

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 19th, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 19th day of February, 2019.

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

Council absent: None.

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

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

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Cherney, to approve the January 8th, January 15th, and January 22nd, 2019 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Mower County Sheriff Steve Sanvick and Mower County Administrator Trish Harren were present at the City Council meeting to offer police service to the City of Adams. Steve distributed a sample contract explaining fees and services provided should the City decide to hire Mower County to provide police protection. The city council tabled a decision to continue with its own police department, or contract with Mower County to provide service. City Clerk Jim Kiefer was directed to contact part time police officer Timothy Taylor to see if he would become the interim police chief.

Mower County Trail Committee members Steve Clark and Al Mullenbach were present at the meeting to request the City of Adams act as sponsor for a Federal Recreational Trail Grant. The grant funds would be used for purchase of a Tucker trail groomer. The City Council decided to become the government sponsor for the grant application. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve Resolution #02-2019, a resolution in support of a Federal Recreation Trail Program grant application. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the January, 2019 police report. The report lists 5 warning tickets, 2 law enforcement assists, 3 Fire/Ambulance assists, and 1 felony warrant arrest. Mike reported that both part time police officers are trained and working on their own.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to accept the resignation letter from Curt Sheely as Fire Chief and volunteer of the Adams Volunteer Fire Department effective January 16th, 2019. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel, to appoint Dillon Heimer as Fire Chief of the Adams Volunteer Fire Department. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Cherney, seconded by Schmitz, to appoint Dillon Heimer as the Emergency Management Director for the City of Adams. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Fire Chief Dillon Heimer presented the fire department report for January 2019. Dillon reported that there were no fire calls in January. Dillon requested the City Council accept the application of Sam Klaehn to join the Fire Department. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to install Sam Klaehn as a member of the Adams Volunteer Fire Department. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The city clerk presented the December 31st, 2018 financial statements. Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Cherney, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the proposed street project for 2020. The City Council received the feasibility study from ISG engineer Bryan Petzel at the last council meeting. The consensus of the City Council was to proceed with the next step of calling for a public hearing. A motion was made by Schmitz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve Resolution #01-2019 a resolution receiving preliminary report and calling for a public hearing on 2020 utility and street improvements. The public hearing will be held April 16th, 2019 in the Adams Emergency Services Building at 7:00 pm. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on listing the 2020 street projects on the State's Project Priority List (PPL) and the State's Intended Use Plan (IUP). Submitting the PPL and IUP applications could qualify the street project for low interest loans. The applications would be submitted by the City Engineer. If the City were to decide to not move forward with the project in 2020, it would stay on the PPL for 5 years without the need to reapply. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Cherney, to approve having ISG engineer Bryan Petzel prepare applications for the Project Priority List (PPL) and the Intended Use Plan (IUP), estimated cost to prepare the applications is \$3,200.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve appointment of Janet Stephenson as webmaster of the City of Adams website. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Adams Town & Country Pool for a raffle to be held April 13th, 2019 in the American Legion Club. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a request from Richard Drees (100 5th Street SW) to purchase a portion of Lions Street to allow room for an addition to his home. The sale of the street would require replotting of the street and moving a fire hydrant and water lines located next to the Drees property. The Council did not feel it would be viable to sell any portion of the plotted street.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer distributed a letter from the Adams Community Industrial Development Corporation requesting funding to help promote business growth within the City of Adams. A decision on the funding request was tabled until the September budget meeting.

The City Council discussed paying overtime rather than banking hours for the maintenance department. Overtime rate would be at time and a half. A motion was made by Cherney, seconded by Kirtz, to begin paying overtime to the maintenance department effective with the next payroll. Votes in favor: Cherney, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

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