

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 11th, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 11th day of February 2020.

Council present: Brian Anderson, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel.

Council absent: None.

Mayor Brian Anderson opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Motion made by Cherney, seconded by Ruechel, to approve the January 14th, January 28th, and February 4th, 2020 minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Noterman, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Wayne Perleberg, business agent for the Teamsters Union addressed the City Council with concerns the Health Care Center union has with the negotiating sessions. The City is required to have effects negotiations with the Health Care Center union due to the possible sale of the Health Care Center. Three members of the union were present at the meeting. Wayne reviewed requests that the union negotiators had submitted to the City County negotiating committee. Among the items the union was requesting are a severance package, continued health insurance, and job security. Wayne asked for the whole City Council to review the negotiating terms, taking into account the years of dedicated service by the Health Care Center staff. Another negotiating session will be setup for later this month.

Fire Chief Dillon Heimer presented the Fire Department report for January 2020. The Adams Volunteer Fire Department responded to 2 incidents in January. The department responded to one garage fire and one auto accident. Discussion was held on discipline procedures for members not attending meetings. Dillon reported that the department changed the attendance policy to state that two unexcused absences will be allowed per year. Dillon reported that the firefighter's assistance grant has been submitted to FEMA. The grant requests new SCBA units, turnout gear, and an SCBA compressor/fill station. Dillon reported that the department will be looking into additional grant opportunities.

Craig Hegge presented the maintenance report for January. Craig reported that fans have been installed in the pump house. The pump house fans will help control humidity in the building. A new bed liner was installed in the City snowplow truck. The maintenance department installed a cap over one sidewalk at the Health Care Center to prevent a trip hazard. Craig reported that a large amount of time was spent on snow removal in January.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The city clerk presented the December 31st, 2019 financial statements. Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Cherney, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Noterman, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Noterman, to approve a one-day raffle permit to the Southland Sportsmen's Club for June 13th, 2020. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Noterman, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a request to install a fire pit at the park as part of an eagle scout project. The maintenance department would establish the location for the fire pit. A motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Noterman, to allocate \$125.00 for materials to construct the fire pit. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Noterman, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer updated the City Council on the Hwy 56 snow removal contract with the State of Minnesota. Jim reported that he is awaiting a response from the State on an email sent this week. The email requests a shorter contract term and possible changes to reimbursement due to larger and more frequent snowfalls. Action on the contract was tabled at this meeting.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer