

AMERY SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
October 30, 2019

The Amery City Council met on October 30, 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, Sarah Flanum and Chad Leonard.

Absent: Alderperson, Kris Vicker.

Staff Present: City Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund; Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk, Ben Jansen; Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, Jeff Mahoney; Auditor, Jonathan Sherwood – CliftonLarsonAllen and Erik Henningsgard – SEH.

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 2020 Budget – Jonathan Sherwood, Auditor – CliftonLarsonAllen was present and addressed the updated 2020 Budget for the City of Amery. He noted that Water Funds will need to be looked at closely for the possible Simplified Rate Case increase of Water through the Public Service Commission (PSC) in 2020. Sewer Funds also will need to be examined for the City to do an increase of Sewer Rates for 2020. It was noted by Mayor, Isakson that \$15,000 would be preferred to be included in Celebrations for Music on the River. Woody McBride had met with Finance at the October 29, 2019 Meeting and requested that amount for help with that venture. That would need to be put in the 2020 Budget. Recommendations from the October 29, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting were discussed and are as follows:

- Forgive Stan Heintz the fee to remove the Old Amoco Bulk Plant.
- Pay Damon Derosier (Part-Time Police Officer) \$24/Hr. and create a contract naming him as Temporary Full-Time Employee Effective 11/1/19 – 11/1/20. Either party (city or Damon) can terminate the agreement. A stipend for clothing similar to Full-Time Police Officers and PTO of 50 hours will also be included.
- Appoint Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund as Interim City Administrator until such time a new City Administrator is hired. Wage for her time will be discussed in the future.
- The wage increase for the following employees: 3% (Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund; Water-Sewer/Office Staff, Linda Kuhn; Human Resources/Office Staff – Deb Trandum; Police Secretaries – Heather Hegarty and Barbara Auge). Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk, Ben Jansen - \$21.77/Hr. Public Works Employees: John Rodke - \$28.97; Jeremy Wood - \$27.27; Nick Waterman - \$27.17; Josh Anderson - \$27.57; Ross Fleischauer - \$26.78 and Duane Riley - \$19.00. Fire Chief, Dale Koehler - \$1,000 Yearly. Police Chief, Tom Marson – 1%. Assistant Police Chief, Joseph Vierkandt – 1%. Police Union Employees – 2.5%. Non-Union Employees – 3.0%. Part-Time Officers - .50/Hr. All employees,

specifically Public Works and Public Safety should have updated job descriptions and Performance Matrix as part of their increase in pay.

Discussion also took place to increase the 2020 Levy from \$1,814,966 to \$1,825,588.

Increase Highway Maintenance to \$170,000.

Roll Call Vote was conducted by Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund to accept all changes to the 2020 Budget in regards to recommendations from the Finance Committee for Stan Heintz request for forgiveness of fee for moving a structure, Damon Derosier Part-Time Officer contract for Temporary Full-Time Employee Status, Appoint Clerk-Treasurer, Patty Bjorklund as Interim City Administrator and wage increases. Also increase Highway Maintenance to \$170,000 and increase the 2020 Levy from \$1,814,066 to \$1,825,588.

Ayes: Strohbusch, Riemenschneider, Van Blaricom, Fl anum, Leonard.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Council President, Strohbusch; seconded by Alderperson, Leonard to adjourn at 5:26 p.m.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Bjorklund, WCMC/CMC/CMTW
City Clerk-Treasurer
October 29, 2019