

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 10th, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 10th day of January 2023.

Council present: Michael Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel.

Council absent: Paul Kirtz

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

Agenda:

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the City Council meeting agenda. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve December 13th meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Timecards:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the December timecards. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Councilman Paul Kirtz Resignation:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Ella Noterman, to accept the resignation letter presented by councilman Paul Kirtz. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Resolution No. 01-2023:

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve Resolution No. 01-2023 a resolution declaring a vacancy within the Adams City Council effective January 1st, 2023. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:

The clerk discussed the vacancy left by councilman Paul Kirtz. He told the council that he has two interested parties to fill the vacancy. The council instructed the clerk should post around town that there is a vacancy in the city council giving every resident equal opportunity to fill the position.

The clerk informed the council that there was no need to change Ordinance #193 no that the council was going to allow pets into the Emergency Services Building under certain conditions. The conditions just need to be posted within the building.

The clerk told the council that the property survey on Chuck Quale's property is coming along and should be completed by the end of the week.

The clerk discussed with the Council that he is trying to find out more information about what is going on with the Cedar Branch DAC building. The building seems to be vacant, but he is not sure. There has been discussion among some community members about the building becoming a community center. The clerk will dig further to try to connect with the owner of the building.

The Adams City Council approved increasing the benefit payout from the Adams Firemen's Relief Association at the January 11th 2022 meeting, but a resolution was never made to amend the bylaws

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve Resolution No. 13-2022 a resolution amending the fire relief bylaws by increasing the benefit payout from \$750.00 to \$850.00 per year Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Police Report:

The Mower County Sheriff's Department had approximately 225 patrol hours for the month of December. They responded to 30 calls for service.

Fire Department Report:

The Adams Fire Department had one EMS assist in December.

Fire Chief Dillon Heimer also informed the council that the pumps on both pumper engines were inspected and that both failed vacuum tests. He stated he received a quote of \$4700.00 to repair one of the pumps and further inspection needs to be done on the other. The clerk informed the council that there were enough funds in the Fire Department budget to take care of the pump repairs and Fire Chief Heimer was directed to repair the pump for \$4700.00.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve Mark Osmundson's retirement from the Adams Fire Department. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Maintenance Department Report:

The maintenance department spent a good portion of December Plowing and moving snow. The radiator on the plow truck failed, and the maintenance department had to replace it. New tires were installed onto the old skid steer, which was used as a trade-in for the new 2022 Case SV280B skid steer which cost \$7500.00. The \$7500.00 amount was budgeted under the 2023 Capital Outlay.

Prairie Visions Report:

No business to report

Approval of Bills:

The bills payable for December were reviewed by the City Council.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman to approve payment of the bills as presented. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The city clerk presented the November 30th, 2022 financial statements.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Pay Equity Report:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the 2023 pay equity report as presented by the City Clerk. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

2023 Business Licenses:

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve a license to operate 4 games and a license to hold dances to the Adams American Legion, a license to sell cigarettes to Bing's Liquor, a license to sell cigarettes to Corky's and a license to sell cigarettes to the Adams Liquor Store. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

2023 Mayoral Appointments:

Mayor Brian Anderson announced the following 2023 appointments:

Assistant Mayor – Karen Ruechel

Official depositories: United Farmers State Bank, and Northland Securities

Ambulance Joint Powers Board – Ella Noterman and Brian Anderson.

Emergency Management Director – Dillon Heimer

Fire Chief – Dillon Heimer, 1st Assistant – Ryan Sathre, 2nd Assistant – Eric Wiste

Planning Commission – Charles Gilles, Dean Kiefer, Rick Hinz, Karen Ruechel, and Barry Kurtz

Prairie Visions Representative – Michael Cherney.

Police Commissioner – Karen Ruechel.

Street Commissioner – Michael Cherney

EDA Board – Brian Anderson, Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, and Ella Noterman.

Personnel Committee – Brian Anderson, Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Jake Goodale.

The mayoral appointments will be finalized once the vacancy in the city council is filled.

2023 Burning Permits:

Motion was made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve burning permits to Anna Smith, Robert Smith, Lynn Sathre, Dave Sathre and John Smith, all whom live or own land within Adams City Limits, with the condition that they do not burn during burning bans and that they notify the City of Adams before they start burning. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Ella Noterman, to adjourn at 6:48 PM. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer