

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 9th, 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 9th day of April 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 Christopher Quale, 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 Nick Anderson, to approve March 26th 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 Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the March timecards. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:

The clerk reported to the council that the company putting together the plans to restore the First National Bank Building at 322 West Main Street needs to make an amendment to the original grant request by eliminating the plans and drawings for the restoration of the stained-glass windows because they cannot find anyone willing to take on the task. This will lower the original grant budget by \$7,000.00 because the cost of detailed plans for roof replacement and masonry repair would be \$24,400.00 instead of the requested \$31,400.00 before the elimination of the stained-glass window restoration plans.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the elimination of the stained-glass restoration from the plans and drawings of the First National Bank Building. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The clerk spoke about emails exchanged between Bolton & Menk, the City of Adams, and the Mower County Public Works Department. Mower County said that a partnership project between the County and the City of Adams would likely be feasible in the next five years. The Public Works Director stated that Mower County could participate in the cost of replacing the road and share the cost of installing a new storm sewer, but the cost of replacing the sewer and possibly the water utilities along with the new curb and sidewalk would be the responsibility of the City.

Police Report:

The Mower County Sheriff's Department patrolled the City of Adams for a total of 215 hours from March 12th to April 9th. There were 70 calls for service in the City with 36 traffic stops being the main focus. The council asked Mower County Sargeant Katelyn Fisher specifically about the number of DUI stops during the month of March. Sargeant Fisher reported without any certainty that there may have been 4-5 stops regarding driving under the influence in the Adams area.

Fire Department Report:

The Adams Fire Department responded to 3calls during the month of March.

Maintenance Department Report:

The yellow Ford pickup truck was sold at Hamilton Auction on March 26th. The City of Adams received \$3691.00 for the vehicle after fees.

The maintenance department attended three days of water school in Rochester.

The chlorine and sulfur meters were installed and are up and running in the treatment plant, which is not an MPCA requirement.

A lift station pump was changed out. The old is starting to be rebuilt.

Empire Services was contacted about the sewer main repairs on 4th Street NW. The sewer line cleaning will cost \$500.00 per hour with an estimated 2-5 hour cleaning time. The mobilization fee to clean the main will be included with the mobilization charged to repair the pipe.

Prairie Visions Report:

Prairie Visions continued to discuss connecting the Shooting Star Trail to the Wapsi Trail. Landowners were sent letters about this. The State of Minnesota found to do some more rehabilitation of the Shooting Star Trail.

Approval of Bills:

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

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, 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 February 29th, 2024 financial statements.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, 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.

Traut Companies Payment App #2 (Well #5):

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve Payment App No. 2 from Traut Companies in the amount of \$141,422.94. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Nort Side Park 2nd Addition Realtor:

Steve Golombowski, the property broker with the City of Adams, who is helping sell the vacant lots in the North Side Park 2nd Addition, will be stepping away from the property broker business. Nicholas Schmitz, with Land Resource Management & Realty Inc, contacted the clerk to see if he could make his services available to the City of Adams.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve moving forward with Nicholas Schmitz as the new Real Estate Agent at the North Side Park 2nd Addition in the City of Adams. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to adjourn at 7:09 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer