

December 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the city council was called to order by Acting Mayor Tom Boeck, Council members present were KC Reuter and Tiffany Sevcik. Mayor Dave Witucki and Gina Massop were absent. Also present were Don Wolters, Patty Smith and Tom Madden (SEH).

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Billing: Reuter asked about the metal detector purchased, it will be used to locate water valves. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve the bills.

City of Amboy 11258 – 11298 & EFT's 845E-851E \$150,388.92

No additional bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Truth & Taxation Public Hearing: Regular meeting was closed, and Public Hearing was opened. No comments for the public hearing. Public hearing was closed, and regular meeting was opened.

RO Update: Tom Madden from SEH updated council on reverse osmosis startup. The RO system has been run and is working well. We will currently run it 4 hours a day, but water will not be going out to the residents. There is another issue with the high service pumps and well VFD's not working together. The high service pump is pumping at a lower rate. The electrician, general contractor, and Madden are working to get this resolved, hopefully this week. Madden asked Wolters about chemicals. Wolters is working with John from SEH to set up chemicals. He will do water tests to make sure we meet compliance with the MN Dept of Health before water is sent to residents. Discussion was held on the water softeners. Most residents probably over soften their water. Residents will need to adjust the regeneration of the softeners when RO is working. RO system may pull residue out of the current pipes; the most used lines should be okay. Dead end lines could have discolored water. Once the city can flush hydrants in the spring that will help. Should not flush this winter as it could cause problems with our pipes and ice. Our water will go through filters and then to RO system. We have been supplied with extra filters per our contract and when more are needed, the city will order through H2O. The RO system should run itself, once we get the chemicals adjusted. Pressure is determined by the water tower; if residents have low pressure, it could be their pipes or filters that need to be cleaned. We have 5 extra meters if a meter would need to be replaced. Hot water heaters could be flushed, just like your normal maintenance of 6 months to a year.

Pay application 22-830-00017 for \$38,570.00 was presented to council. A motion was made by Sevcik and 2nd by Reuter to approve pay application 22-830-00017 for \$38,570.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The project does come with a warranty; it should be one year from contractor; Madden will confirm the time with Smith and the RO system would have a manufacturer's warranty. If there are any questions on the running of the RO system, even if it is 6 months from now the city may call Tom Madden with SEH for help.

Resolution 2023 – 12 Designating Mail Ballot Polling Place: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve Resolution 2023-12 Designating Mail Ballot Polling Place. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023 – 13 Governing Write-In Vote Counting: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve Resolution 2023-13 Governing Write-In Vote Counting. Motion carried unanimously.

2024 Budget & Resolution 2023 – 14 Proposed Tax Levy 2024: The levy for this year is 2.83%, down from the original proposal of 7.65%. A motion was made by Sevcik and 2nd by Reuter to approve Resolution 2023-14 Approving Proposed Tax Levy Collectible in 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023 – 15 Resolution Adopting Proposed 2024 Budget: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve Resolution Adopting Proposed 2024 Budget of General Fund \$560,136, Water \$156,160, Sewer \$192,600 and Garbage \$48,830.00 Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on having a 2nd public works employee should be looked at during 2024.

Resolution 2023 – 16 Employee Compensation in December: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve the Employee Compensation for full and part time employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023 – 17 Accepting Donation to City from Fire Relief Association: A motion was made by Sevcik and 2nd by Reuter to accept the \$1000.00 donation towards a fire truck by the Fire Relief Association. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports: Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works reports were received. New slide was installed at the park. New truck is working well, plow is on it. New toolbox will be ordered soon. The city whistle has been shortened. The payloader is having new batteries installed and the red tractor will have a tune up done. Both are at Kevin's Repair. No other questions on other reports.

Midco Franchise: Midco is proposing a franchise contract with Amboy for cable services. Our attorney is still looking at it. Questions from council, is there a cost to us and what services would they be offering. This will be tabled until our attorney approves the contract.

Sport Court Bid: We had one bid to finish sealing and painting the recreational area. Council would like one more bid to consider. Smith will contact Midwest Athletic Surfaces for another bid.

January Meeting: It will be on Tuesday, January 2 as Smith has audit on January 8 and 9.

Open Comment: Christmas Lights look nice around town.

Miscellaneous: Santa will be at fire department, December 12 from 5- 7 PM. Audits for city will begin on December 19 and finish on January 8 and 9.

A motion was made by Sevcik and 2nd by Reuter to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Acting Mayor Tom Boeck

Council

ATTEST:

Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer