

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special meeting was duly held at City Hall at 5:30 PM on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2022.

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

Council absent:

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

### **Agenda:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, 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 Ella Noterman, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Property Insurance:**

Curt Sheely, the insurance agent for the City of Adams, talked to the council about the property appraisal that was conducted in February. He informed the council that the City's property is underinsured by approximately \$2,000,000.00 according to appraisal. Sheely said that the City could increase its property insurance coverage through an endorsement right now or wait and renew it in August.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the increase in property tax coverage through endorsement immediately. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Coty Kirtz Lot:**

The City previously agreed to provide access to all lots within the North Side Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition by providing a 20' x 12" Dual Wall Culvert and 20 yards of dirt as cover materials. Mr. Kirtz explained that he would need a 20' x 30" culvert to match the adjacent 30" concrete culvert to drain the stormwater properly and to keep his driveway from washing out.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve Coty Kirtz's request, and for his lot only, supply a 20' x 30" Dual Wall Culvert along with 40 yards of dirt as cover materials. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, and Karen Ruechel. Paul Kirtz abstains. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

The clerk informed the council about his meeting with Chad Adams a representative from the SW Minnesota Housing Partnership. Grants for new and affordable housing and for revitalizing downtown Adams were discussed. The council asked the clerk to arrange a time for Mr. Adams to attend a council meeting so he can present them with more information.

With the construction of townhomes beginning in the community a new issue concerning lot lines and setbacks has arisen in the zoning ordinance. The clerk presented the council with a

solution, which would be adding a zero-lot line provision to the zoning ordinance. The council asked the clerk to draw up the addition within the ordinance and present it to them for future approval.

**Gambling Permit:**

The Southland Sportsmen's Club applied for a gambling permit for a raffle to be held on 6/12/2022 during Dairy Days.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the gambling permit to the Southland Sportsmen's Club upon signature from the club president. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**New Election Equipment:**

Mower County and the surrounding cities and townships have decided to update the voting equipment, after 16 years of using the same Assistive Voting Devices and tabulating machines. The cost to the City and Township will be approximately \$6500.00.

**Writ of Special Election:**

Due to the passing of representative Jim Hagedorn a special election will be held in Congressional District 1 on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the same day as the State Primary. If necessary, a special primary, for the nomination of candidates for the office of Congressional Representative for Congressional District 1 will be held on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Resolution No. 03-2022**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve Resolution No. 03-2022 a resolution which hereby reestablishes the boundaries of the voting precincts and polling places. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Adams Community Industrial Development Corporation**

A letter was sent to the City from the Adams Community Industrial Development Corporation asking for a donation to grow funding which could be utilized towards attracting business and community growth in the City of Adams. The council asked the clerk to look up the amount of last donation and report back.

**Demolition Permit:**

Adams Funeral Home has applied for a permit to demolish the structure standing at 17 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the permit allowing Adams Funeral Home to eliminate the structure standing at 17 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Michael Cherney to adjourn at 6:05 PM. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None  
Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer