

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 8th day of March 2022.

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

Council absent: None

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Approval of Timecards:**

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the February time cards. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

The Community Development Forum which was held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was discussed. The main focus points of the meeting were a community center, which could be used by all ages for various activities and the revitalization of downtown, specifically, adding a restaurant while also utilizing the empty spaces that are available on Main Street.

### **Police Report:**

Sargent Tom Brogan attended the meeting and informed the council that 14 incidents were responded to within the City of Adams for the month of February, and approximately 195 hours were spent patrolling the city. He mentioned that the flashing lights at the top of the speed limit signs have been effective in slowing down traffic through the city.

### **Fire Department Report:**

The Adams Fire Department responded to a person trapped in a grain bin on February 1<sup>st</sup> at John Jax's residence.

### **Maintenance Department Report:**

The maintenance department reported that two more sewer inspections were completed in February. They also talked about the need for seal coating on some of the roads in the city. The need to update the zoning ordinance, specifically, in regards to lot owners of townhomes without a 5 foot setback off their side property lines was brought up. The clerk was going to look into this issue further and present the council with his findings. The project at the park that was

started last fall was brought up and it seems that the prices for work and materials have increased by 30-40%. The conversation shifted toward the driveways for the lots at the North Side Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition. The maintenance department knew that it was established that the city would provide each owner with one 20' long culvert and dirt, but the maintenance department thought that those terms seemed too ambiguous. It was decided that each lot would be provided a 20' long culvert and 20 yds of dirt as cover materials.

### **Approval of Bills:**

The bills payable for February were reviewed by the City Council.

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

### **Financial Report:**

The city clerk presented the January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 financial statements.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Prairie Visions Report:**

There will be a bike ride on the Shooting Star Bike Trail starting at Todd Park in Austin, MN on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The final destination of this ride is still uncertain.

### **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding:**

The clerk and the waste water supervisor presented the council with expenses that could be covered by the \$47,000.00 the City of Adams received through the American Rescue Plan Act. The expenses included \$24,000.00 to Davy Engineering for a Preliminary Engineering Report and a Well Site Investigation Report to get a new well project started. \$3,000.00 to Harris Company to remove existing sewage pump piping spool pieces and replace with new at the sewage treatment plant. \$2,400.00 to Minnesota Pump Works for the repair of the sewage pump impeller and fronthead. \$2,800.00 to Blue Star Power Systems for a Transfer Switch for the backup generator in the well house. Also, the need for a water and sewer infrastructure map was talked about, but no quotes have been acquired for that task yet.

### **Gambling Permit:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the issuance of a one day gambling permit to Adams Town & Recreation Corporation for a raffle to be held at the Adams American Legion on 4/2/2022. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Tax Abatement:**

A tax abatement application was presented to the city council by Dustin and Jessica Wiste for new home construction at 406 Vangness St.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the tax abatement application from Dustin & Jessica Wiste. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Resolution 02-2022:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Paul Kirtz, to approve Resolution 02-2022 a resolution to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the Minnesota Historical Society for the First National Bank Building Restoration project. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Property Insurance Appraisal:**

A property insurance appraisal was conducted on all the property owned by the city in February. After the appraisal was finalized it was determined that the total value of the city's buildings and contents had increased by \$1,869,738.00. The clerk asked the council if they wanted to adjust the coverage on the property now or wait until the insurance renewed in August of 2022. The council asked the clerk to acquire a quote on the adjusted amount owed for the next council meeting, and a decision would be made then.

**North Side Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Listing Agent:**

The council discussed the renewal of the listing agent contract between Steve Golombowski and the city so that Mr. Golombowski could advertise and sell the new lots in the North Side Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Paul Kirtz, to approve the renewal of the listing agent contract between Steve Golombowski and the city. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer