

AMERY SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
October 23, 2019

The Amery City Council met on October 23, 2019 at City Hall – Council Chambers. Mayor, Paul Isakson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund conducted Roll Call.

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

Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Administrator, Kim Moore; City Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund; Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk, Ben Jansen; Library Director, Amy Stormberg; Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, Jeff Mahoney; and Auditor, Jonathan Sherwood – CliftonLarsonAllen.

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.

New Business:

Discussion/Action: Resolution #18-2019 – Resolution #18-2019 Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation Promissory Note for the purchase of an Ambulance to be used by Amery EMS Service in the amount of \$95,453.62. The Amery EMS will pay the loan directly to Bremer Bank, NA. The City of Amery, will in turn issue a check in that amount to Amery EMS. Amery EMS will then repay the principal and interest to Bremer Bank, NA. The resolution is for the issuance, sale and delivery of a \$95,453.62 General Obligation Promissory Note, Series 2019A, of City of Amery, Wisconsin; establishing the terms and conditions therefore; directing its execution and delivery; creating a debt service account therefore; and awarding the sale thereof. The note will be dated the date of its closing and delivery as the date of original issue at an interest rate of 2.69% and shall be payable as to principal and interest semi-annually on April 1st and November 1st of each year commencing with April 1, 2020 in 13 installments of approximately \$8,043.82 with the final payment on April 1, 2026. Interest will be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Motion by Alderperson, Van Blaricom; seconded by Council President, Strohbusch to approve Resolution #18-2019 Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation Promissory Note for the purchase of an Ambulance to be used by Amery EMS Service in the amount of \$95,453.62 with the understanding that Amery EMS will pay all principal and interest payments to Bremer Bank, NA.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Discussion/Action: Noah Insurance Health/Dental/Vision/HSA and Life for 2020 – Health/Dental rates and packages were provided to the council in their packets for review. City Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund also discussed Vision, Life and HSA benefits. Alderperson, Flanum would like to see that the December 1, 2019 HealthPartners Base Plan Option 1 would allow for carryover of 2019 deductibles that the employee has accrued. December 1,

2019 Plan would only be for the month of December 2019 and there will be a new plan with a lower deductible and savings for January 1, 2020.

Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Flanum to approve Health/Dental/Vision/HSA and Life for 2020 with City Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund researching that the deductible for December 2019 be allowed for carryover of 2019 deductibles that the employee has accrued.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Discussion/Action: Jonathan Sherwood - CliftonLarsonAllen Budget 2020 – Jonathan Sherwood – CliftonLarsonAllen presented the 2020 Budget Worksheet to the council. The council reviewed the budget and questions were fielded. Discussion Ensued.

Closed Session: Motion by Alderperson, Van Blaricom; seconded by Council President, Strohbusch to go into closed session proceedings at 7:26 p.m. under WI §19.85 (1) (b) to discuss City Administrator “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 that hearing which may be held prior to final action being 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.” WI 19.85 (1) (c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. WI 19.85 (1) (e) “Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.”

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

City Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund and Management Analyst/Deputy-Clerk, Jansen left the meeting after Roll Call Vote was conducted.

Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Riemenschneider to come out of closed session proceedings at 8:25 p.m.

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

The resulting vote from the Closed Session Proceedings is as follows:

Roll Call Vote for Termination of the contract with City Administrator, Kim Moore-Sykes (“Employee”) with the City of Amery as detailed in 10. (B). “If termination is without cause, the Employee shall receive written notice of termination. In such a termination without cause, the Employee shall receive six months of severance compensation consisting of Employee’s then current salary and benefits.” Termination date will be effective October 31, 2019.

Ayes: Strohbusch, Van Blaricom, Vicker, Fl anum, and Leonard.

Nays: Riemenschneider.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Alderperson, Van Blaricom; seconded by Council President, Strohbusch to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 1

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Bjorklund, WCMC/CMC/CMTW

City Clerk-Treasurer

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