

September 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Sevcik. Present from the council were Tom Boeck, KC Reuter, and Gina Massop. Tiffany Sevcik was absent. Also, present were Bruce Ward, Chris Kruse, Don Wolters, Patty Smith, Tamara Dicks, Pam Rodewald – MPCA, Scott Kuhlman, Zach Bubany, and Trevor Austin – Bollig.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve the minutes from August 4, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: Sevcik questioned Platinum Title \$146,408.21 – for Urban Oil purchase and Spartain Athletic \$2073.90 – pickle ball nets. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve the bills.

City Check 12305 – 12345 & EFT's 1006E-1012E & 596E \$103,483.95

Smith had no additional bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing: Regular meeting was closed and public hearing on Infrastructure Improvements Projects and 2025 PFA Funding Application was opened. Trevor with Bollig discussed the project. Water Treatment Plant – needs a prefilter in place, flushing of skids and high service pumps are undersized. Because of the high lead and copper exceedance, it needs to be fixed. Water Main System – majority is 1960's with cast iron pipes, lots of build-up and watermain breaks with 15 in the past 3 years. WWTP – built in 1989, flows vary because of too much I & I, influent area floods with high rains Sanitary Sewer – most are 1975 and are VCP (vitrified clay pipe) , many have been lined but still have I & I issues as storm ties into the sewer, especially on 1st Avenue area. Collection – we could do nothing, replace portions or a full replacement Bollig's recommendations are – Water – Put in pressure filters, flush the RO skid, high service pumps and chemical treatments added Collection – Replace lead service lines and water lines, replace portions of sanitary lines and watermain loop at Radke/Stevens Street WWTP – Rehab plant with algae wheel treatment system or Innova Treatment system

Costs for water plant is 1.7 million, costs for water collections 7.6 million and sanitary sewer collections 3.5 million for a total of 12.8 million. Future WWTP cost could be 8.2 million. It would not be recommended to do the WWTP until the improvements have been done to the collection system. Project 1A cost is recommended pending PFA grant and loan approval. The WWTP would not be included in project 1A but is submitted to MPCA which increases our score to 76 points, which makes us eligible for funding.

The timeline for the water plant upgrade would be plans and specs in September 2025, advertise for bids October 2025, award the contract, and begin construction Winter 2025 and complete project by fall/winter 2026. The timeline for the Priority 1 improvements are plans and specs Winter 2025, advertise for bids Spring 2026, award contract and begin construction Spring 2026 and complete project Summer 2027.

Pam with MPCA said the facilities plan that was submitted to MPCA did include the wastewater treatment plant. The wwtp plan did include technology that has not been proven yet in the State of MN. Pam had already spoken to Steve, our licensed operator, that we could rehab our facility and make it an activated sludge for now. MPCA needs to approve a facilities plan before it can be eligible for funding. The facilities plan is good for 5 years and does include the water plant, distribution, and collection systems and wwtp.

This project as a whole is 76 points which makes us eligible for money if we do not include wwtp we would only get 45- 50 points. The facilities plan could be amended to show a better wwtp plan as the algae system included in the plan is not recommended by Steve and he will stop being our licensed operator if we go that direction. Pam said the mpca and mdh work together even though separate. It could be dialed back as water, water distribution, and sanitary sewer as one project and call it phase 1 for the approval. You can work off of it for 5 years and amend it. If facilities plan expires and you do not do the wwtp there is no penalty for not doing it. You can resubmit after 5 years; the points could be less because it would no longer include the water plant.

Question on I & I did smoke and dye testing and nothing is helping. The school is down but still is high – should we abandon lines? “No” cross connection between sewer/storm is common especially in small cities. The public hearing was closed, and the regular meeting was reopened.

Resolution 2025 – 19 Facilities Plan: The facilities plan does include the wwtp, but this resolution does not obligate us to do the wwtp. In the letter we would receive from the MPCA, Pam’s approval letter would only be for the water, distribution, and collection system. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve Resolution 2025 – 19 Facilities Plan for the City of Amboy. Motion carried unanimously.

Bollig: South Street – Grover is reviewing the developmental agreement; Grant agreement cannot be signed until the developmental agreement is signed. Grover should have it back late next week. Lead & Copper Update – Testing is going well. The design is being worked on right now. The pressure filters will be on the south wall along with the backwash and will add an extra chemical room. If Dept of Health approves it, Bollig would like permission to get bids before our next meeting. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Reuter to approve Bollig to go out for bids on upgrades for water treatment plant project. Motion approved unanimously. The PFA application for funding has already been submitted so we should hear soon.

Special Meeting Date: Since developmental agreement has not been signed we do not need to have a special meeting to approve the bids that will be opened on September 9. We can look at the bids during the regular council meeting on October 6, 2025, once the developmental agreement is signed.

Reports: Public works is staying busy, getting ready for city celebration this weekend. Urban Oil will be used to store our extra equipment and sand/salt storage

Proclamation: A motion as made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to proclaim September 26, 2025, Kathryn Stock Day. Kay will be turning 100. Motion approved unanimously.

Zoning: Bair, 140 4th Ave S submitted #651 for a fence. Motion made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve the fence if all setbacks are met. Motion carried unanimously. Juergens, 130 4th Ave S submitted #653 for a fence. Motion made by Massop and 2nd by Reuter to approve the fence if all

setbacks are met. Motion carried unanimously. Deb Raiche, 144 Maine Street E submitted #652 for a deck. Motion made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve the deck if all setbacks are met. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget: Currently at a 7.17% levy of \$371,724.00, we need to cut approximately \$15,000 to reach 3% levy. Smith will look at reserves and check property tax revenues. A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Massop to approve Resolution 2025 – 21 Property Tax Levy for 2026 and Resolution 2025 – 22 City Budget 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025 – 20: A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Reuter to withdraw \$20,000 from 4M investments and transfer to General Fund Water. Motion carried unanimously.

Tree Ordinance: Received letter and ordinance from attorney on tree trimming/trees on boulevards. The tree at 400 North Street E would be the homeowners' responsibility. The trees on blvd by 340 North Street E would be the city's responsibility. Smith will send letter to homeowner. The ordinance will be tabled for a future meeting.

Open Comment: Kruse has marked trees by old schoolhouse and sports park that need to be trimmed/taken down. Reuter said Kruse should use his best judgement and trim or cut down as needed. Boeck asked about garbage containers for city celebration-they will be delivered Friday. Street sweeping will be done on Thursday, September 4.

Miscellaneous: City celebration, September 6 – parade at 4pm
Bid opening September 9 – 1pm, Fire Department meeting with townships, September 16 -7:30 pm,
Council meeting October 6 – 7pm.

Motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Massop to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Sevcik, Mayor

Council

ATTEST:

Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer