

April 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the city council meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Tom Boeck. Council members present were Tiffany Sevcik and Gina Massop. KC Reuter joined the meeting at 7:15 PM. Absent was Mayor Dave Witucki. Also present were Don Wolters, Patty Smith, Tamara Dicks, Les Curry, Lisa Lindberg, Denny Sonnabend and Carol Herden.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Sevcik to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: A motion was made by Sevcik and 2nd by Massop to approve the bills.

City of Amboy	11470 – 11509 & EFT's 878E & 885E	\$196,076.66
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Smith had an additional bill from City of Mapleton for \$21,366.00. Motion carried unanimously.

RO Update: Noone from SEH was present for the meeting. Change order 16 for extension of time was presented again. The final payment date would be changed to April 12, 2024. Discussion was held, the punch list will not be completed by April 12. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Sevcik to table this change order until the May meeting. A payment request for \$20,950.35 was presented, this would pay for the contract in full; minus the 5% retainage. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Sevcik to pay 22-830-00020 for \$20,950.35. Motion carried unanimously. A punch list was presented to the council. It was made by Don, Dave, Maria (SEH) and Jeff (Joseph's Company). It is approximately 2/3 completed. A letter from Tom Madden was given to the council that he sent to Joseph's Company regarding another change order and why he was not bringing it to the City of Amboy for approval.

Community Club: Lisa, Les, and Carol presented to the council ideas for the historical development of the recreational area. The school bell would be moved closer to the school arch. The red cow sculpture would be east of the school history area. The cow is not playground equipment. It is like the Little Sprouts that you see in Blue Earth. Behind each area would be a 5' x 10' cement wall that would have a plaque/sign displayed that gives the history of the school and red cow. The bell could be safely moved, and a new pad would be made if needed. If the bell is not moved by the school monument it splits the park up and does not create a nice flow. The city would like to see the school history, the town history and a veteran's history. It would keep the monuments in an orderly fashion and give visitors to the park a better connection with Amboy's history and someday have a walking path through the area. The red cow would be bolted down or set on concrete. This would still leave a large area for a veteran's park in the future. The parks committee of Reuter and Sevcik will meet with the Community Club to finalize the plans of where placement would be and submit a zoning application to the planning commission. Carol will redraw the map and show the placement of the cow and the school monuments and take out the bunker wall that was on original proposal. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Reuter to move the bell from where it sits to east of the arch and put the red cow sculpture by the juniper trees and add bunker wall for the red cow history and bunker wall to the west of the arch for the school history. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids for the Overlay: Received 3 bids for Pleasant Street from 4th Ave E to 2nd Ave E overlay. Nielsen Blacktopping - \$32,100.00; WW Blacktopping - \$32,472.00; Minnesota Paving - \$39,391.00. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve the bid from Nielsen Blacktopping for \$32,100.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports: Received reports from fire department, police department and public works. Reuter asked about stop sign replacement. Wolters said it blew down with high winds, he was informed by police department when he was at conference in St Cloud. It disappeared and was replaced with a spare in the city shop.

Flushing of water mains will be April 15 – 30 and street sweeping will be done in May. Police department submitted their annual statistics for 2023, council liked seeing the information.

Future Projects: Solar garden is not feasible unless you have investors. Do you want to install solar to offset our energy use? The council would like to find out what other towns may have done and see what has worked and what has not. Smith will do more research, most of the solar areas you see are on private land. It may not be cost effective for the city at this time. Smith asked the council what direction they are thinking of - is it the North Street project, South Street Extension, sidewalks, etc. Would like some input in a couple of months, as we will start working on the 2025 budget. Reuter said the fire department asked about an above water disbursement by water tower so they could load water faster. Smith asked if she could contact Bollig Engineering Firm to present to the council at the May meeting. They specialize in small towns under 2000. Massop asked about storm sewer replacement; we have started the storm water fund, the fund is still small, not sure what a project would cost. A leaf vacuum would be nice too.

Zoning: Robert Wright, 416 North Street W submitted a zoning permit application for a garage addition. The garage will be 32 'x 26 '. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve the garage if all setbacks are met. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Comment: Sonnabend asked if a Dollar General was going to be built; council said land has been annexed into the city, but no building permits have been requested. Smith told the council she would like to send out cleanup letters before the May meeting, as most are the same residents as previous years and what them to be aware of the cleanup day on May 18. Wolters will be on site that day to help residents unload into the dumpsters. No set date for when pickleball courts will be painted, should be mid-May. A center hook needs to be installed on tennis nets, so they stay in position. Golf team has been using the putting greens. Boeck asked for the library information to be on the city website; it currently is, and Smith will update with the new day/hours.

Miscellaneous: Open Book April 22 – April 26 at Government Center, 410 S 5th Street Mankato
Mayor/Clerk Meeting, April 11 at Madison Lake
Amboy City Wide Garage Sales – May 10 – 11
City Wide Clean-up May 18
Appliance/Electronic Recycling June 4

A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Reuter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Acting Mayor Tom Boeck

Council

ATTEST:

Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer