

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 15th, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 5:30 PM on the 15th day of January, 2019.

Council present: Brian Anderson, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz, Karen Ruechel, and Peter Schmitz.

Council absent: None.

Mayor Brian Anderson presided at the meeting.

A special meeting was called to discuss what options are available in providing police protection to the City of Adams upon Chief Mike Gehrke's retirement. Mike's last work day will be February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The first option discussed would be to contract with Mower County for police protection. Mayor Anderson contacted the Sheriff's department and was told the cost of County protection is around \$70,000.00 per year. The County provides the car, deputies and approximately 32 hours of coverage weekly.

The next option discussed was to hire a new chief and continue with the police protection the City currently has. City Clerk Jim Kiefer reported that the current budget projects approximately \$123,000.00 in expenses, including \$5,000.00 budgeted for a new squad car.

Another option discussed was joining with LeRoy and having one chief in charge of both towns and fill the schedule with part time officers. Mayor Anderson and City Clerk Jim Kiefer were directed to set up a meeting with LeRoy and report back at the next City Council meeting. It was also suggested to meet with Rose Creek and Taopi should LeRoy be interested in sharing a police department.

The fourth option discussed was to eliminate the police department completely. The City would rely on Mower County to provide protection at no cost.

Councilman Cherney stated that the Council needs to decide how much coverage they are willing to pay for.

A decision on police coverage was tabled until the next City Council meeting to be held January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Health Care Center.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel to adjourn. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer