

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 12th, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting was duly held at the Adams History Center at 6:00 PM on the 12th day of March 2024.

Council present: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel.

Council absent: None

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

Agenda:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve the City Council meeting agenda. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve February 27th meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Timecards:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the February timecards. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:

None to report

Police Report:

The Mower County Sheriff's Department patrolled the City of Adams for a total of 215 hours from February 13th to March 12th. There were 41 Calls for service in the City with traffic stops being the main focus. The council asked the Mower County Sargeant to look out for motorized bikes being driven on the city sidewalks and to keep an eye out for ATV's on Co Rd 7.

Fire Department Report:

The Adams Fire Department responded to a semi hitting a deer on 2/9/2024, responded to a mutual aid call to a hog barn fire on 2/14/2024, and a UTV accident on 2/24/2024.

Maintenance Department Report:

The yellow Ford pickup truck is at Hamilton Auction to be listed on an online auction. The bidding for the truck will open on March 15th and will close on March 26th. The upper control arms were replaced on the white Dodge pickup.

All the casing has been installed on well #5, and all the grouting of the 18" casing has been completed. The well passed the plumb test and the gamma test. There is still more drilling left to do in order to complete the well's total depth.

Dead trees were removed in the park, and a down tree was removed from a sewer crossing.

Prairie Visions Report:

Prairie Visions continued to talk about connecting the Shooting Star Trail to the Wapsi Trail. There were also talks about obtaining funding to make repairs to the Shooting Star Trail.

Approval of Bills:

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

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve the payment of February bills. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The city clerk presented the January 31st, 2024 financial statements.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the financial report as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 199:

The council reviewed the revisions made to Ordinance No. 199 made by the clerk. Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve Ordinance No. 199 an ordinance that states That ARTICLE 4, Section 4.01 Use Regulations, of Ordinance No. 144 of the City of Adams is hereby amended to add subsection (10) Accessory Buildings and Structures: to regulate the location, the size and density requirements, and the setback requirements of all accessory buildings and structures in residentially zoned areas.. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Traut Companies Payment App / Well #5:

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve Payment App No. 1 from Traut Companies in the amount of \$97,546.00. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Adams Booster Club / Dairy Days Requests:

The Adams Booster Club requested that the City of Adams provide 13 port-o-potties, 3 hand-washing stations, and 20-30 garbage receptacles for the 2024 Dairy Days Celebration. Michael Cherney moved, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve the Adams Booster Club's request to provide port-o-potties and garbage receptacles for the 2024 Dairy Days Celebration. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None. The Motion carried.

Adams Clinic Closing:

Residents came to the council meeting to express their concerns with the closing of the Adams Clinic on March 15th. They wondered where the older residents in town would now go to get their needs taken care of and how they would get there. Some options were discussed, including talking to other medical facilities like Olmsted Medical Center or Mercy Health to see if they would be interested in setting up in the community and seeing if a mobile medical unit could be utilized on a weekly basis. The mayor, councilmembers, and clerk were all going to look into these options as well as explore others to try and find a solution to this problem.

Insurance Agency/City Representatives:

The city invited insurance agents from Farmers State Agency of Adams and Cray Insurance Agency to the meeting. Representatives from each agency were given a chance to explain to the council the benefits their respective agencies offered to the city. After both representatives spoke, the council decided to gather more information before making any decisions.

Burning Permit:

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve a burning permit to Rick Hinz at 413 1st St NW. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Nick Anderson, to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer