

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 14th, 2017

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 14th day of February, 2017.

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

Council absent: None.

Mayor Nancy Thalberg presided at the meeting.

The oath of office was administered by Mayor Nancy Thalberg to council member Karen Ruechel.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Anderson, to approve the meeting agenda with two additions (add charitable gambling permit to Adams Town & Country Rec Pool, and add Garden Club request to use Fire Hall for meetings). Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the January 10th, and January 24th, 2017 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the January, 2017 police report. The report lists 1 city citation, 1 warning ticket, 3 law enforcement assists, 3 ambulance/fire assists, and 2 traffic accidents. Mike reported that the water pump was replaced on the 2013 squad car.

Chief Gehrke reported that he has offered a part time officer position to Anthony Marr. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve installing Anthony Marr as a part time police officer. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve Mike Gehrke attending the EMS convention that will be held in Rochester in March. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on semis using the Fire Hall parking lot as a driveway to enter their property at 10 Schmitz Street. Chief Gehrke was directed to inform the residents that City ordinance requires the semis park along Commerce Street.

Discussion was held on where Chief Gehrke should park the squad cars when not on duty. Mike was directed to park the new squad car in the City Hall garage when not in use.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The city clerk presented the December 31st, 2016 financial statements. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Council member Gail Anderson presented the Prairie Visions report for January. Gail reported that the continuation of the bike trail to Austin is expected to be completed in June. Plans are beginning for connecting the bike trail by Taopi to the Wapsi Great Western trail in Iowa. The annual bike ride is scheduled for June 24th, 2017.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve the 2016 pay equity report as presented by the City Clerk. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve Resolution #01-2017, a resolution stating that the City of Adams enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1026923 with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation. The resolution provides for payment by the City to the State of the City's share of the costs of parking, lighting, storm sewer, water main, sanitary sewer construction, and other associated construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 56 within the corporate City limits under State Project No. 5005-62. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve a City/Club trail agreement between the City of Adams and the Mower County Trail Committee. The agreement sets guidelines and responsibilities for disbursing maintenance grant funds and maintaining snowmobile trails. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kirtz to have the City of Adams act as sponsor of a Federal Recreation Trail Grant to purchase a snowmobile trail groomer for the Mower County Trail Committee. Motion failed for lack of a second.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer reported that the garbage contract will expire on July 31, 2017. The current contract states that unless notice is received 90 days prior to expiration the contract will renew for an additional 2 years. A decision to extend the contract or except new bids will be made at the next council meeting.

Discussion was held on painting the window and door frames at the 322 Bank building. The City Clerk will get an estimate on the cost of upgrading the windows and doors.

Gail Anderson reported that a Booster Club meeting will be held February 15th, 2017 to begin planning for the City of Adams sesquicentennial. The Booster Club will be looking for volunteers and ideas in planning for the event.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Adams Town & Country Recreation Corporation for March 28th, 2017. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on allowing the Changing Seasons Garden Club use of the Emergency Services meeting room for their monthly meetings. Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to permit use of the Emergency Services meeting room for meetings of the Changing Seasons Garden Club. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer