

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 13th, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 13th day of February, 2018.

Council present: Nancy Thalberg, Paul Kirtz, Karen Ruechel, and Peter Schmitz.

Council absent: Gail Anderson.

Mayor Nancy Thalberg presided at the meeting.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the City Council meeting agenda adding discussion of North Park Addition property purchase. Votes in favor: Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the January 9<sup>th</sup>, and January 23rd, 2018 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Landherr addressed the City Council with a request for a credit of half of their assessment for the Hwy 56 street project. Jerome felt he overpaid on the assessment because a water line was not installed to his property. The council explained that he was assessed 15% less than other lots. The Landherr lot is on a corner. The lower assessment percentage accounts for not receiving a water line. The City Council reviewed the steps that were required to appeal the assessment and felt the City followed procedures for assessing the Hwy 56 project.

Craig Hegge and Al Sorenson presented the maintenance report for January. Craig reported that he replaced the John Deere tractor with a newer model with less hours for \$6,900.00. The older mower needed \$4,900.00 in repairs. Craig will try to sell the older tractor for parts. Craig reported that the partial flume in the maintenance plant is failing and needs replacing. Craig will get estimates on replacing the partial flume. The new skid loader is in shipment. Craig is looking into upgrading the skid loader with tires that will last longer.

Michael Gehrke presented the January, 2018 police report. The report lists 2 State citations, 12 warning tickets, and 6 fire/ambulance assists. Mike reported that while off duty he arrested one person on a warrant, the person had felony drugs in his possession. Mike attended a pipeline safety class that trained in pipeline leaks and evacuations. Mike reported that he will be attending a two day training session in Rochester in March. Discussion was held on providing a cell phone that Chief Gehrke would be allowed to take home. The City Council agreed to a \$25.00 monthly allowance that Chief Gehrke could apply towards a personal cell phone.

Discussion was held on installing electronic speed signs on the north and west entrances to Adams. City Clerk Jim Kiefer was directed to get information on costs and to check the Minnesota State Highway guidelines for installing the sign on Hwy 56.

Fire Chief Curt Sheely presented the Fire Department report for January. Curt reported that the Department responded to one call at the High School for burnt food. The Fire Department is planning a live burn training in March of 2018. Curt reported that Hostile Event Response training for joint departments is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Paul Kirtz suggested that there is a need for a shower stall in the Emergency Services Building. Chief Sheely agreed that would possibly be something that could be of value to the Department. Paul and Curt will look into costs and feasibility of the project.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The city clerk presented the December 31st, 2017 financial statements. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Adams Town & Country Pool, date to be determined. Votes in favor: Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Mayor Thalberg updated the City Council on progress of converting the 322 Bank Building into a History Center. Nancy reported that as many as 24 volunteers have been cleaning and painting the interior of the building. The goal is to have the History Center finished before the 150<sup>th</sup> City celebration.

Paul Kirtz updated the City Council on progress of the City purchasing property in the North Park subdivision. Paul has been in contact with the High School superintendent and explained what property the City is intending to buy, and what property belongs to the High School. The High School currently uses part of North Park subdivision for a football practice facility.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer