

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 26th, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special meeting was duly held at City Hall at 5:30 PM on the 26th day of April 2022.

Council present: Karen Ruechel and Michael Cherney.

Council absent: Paul Kirtz and Ella Noterman

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: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel and Brian Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the April 12th council meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel and Brian Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Chad Adams (SW Minnesota Housing Partnership):

Chad Adams, a representative from the SW Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP), attended the council meeting to discuss the ways in which his organization could help the Adams community and to gather input from the council about community needs. Coty Kirtz also attended the council meeting to listen to Mr. Adams and provide input as well. Mr. Adams discussed the Work Force Housing Grant Program and how the grant could provide up to 25% of the total construction costs incurred by the builder as long as the grant applicant, in this case the City of Adams, would be willing to match up to 50% of the grant through its own funds or through incentives like tax abatements. Mr. Adams said the SWMHP would be willing to help the city write the grant application, but he would need to know in the next 30-45 days if the city was interested because applications are Due in January of 2023. The council was going to discuss this matter further and get back to Mr. Adams.

Old Business:

The council discussed the property adjustment application presented by Dustin and Jessica Wiste who are trying to build a house on the two lots they purchased in the newly developed Boe Subdivision. Mr. and Mrs. Wiste informed the City of Adams that Mower County will not allow a structure to be built across two separate taxable parcels. The council decided that the Mayor, Brian Anderson, and the City Clerk, Jake Goodale, should discuss this matter further with the city attorney. After that discussion the council would meet and come to a final decision about Mr. and Mrs. Wiste's property adjustment application.

The city maintenance department and the city clerk have been talking to a company, Utility Logic, who provided the City of Adams with a quote for equipment with RTK capabilities in the amount of \$10853.00. The quote also included a yearly data plan and software mapping fee of \$285.00. The maintenance department can use this equipment and mapping software to locate and map hydrants, manholes, valves, water mains and services, sewer mains and services and other types of utilities with pinpoint accuracy. The clerk also informed the council that the America Rescue Plan Act funds the city received from the federal government could be used to purchase this equipment.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the purchase of the RTK equipment, yearly data plan and software with received ARPA funds. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel and Brian Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The Adams Community Development Corporation sent a letter to the City of Adams requesting donations to be put into a fund which could help with the growth of the city. The clerk was asked to locate \$5000.00 from the city funds which would be donated to the Adams Community Development Corporation. The clerk proposed that we move \$5000.00 from the contingency fund which currently has a balance of \$36,733.68 to be used as donation to the Adams Community Development Corporation.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve that \$5000.00 be moved from the contingency fund to be donated to the Adams Community Development Corporation. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel and Brian Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Resolution No. 04-2022:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve Resolution No. 04-2022 a resolution appointing election judges for the 2022 elections. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel and Brian Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Tax Abatement Policy:

The council reviewed the City of Adams current tax abatement policy. Some changes to the policy were discussed and the clerk was tasked to implement those changes. The revised tax abatement policy will be reviewed again at the next council meeting.

Demolition Permit:

Brian Schotanus has applied for a permit to demolish the structure(s) standing at 12 2nd St. NW.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the permit allowing Brian Schotanus to eliminate the structure(s) standing at 12 2nd St. NW. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel and Brian Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Building Permit:

Christopher Suess has applied for a building permit to construct a garage on an existing slab and remove 5 feet of curb to widen and extend his driveway to the road @ 307 Lincoln Street.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Brian Anderson, to approve the permit allowing Christopher Suess to construct a garage on the existing slab and to remove 5 feet of curb to widen and extend his driveway to road provided that an apron approach is poured back where the curb is removed to provide for proper drainage. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel and Brian Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel and Brian Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer

