

October 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the city council was called to order by Mayor Dave Witucki. Council members present were Tom Boeck, KC Reuter, Gina Massop, and Tiffany Sevcik. Also present were Patty Smith, Don Wolters, Chris Kruse, Bruce Ward, Peter Benton, Rob Grover, and Tamara Dicks.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Massop to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2024, meeting.

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

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| City of Amboy | 11726 – 11785 & EFT's 922E – 930E | \$127,859.72 |
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Smith had an additional bill City of Mapleton-3rd Q Police \$21,375.00. Motion carried unanimously.

School property proposal: Rob Grover submitted a proposal to the city council to build a truck shop, repair shop with wash bay on old school property. It would be located on the south side of proposed South Street extension, a 400' x 500' area. The shop would be 100' x 160'. This expansion would include paved parking for the semis and hiring of additional employees. There would be above ground diesel tanks and def for business use. It would also have a fence around it. There should not be any overnight trucks running, but there would be trucks coming and going as there are night runs. Grover would need city sewer and water, and South Street would need to be extended and be graded for semi traffic. The ROW on the street should be 80'. The sewer would come from alley by Kevin's Repair and the water would come from area by Fire Department. Semis would enter from 1st Avenue as that is already a county road and okay for heavy traffic. Semis would not be allowed on West Street. Smith will contact attorney and engineers about this proposal.

Bollig: Not at meeting, they have been rescheduled to our November 4, 2024, meeting.

Reports: Received reports from police, fire department, and public works. Boeck asked about RO end caps being full of rust and manganese. The ends of membranes were cleaned, not sure how debris got past the prefilters and was inside. Membranes were turned and allowed to soak for 45 minutes during CIP process. The pressures have dropped to mid-80's PSI and stayed there for the past 8 days, longer than the previous CIP. Antiscalant does not take out rust/manganese only the lime and calcium. We will stay with the prefilters of 5 microns and Kruse will be changing prefilters when pressure is at 4, not waiting until they reach pressure at 5. They will be changed upon the pressure, not on days used. H2O took water samples last week, to see if we need to adjust the chemicals. Wolters and Kruse exercised the water valves, and we have 3 that do not work. Cost will be approximately \$4000.00 each to replace, council wants it done in 2025 budget. Reuter appreciates watching Wolters and Kruse work so well together and getting so many projects accomplished.

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

Zoning: Permit 634, Simonton 312 W Maine Street to build a chain link fence. Motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Boeck to approve the fence if all setbacks are met. Motion carried unanimously. Permit 635 121 Truwe Street to move in a prefabricated shed. Motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve the shed if all setbacks were met. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024 – 15 Fire Relief Association Donation: A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Massop to accept the \$1000.00 donation for park benches from the Amboy Fire Relief Association. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Comment: Smith needs to set 2 special meeting dates. A closed meeting with our attorney will be on Monday, October 28 at 6:00 PM and a special meeting to canvass votes will be on Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 PM. Smith will post both meetings. Boeck said it was a good city celebration and thanks for the extra work. Sevcik asked when sidewalk repairs will be done – in November, there will be 17 cuts/repairs made in the 4-block area of Maine Street. Witucki attended training in Duluth; in talking with other engineers, we may need to do a pretreatment for our RO system. If membranes need to be replaced in less than one year that should be SEH or H2O expense. John Thum with SEH was going to contact Maria with SEH to discuss. A pretreatment could be done with a 100-gallon per minute sand filter tank. Lead and copper has been completed and waiting for next step from Dept of Health. Until we have 1 year with low radium testing, we must send out letters to residents per Dept of Health. Flushing of water mains is going well with little rust. Dollar General will be connecting to city water on October 10; residents in area will be notified. Dollar General is planning a soft opening on November 6.

Miscellaneous: Next council meeting is November 4 and election is November 5.

A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Boeck to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

David Witucki, Mayor

Council

ATTEST:

Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer