

October 6, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Sevcik. Present from the council were Tom Boeck, KC Reuter, Tiffany Sevcik, and Gina Massop. Also present were Chris Kruse, Patty Smith, Don Wolters, Tamara Dicks, Brian Bollig, Zach Bubany, Amanda Keppler, Rod Urban, Amanda and Randal Burger, and Michael Rosillo.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: Sevcik questioned Rural Water Impact-it is our annual website subscription. Motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve the bills.

City of Amboy Check 12346 – 12411 & EFT's 1013E – 1023E \$187,549.23

Smith had 2 additional bills Bollig Engineering \$209,661.67 & City of Mapleton \$22,435.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025 – 27 Transfer of Funds from 4M to General Fund: Motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve the transfer of \$150,000 from 4M to GF to pay for additional expenses from engineers. Motion carried unanimously.

Bollig: Bids on South Street Expansion came in less than expected with the lowest being \$543,266.20 from GM Contracting, Lake Crystal. Bollig's estimate was \$1,118,477.55 so this is a good bid. With the BDPI grant – we can only use \$425,000 for this project; there will be more engineering costs to implement the project, the total cost will be \$1,106,000, after grant money is applied the city will need a loan for \$681,000. We can apply for a loan through MN Rural Water. The developer's agreement with Grover Trucking had changes from 36 months to 60 months and costs from Grover adjusted from 2 million to 10 thousand. The city will sell the 4 parcels of land to Grover for \$1.00 each. Grover will have 5 years to build and if he does not, the land will go back to the City of Amboy. TIF money would not be available for this project if Grover or another developer does not build.

The bids for South Street look very solid, there should be no surprises as we had with the RO project. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Boeck to accept the bid of \$543,266.20 from GM Contracting for the W South Street Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

The grant agreement with MN Deeds is for \$831,000.00; we have 5 years to use this money and \$425,000 will go to the W South Street Improvements. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve the grant agreement and Resolution 2025 – 5 accepting the grant agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Task 9 was presented to council; it is for Construction Engineering and RPR Services for \$253,000. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve Task 9 for \$253,000 for the construction engineering of W South Street improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Developer's agreement with Grover Farm Trucking, a motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck; M Sevcik and T Sevcik abstained, motion carried unanimously. The developer agreement will be contingent upon Grover Farm Trucking's signature.

The city will be able to obtain a loan from MN Rural Water Association for the \$681,000 needed to complete the project. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve securing a permanent loan from MNRWA. Motion carried unanimously.

Bollig's continue to work with the Dept of Health on our copper and lead issues. We should be able to make chemical adjustments to the water soon. The design plans have been submitted to MDH. This would include prefilters, building another chemical room and making the high service pumps larger. There is also an issue with H2O program. It runs the RO system, but if there are any alarms it does not let our operators make any adjustments and sometimes for example at 2 in the morning, Chris needs to be able to make the adjustments without waiting 2 – 4 days for H2O to respond. Bollig and Chris are working together to see if we can take out H2O's program and replace it with an automatic system that will allow our operators to control the system. This should be included in the upgrades needed for the RO from the Dept of Health.

There are still unknown service water lines and the ones that are identified as lead will be eligible for 100% grant money for homeowner to replace. Grant money may be eligible in 2026.

Storm sewer infrastructure changes; our city attorney's firm will be able to work with Bollig. Hoping to have a meeting set up for the end of October to discuss strategies and develop the next steps. Bollig and Smith did attend a Zoom Senate Bonding meeting on September 16, 2025. This was to submit the infrastructure needs to be considered for a bonding bill in 2026. Brian requested the city approve them to apply for MN Deed's Small Cities Development Program this November. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Boeck to approve Resolution 2025 – 26 to Pursue Grant Funding for \$600,000 grant money. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports: Kruse asked about the leaf sucker approved at a previous meeting. Smith will need to confirm the approval and dollar amount. Dollar General manhole; it is their issue without enough water coming from the store, Kruse will continue to monitor it.

Tree Ordinance: First look since receiving it from our attorney. Council does want a permit if anyone wants to plant or place anything on the boulevard and the application fee for it should be \$10.00. Smith will make the adjustments and have it for a public hearing in November or December.

League of MN Cities Liability Waiver: A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by T Sevcik to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability, established by MN Stat 466.04. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025 – 23 Approve Off-Site Gambling for Snowbirds: A motion was made by T Sevcik and 2nd by Reuter to approve off site gambling for Snowbirds Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve zoning application 654 from Theresa Appel, 321 E Maine Street for a concrete pad on north side of house. Motion carried unanimously.

MN Paid Leave: New policy needs to be ready by December 1, 2025, and goes into effect on January 1, 2026. This covers all employees and the employee and/or the employer cannot opt out of it. It will be similar to unemployment benefits, an employee will apply, and the State of MN/DEED will determine the amount an employee will receive. Massop suggested that FMLA and MN Paid Leave run concurrently. Smith will update the policy and have Massop look it over before November council meeting.

Set up Special Meeting: Complaints have been received from a resident, and one is specifically about the city clerk. They have all been referred to the city attorney, and a special meeting needs to be held to discuss these; and the employee one in a closed session. October 16, 2025, at 4:30 there will be a meeting. Smith will confirm with the city attorney.

Open Comment: Randal Burger submitted complaints to the council on the city clerk, property lines on alley by his residence. Mayor Sevcik acknowledged receiving the complaints and the emails between Burger and Smith. Burger is also concerned on the security that would be on the water system if public works employees can access the system remotely. Amanda Burger requested use of the library for community events and was advised to stop at city hall to see when it would be available. Michael Rosillo made statements on how he has tried to help Amboy grow and receives comments of racial prejudice. It is better now that the previous clerk and public works are no longer with Amboy. Office hours at city hall have been inconsistent and businesses in Amboy are closing. He has had residents recognize his business of Georgia Spice Mexican Bandit. Wolters and Kruse commented that Smith does a fantastic job, and they are happy to work with her daily. Council members also agreed with that statement. Amanda Keppler said their land has been surveyed. The poles were put up to prevent any trespassing. M Sevcik asked about a sign “Not a through alley” being put up to help with trespassing. Keppler’s will also be applying for a permit for a security fence. M Sevcik asked council to look at packets before meeting, so we can move through the meeting quicker. He also said that someone has been impersonating a city official and posting ads on Craigs List about “Free City Land” and if this continues, council should pursue charges.

Miscellaneous: Special Council on October 16, at 4:30 PM and Council meeting on November 3, 2025.

A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by T Sevcik to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Sevcik, Mayor

Council

ATTEST:

Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer