

April 6, 2026

The regular meeting of the city council meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Mike Sevcik. Present from the council were Tom Boeck, Tiffany Sevcik, and KC Reuter. Gina Massop was absent. Also present were Chris Kruse, Don Wolters, Patty Smith, Tamara Dicks, Trevor Austin, Bruce Ward, and Ryan Krause.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2026, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve the bills.

City of Amboy Check 12688 – 12736 & EFT's 1063E-1071E \$84,200.37

Smith had an additional bill for City of Mapleton \$21,330.00 Motion carried unanimously.

Community Comment: Tamara Dicks asked if new business is open, yes it is.

Resolution 2025 – 6 Resignation of Gina Massop: Massop resigned from the council, effective March 13, 2026. Council thanked Massop for her service as a council person. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously. League of MN Cities expects the council to fill the position as soon as possible. The council should appoint someone to fill the position until December 31, 2026. A 2-year position will be on the ballot in November to have someone elected to fill the position for the final two years that are left on Massop's term. Mayor Sevcik asked if anyone at the meeting would be interested in taking over the term for this year. Ryan Krause volunteered for the position. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve Krause to take over Massop's council position through the end of this year. Motion carried unanimously. Krause was sworn in by Mayor Sevcik and joined the council.

Public Hearing: Regular meeting was closed and public hearing was opened on Authorizing Replacement of Lead, Galvanized, or Other Hazardous Water Service Lines on Private Property. No comments from the public and the hearing was closed and the regular council meeting was reopened..

Ordinance Chapter 52 Water: A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve Ordinance Chapter 52 Water, Section 52.25 authorizing the replacement of lead, galvanized or other hazardous water service lines on private property. Motion carried unanimously.

Bollig: Trevor Austin presented to council. South Street project will begin again when the road restrictions are lifted. A proposal for CVT Testing to do the material testing was presented. This cost was included in the original bid. A motion was made by T Sevcik and 2nd by Reuter to approve the CVT Testing proposal on the South Street W road project. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Treatment plant was submitted to PFA funding for 2.26 million. This includes the bid for the water treatment plant, engineering fees (Task 8) and lead and service line replacement. The MN Dept of Health has approved the plans. We are still waiting to find out how much of the project will be funded by PFA; it could be an 80/20 split but no guarantees at this time.

Reviewed Phase 1 project scope map, plans are being reviewed by MN Dept of Health for the infrastructure replacement project and will include replacement of lead and galvanized service line piping.

Resolution 2026 – 5 Parking Lane Removal was tabled at last meeting. Council does not want to take away the parking lane. A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Reuter to not approve Resolution 2026 – Parking Lane Removal on County Rd 70 between 1st Ave S and 2 Ave S. Motion carried unanimously.

Lead Service lines for residents are included in the PFA request and should be 100% grant covered; no city costs either.

Phase 2 map Wastewater improvement project which includes the cross connections of storm sewer along 4th avenue and purchasing of land for a pond system. The MPCA did approve the storm water to be included since there are cross connections. Cost estimate is 6.172 million and does not include the purchase of the land.

Phase 3 map which is the North Street – Radke loop, Pearl Street and State Street. Cost of this project is 6.211 million

Task 2 was approved in November 2024, PER (Prepare Preliminary Engineering Report) for rural development funding. Bollig's would like to change Task 2 to read MPCA/PFA funding requirements for infrastructure improvements instead of rural development. It will not change the dollar amount on Task 2. A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Reuter to approve the change on the PER to MPCA/PFA funding instead of rural development. Motion carried unanimously.

Full funding applications for the MN Deed Small Cities Development Program is due April 15, 2026. Bollig will submit.

Water contract between the City of Amboy and Wapasha Construction was given to council. Council would like our attorney to approve it before signing. There is a preconstruction meeting on April 22 at 1PM with Chris, Patty, Nathan (Bollig). The project manual and specs will be discussed. Mayor Sevcik asked about grant funding for our veteran's memorial and Trevor said we can ask Zach.

2025 ABDO AUDIT: Abby Schmidt gave a pre-recorded video presentation. She presented slides and explanations to council. There are no instances of non-compliance in the 2025 audit. Our general fund balance is 61% of our budget and they recommend 40% so we are good with our general fund. Revenues were higher with better interest rates and expenses were higher with engineering fees and utilities. Water fund expenses are high, and we are below the 50% of cash reserves the auditors would like to see in the water fund. The sewer and refuse funds are okay. The storm sewer fund is in its 3rd year with revenue in and no expenses out as we are building up a reserve. The tax rates for Amboy are trending to show a decrease; we are more in-line with other cities in Blue Earth County. Smith does an excellent job in getting information to the auditors. If you have any questions on the audit, please let Smith know and she will contact Abdo. A motion was made by T Sevcik and 2nd by Reuter to approve the 2025 audit. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026 – 7 RAISING WATER RATES IN 2026 & 2027: The last increase was in 2024. With the rising costs of utilities, chemicals and upgrades a larger increase is needed. Base rate in 2026 will increase to \$32.00 per month/\$96.00 per quarter for first 750 gallons and any gallons over 750 will be billed at \$11.00 per 1000 gallons. These rates will go into effect March 2026 and be reflected in June 2026 billing. Base rates in 2027 will increase to \$35.00 per month/\$105.00 per quarter for the first 750 gallons and any additional gallons will be billed at \$13.00 per 1000 gallons. The 2027 rates will go into effect March 2027 and be reflected in in June 2027 billing. A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Reuter to approve Resolution 2026 – 7 Raising Water Rates in 2026 & 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports: Reports were received from public works, police, and fire departments. Road patch pallet arrived today. We can add gravel to the city lot across from city hall. Fuel tanks were tabled last month. It is not in the 2026 budget; we do not use lots of fuel, less than 500 gallons of diesel in a year and about 1000 gallons of gas. Will add into 2027 budget if possible. Received bids for asphalt repairs by fire department, urban oil and need to patch for the sink hole last fall on 2nd Avenue. A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Reuter to approve the Nielsen Blacktopping for the 3 areas discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

Veteran's Memorial: The city did budget \$37,000 for sidewalk/memorial area and \$20,000 for lights at recreational area/memorial. Smith would need measurements on the sidewalk to recreational area and for the base of the memorial stone, so bids can be requested. Kruse did talk with Jonathan Weerts from Bedrock Ready Mix and since it is for a Veterans Memorial area, he would give us a discount. Having sidewalk and base poured will show people progress on the area and help with donations to pay for the memorial stone. Smith has applied for a grant, and the Lions Club has applied for grants also.

Data Practices: Smith attended clerks conference in March and input from many other cities was we should be charging for our data requests. It would be an hourly rate plus 0.25 per copy. Payment needs to be made before request is fulfilled. If someone wanted to look at data and not receive it electronically, they could come to the office during regular hours and look at what they have requested but not take any copies out of office unless paid. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve the Procedures for Obtaining Data. Motion carried unanimously.

Complaint Committee: The committee met on March 10, 2026, to discuss the 10 complaints received. Five of the complaints pertaining to ADA compliance were tabled as more information from our city attorney was needed to help answer the complaint.

On March 25, our attorney did respond to the questions from the complaint committee. A person making a request for accommodations due to a disability does need to identify the disability; there is a form to return to the city. The city cannot ask for further medical information. The city should look into the cost of video conferencing, which would also include IT services and budget for administration to determine whether or not it is unduly burdensome at this time. A decision to approve or deny the request can be made after receiving the ADA request for accommodations and to review the cost to the city.

Smith will send a letter to R Burger, and it will include the MN ADA (non-employee) Reasonably Accommodation/Modification Request form and the minutes of the complaint committee meeting on March 10.

Complaint committee would like to have a date set, similar as the planning commission meetings. If there are no complaints, no meeting. Council agreed to have a set meeting date/time, it will be the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. Smith will post this information. Massop was on the complaint committee, T Sevcik will replace Massop on the complaint committee. A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by T Sevcik to accept the findings of the complaint committee and to thank them for their extra work. Motion approved unanimously.

Chapter 37 Ordinance – Administrative Fines: Our attorney did further research and does approve us passing an ordinance on administrative fines. This ordinance would be similar to Mapleton, except we will stay with \$50.00 fine and not increase it to \$100.00, if they were still in violation they would receive an additional fine of \$50.00, This will make it easier for the police department to enforce. A public hearing will be scheduled for May.

Resolution 2026 – 8 Approve Charitable Gambling Application of Amboy Community Club: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve the gambling application for the Amboy Community Club for Bingo at the Snowbirds Club on June 28, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous: 2026 Open Book Meetings April 13 – May 29, Flushing of Hydrants April 13 – 17, Amboy City Wide Garage Sales May 8 -9, City Wide Clean Up May 15-16.

A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Sevcik, Mayor

Council

ATTEST:

Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer