

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 12th, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 12th day of April 2022.

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

Council absent: Paul Kirtz

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the March 22nd, 2022 meeting minutes with the correction of the misspelled names of Coty Kirtz and Michael Cherney. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Timecards:

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

Old Business:

The City of Adams was reimbursed from the Adams Area Historical Society in the amount of \$2,233.00 for their half of the invoice billed from K&M Glass for the labor and materials to restore the plexiglass coverings protecting the stained glass windows at the History Center. The Historical Society also informed the council that they have cleaned, plastered, primed and painted the Southwest room as well as purchased new carpet, five new window blinds and 4 new light fixtures for the History Center. The grant that Jim Kiefer was collectively working on with the Adams Area Historical Society for repairs to the History Center has been delayed. An engineered plan is required for grant approval and would not be finished before the grant deadline at the end of May. The Adams Area Historical Society also invited all council members and city employees to attend the Open House from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM and the Annual meeting at 3:00 PM on 4/24/2022 where they will also be serving Bubble's pie.

The endorsement to modify and increase the property insurance coverage for the property owned by the City of Adams was approved by the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust. The \$787.00 additional premium was waived by the LMCIT as well.

Chad Adams from the SW Minnesota Housing Partnership will be attending the next council meeting on 4/26/2022 to talk to the council about ways his organization can help the City of Adams with affordable housing and community rejuvenation.

There was talk about flavored tobacco and if the sales in town should be banned to cut down on usage by minors.

The Adams Community Industrial Development Corporation, an organization which provides access to low interest loans for current and prospective business growth within the City of Adams, is requesting donations to keep this funding available. The clerk discovered that the last donation was around 2010 in the amount of \$2,000.00. The council asked the clerk if he could figure out a way for the city to donate \$5,000.00 to the Adams Community Industrial Development Corporation this year while staying within the 2022 budget, and then in the following years budget an amount for an annual donation.

The council discussed the proposition of raising the daily fees for camping at the park in 2022. It was decided that the fee would remain \$20.00 a night, and when the renovations are finished at the campgrounds the idea of raising fees can be discussed.

The discussion about grants for the Fire Department was brought up again. Council member Kirtz knows a person who may be willing to help the City of Adams write some grants if the city is agreeable. The council determined that we should accept the help.

Police Report:

Sargent Tom Brogan attended the meeting and informed the council that 26 incidents were responded to within the City of Adams for the month of March, and approximately 204 hours were spent patrolling the city and responding to calls.

Fire Department Report:

The Adams Fire Department responded to rollover near 16402 670th Ave on 3/24/2022. The passenger was cut out of the vehicle and removed for transport. The Adams Ambulance assisted the fire department with the passenger extraction.

Maintenance Department Report:

The maintenance department informed the council that two fire hydrants, one in each new addition, filled with water and froze. This was not due to faulty installation, but rather to the high water levels in these areas. The maintenance department had them repaired the following day after discovering they froze and will need to monitor them in the following winter season.

The maintenance department will need to take an inventory of all waterlines within the city limits of Adams by 10/23/2022 due to the EPA's new Lead & Copper Rule. All water lines will need to be inspected to see if they are constructed out of lead or copper. Please contact the City of Adams if you know what materials your water line is constructed of, lead or copper, or if you need help to determine the type of material.

Work in the park to provide and upgraded campgrounds and showering facility has resumed this spring. Rock has been hauled in and the maintenance department has begun spreading it around the new road and paths. The electrical service which came in overhead has been dug in underground and been upgraded to a 600 Amp service. The prices to construct the showering structure have not increased since the city was quoted a price last year.

Davy Engineering has proposed a location for well #5 for the City of Adams. The site is located on city owned property approximately 620 feet North of Lewison Street and 310' feet West of 1st St. NW in the Northeast corner of the city limits.

The house at 17 3rd St NW has been tore down and all the services running from the structure have been capped off.

The Maintenance Department has been helping the ladies in the History Center by installing some trim and paneling.

Travis Kirtz was hired as part-time summer help for 2022.

Adams American Legion wants to supply 10 – 20 flags, poles and brackets to be placed on road lamp poles along US Hwy 56 and Co Rd 7.

Flushing hydrants will be delayed until the last week of April.

Approval of Bills:

The bills payable for March 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 and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The city clerk presented the February 28th, 2022 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 and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Prairie Visions Report:

No new business to report

One Day Burning Permit:

Rick Hinz asked to be granted a one day burning permit from the City to burn some dead trees and weeds around his residence on the NE edge of the City limits.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve a one day burning permit to Rick Hinz with the following conditions. No burning during burning bans or while the wind is blowing toward the City of Adams. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 192:

Ordinance No. 192, an ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance No. 144 by adding a Zero Lot Line Provision to residential zones was reviewed by the council.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve Ordinance No. 192 for publication. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Property Adjustment:

Dustin and Jessica Wiste purchased two parcels of land from the newly developed Boe Subdivision. They have filled out an application with Mower County which would allow them to combine their two parcels into one with the approval of the City of Adams.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Michael Cherney, to decline the property adjustment application stating that in fairness to residents who pay taxes on separate lots adjacent

to each other these lots need to remain separated as well. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman and Michael Cherney. Karen Ruechel Abstains. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Building Permits:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve a building permit to Brandon Hoelsing for a shed and a fence at 308 4th St NW. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Special Olympics Wagon Train:

The 2022 Friendship Wagon Train will be traveling through our area this year. It will start in Kasson, MN on Friday June 17th, and end at the Minnesota-Iowa border just North of Lime Springs, IA on Saturday June 25th. The Wagon Train will be stopping in Adams on Wednesday, June 22 for its evening stay. The council agreed that the Wagon Train could spend the evening in the City Park for one night.

Resolution 05-2022:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve Resolution 05-2022 a resolution approving the application for funding for the Mower County Snowmobile Trail Committee from the Department of Natural Resources. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Annual Appliance Cleanup:

The city will be conducting a Citywide Appliance Cleanup on May 21st, 2022. Anyone who has any appliances that need to be discarded can contact or come to City Hall and give the clerk your name, address and the number and type of appliances along with a payment for the pickup fees. A list of pickup/disposal fees are as follows:

Washers / Dryers / Stoves / Ovens / Dishwashers / Microwaves / Water Heaters / Dehumidifiers / Air Conditioners / Freezers / Furnaces / Cooling Units ect	\$10.00 Each
Television / Computer Monitors 19” and under	\$25.00 Each
Television / Computer Monitors 20 to 27”	\$30.00 Each
Television / Computer Monitors 28” and larger	\$35.00 Each

Computer CPU’s, non-commercial printers and other computing equipment will be removed at no additional charge.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Michael Cherney, to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer