall. There will be more ordinances for approval. All ordinance amendments will move forward. The Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Strohbusch and seconded by Riemenschneider to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 City Council; May 9, 2019 Special City Council; May 23, 2019 Plan Commission; May 28, 2019 Public Works Committee; May 28, 2019 Parks & Recreation Committee (with changes that Alderperson, Julie Riemenschneider was present); May 28, 2019 Finance Committee and May 28, 2019 Public Safety Committee

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

Upcoming Events were detailed by Julie Anderson of the Amery Women’s Club. The Amery Art Fair will take place on June 15, 2019. She stated it is the 42nd Annual Art Fair. This money goes to help support scholarships. She noted that 1 goes to a High School Student and 2 go toward non-traditional students to help

further their education. The Amery Women's Club was founded in 1921 so there is a 100 Year Anniversary coming up in the near future. Dale Koehler, Fire Chief wanted the audience to know that there will be a Salvation Army Backpack Fundraiser taking place at the Amery Fire Department, Friday, June 7, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The monies raised go to help schools within Polk County. Alderperson, Riemenschneider also mentioned the Brat Stand at Dick's Market today and tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

New Business: Dick Waterman of Waterman's Sanitation spoke regarding increase to rates. They are as follows:

- 35 Gallon Cart - \$17.00 per month includes weekly trash pickup and recycling picked up twice a month.
- 60 Gallon Cart - \$17.00 per month includes weekly trash pickup and recycling picked up twice a month.
- 90 Gallon Cart - \$19.00 per month includes weekly trash pickup and recycling picked up twice a month.

Contractor's driver has the option to automatically increase cart size when volume of trash continuously exceeds the cart size. Any trash exceeding container volume will be left until home owner arranges payment with Waterman's office or City Hall. He noted that the recycling charges will most likely increase next spring. He has not had a price increase in 28 years.

Recommendation from the Plan Commission to allow Norm Osero, Amery Ventures, LLC to combine Lots 88 & 89 into a single lot in Pondhurst First Addition for the purpose of construction of a single-family home or a possible duplex; also exchange of the Pondhurst First Addition triangular Outlot #4 for an adjacent similarly sized triangular City-owned piece of real estate.

Motion by Riemenschneider to approve combination of Lots 88 & 89 into a single lot in Pondhurst First Addition and exchange of triangular Outlot #4 for an adjacent triangular Outlot #10 piece of property. With City of Amery deeding to Susan Johnson and with Outlot 10 to be deeded from Pondhurst First Addition Planned Unit Development Association to City of Amery.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Officer reports were read by: City Administrator, Moore; Director of Public Works, McCarty; Fire Chief, Koehler; Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund and Library Director, Stormberg.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Personnel (The following were read for discussion/approval):

Alarm System for Michael Park. This consists of 11 cameras (with room to add one more in the future) for Michael Park, Bobber Park, Dam Park and Band Shell. The funds should not exceed \$6,100 with Amery Community Club paying for ½ the cost. Trenching will be done to place WiFi in the park areas. Payment will come out of the Parks Budget.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Strobusch to approve purchase of 11 – 12 cameras, transmitting equipment and/or Wi-Fi with a cost not to exceed \$6,100 and Amery Community Club paying ½ the cost.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Dam Inspections were presented to Finance/Personnel Committee. Recommendation from Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the bid from Ayers Associates for Dam Inspections in the amount of \$1,800 with the understanding that the Town of Lincoln will pay half the cost as they own ½ of the dam.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Riemenschneider to approve Ayers Associates bid to do Dam Inspections in the amount of \$1,800 for the bi-annual inspection with the understanding that the Town of Lincoln will pay half the cost as they own ½ of the dam.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Rehabilitation of West Commons Lift Station was discussed. Recommendation from Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the quote from Quality Flow Systems in the amount of \$55,640 to perform that rehabilitation.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Strohbusch to approve rehabilitation of the 3rd Lift Station (West Commons) by Quality Flow Systems in the amount of \$55,640 from the Sewer Budget.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

RV Dump Station Fees discussion took place. Davis noted that Finance/Personnel recommended the council look at \$25 per usage for all non-residents and let the Park Host manage obtaining the fees. The camera can help monitor as well. An automated system was also discussed. Strohbusch would like to see how much use the dump site is generating. The camera can see how many units use the site. This discussion will be tabled until the July 10, 2019 Council Meeting after Finance has discussed.

Sewer Plant Operator Jeremy Wood discussion for pay increase and title took place. Finance/Personnel recommended that he receive a \$1.50 per hour increase as he has certifications to perform Sewer Plant Operator duties. His title will be Sewer Plant Operator.

Motion by Vicker, seconded by Riemenschneider to approve pay increase of \$1.50 per hour and title change from crew member to Sewer Plant Operator for Jeremy Wood.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

New Business - Continued:

Operator License Applications; Liquor, Malt Beverage and Cider Applications; Cigarette and Tobacco Applications; Secondhand Article License Applications were discussed. Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund noted that all Operator's Licenses were done by Background Check from Police Chief, Marson and herself issuing the licenses once approval and payment was made and background passed.

City Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund read the following license applications for approval:

- Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class A" Liquor
- Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class A" Liquor Cider Only
- Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Liquor
- Class "B" Beer
- Cigarette/Tobacco Licenses
- Second Hand Article Licenses

Motion to approve Licenses as read by Strohbusch, seconded by Riemenschneider for a period of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Motion to approve Operator’s Licenses as presented in board packets was approved by Davis, seconded by Riemenschneider. City Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund noted that she had gotten prior approval to approve Operator’s Licenses for future along with the help of Chief, Marson who will perform background checks. She will report all licenses, but board approval will not need to take place.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Notary Public Fees changes were presented. City Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund had gotten a request to investigate and possibly charge fees from Court Clerk, Deb Trandum. Bjorklund did do some research, and of the 17 municipalities she spoke with, 2 did charge and 15 did not. The council will not charge fees at this time.

Appointment of Dr. Shawn Doerfler to the Amery Library Board as School Representative to replace Cathy Loverude with a term to expire in May, 2020.

Motion by Strohbusch to approve appointment of Dr. Shawn Doerfler to the Amery Library Board as School Representative to replace Cathy Loverude with a term to expire in May, 2020; seconded by Riemenschneider.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Strohbusch; Seconded by Flanum to go into closed session proceedings at 6:30 p.m. under WI §19.85 (1) (b) Considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person, or considering the grant or denial of tenure for a university faculty member, and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the faculty member or other public employee or person licensed is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action taken and of any meeting at which final action may be taken. The notice shall contain a statement that the person has the right to demand that the evidentiary hearing or meeting be held in open session. This paragraph and par. (f) Do not apply to any such evidentiary hearing or meeting where the employee or person licensed requests that an open session be held. (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. This pertains to: Police Matter and West Campus Condominium Building.

Roll Call Vote was conducted by City Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund as follows:

Ayes: Strohbusch, Riemenschneider, Isakson, Vicker, Davis, Flanum

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

City Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund recused herself from the proceedings as portions were personnel-related.

Motion by Strohbusch; Seconded by Davis to come out of closed session proceedings at 7:50 p.m.

Ayes – 6

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Davis; Seconded by Fl anum to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Bjorklund, WCMC/CMC, CMTW
City Clerk-Treasurer