

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 27th, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special meeting was duly held at City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 27th day of February 2024.

Council present: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel.

Council absent: None

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

Agenda:

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

Fire Board Meeting To Approve 2025 Fire Department Budget:

The City Council met with the Adams Fire Board to review fire department operations and look at a proposed fire department budget for 2025. Fire Board members present were Ted Kiefer (City of Taopi), Mark Schulz (Clayton Township), Troy McCabe (Marshall Township), Brian Hill (City of Elkton) and John Kloeckner (Adams Township). Dillon Heimer, the Fire Chief, attended the meeting representing the Adams Fire Department. The City Clerk presented a spreadsheet that determined the fire service fees for each participating City and Township in 2025 based on a \$80,000.00 budget. The clerk reported that at the end of 2023 there was a balance of \$24,886.69 in the Fire Department fund after the purchase of the 2 new water tanker chassis. Dillon Heimer mentioned that there will still be expenses to finish the tanker trucks including hoses and hose reels and the water tanks that will be built and installed by Logan Kirtz. The clerk also reported that a new grant writer is in the process of writing grants for new radios, new turnout gear, a new UTV for Fire Department use, and a new generator to be utilized at the EMS Building to help out the Adams Fire Department. After considerable discussion the Fire Board recommended that the 2025 fire department budget be set at \$80,000.00. The \$80,000.00 does not include the Fire State aid. The City Council was agreeable with this request. The Adams Fire Board will meet again in August when the Clerk will present the Cities and Townships with their invoice for participating in an \$80,000.00 budget for 2025.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Nick Anderson to approve setting the 2025 Fire Department budget at \$80,000.00. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the February 13th, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:

The clerk sent the videos of the 4th Street sewer main taken by Superior Services in October of 2023 to Bolton & Menk Engineering. After Bolton and Menk reviewed the videos, Derek Olinger discussed with the clerk a couple of options to consider moving forward with repairs. More discussions with the engineers and with Mower County will need to happen, along with

proper budgeting for a project like this, but something will need to be done with the main in the near future.

Ordinance No. 199:

The clerk wrote up an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 144 of the City of Adams, pertaining to planning and zoning. Ordinance No. 199 states That ARTICLE 4, Section 4.01 Use Regulations, of Ordinance No. 144 of the City of Adams is hereby amended to add subsection (10) Accessory Buildings and Structures: to regulate the location, the size and density requirements, the setback requirements, and the design requirements of all accessory buildings and structures in residentially zoned areas. The council reviewed Ordinance No. 199 and requested that the clerk make some minor changes. The clerk will make the changes and present the revised Ordinance No. 199 at the following council meeting.

No further business.

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Karen Ruechel to adjourn at 7:03 PM. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer