

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 11th, 2017

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 11th day of April, 2017.

Council present: Nancy Thalberg, Gail Anderson, Paul Kirtz, Karen Ruechel, and Peter Schmitz.

Council absent: None.

Mayor Nancy Thalberg presided at the meeting.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve the meeting agenda. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the March 13th, and March 28th, 2017 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Northland Securities representative Jessica Green presented a bond sale proposal to the City Council. Proceeds from a \$1,600,000 bond sale would be used to pay for the Highway 56 and Schmitz Street reconstruction projects. Jessica presented spreadsheets that estimated special assessment and tax levy revenues with 10 year, 12 year, and 15 year bond scenario's. The City Council considered the tax impact of the three scenario's and decided to implement the 12 year payoff scenario. The construction project would be based on a 30% abutting property owner assessment, and a 70% city tax levy. Motion made by Gail Anderson, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve Resolution #04-2017, a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of up to \$1,600,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2017A, with a true interest rate of up to 3.5%. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Schmitz, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Al Sorenson presented the maintenance report for March. Discussion was held on hiring additional summer help while the street projects are ongoing. Discussion was also held on replacing the decking on the park playground equipment. The City Clerk will see if replacement parts are available. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to hire one additional worker for the summer while the Hwy 56 Street project is ongoing. The position will be for 20 hours per week. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Fire Chief Craig Schaefer presented the Fire Department report for March. Craig reported that the Department responded to four fire calls, and one ambulance assist in March. The Department performed a prescribed burn on City property south of the Adams park. Craig requested City approval for one volunteer resignation and addition of two junior volunteers. Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Ruechel, to accept the resignation of Kurtis Retterath from the Department. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried. Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Kirtz, to install Nikoli Yudin and Caden Sorenson as junior volunteers to the Adams Fire Department. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Interviews were held to select a new Fire Chief and Assistant Chief for the Adams Fire Department. Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Ruechel, to install Curt Sheely as Fire Chief, and Eric Wiste as Assistant Fire Chief, effective April 19th, 2017. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the March, 2017 police report. The report lists 1 felony arrest, 2 City administrative citations, 5 warning tickets, 3 law enforcement assists, 6 ambulance/fire assists, and 1 traffic accident. Mike Gehrke reported that he met with the Southland High School and suggested updates to the school's emergency plan. Mike attended an active shooter response class in Austin in March. Mike reported that April 29th is the nationwide DEA prescription drug turn in day. Mike signed up to collect outdated and no longer needed drugs at the Adams City Hall, April 29th, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

The bills payable were reviewed.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve payment of bills as submitted. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The city clerk presented the February 28th, 2017 financial statements. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Council member Gail Anderson presented the Prairie Visions report for March. Gail reported that plans have been completed for the Shooting Star Trail annual bike ride. The ride will be held on June 24th, 2017 beginning in LeRoy. Registration forms are available online.

Discussion was held on renewing sponsorship of the Mower County Trail Committee application for funding from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. City Clerk Jim Kiefer stated that most snowmobile trails are managed by the County in which the trail is located, and that the Trail Committee could approach Mower County with a sponsor request. The City Council decided to continue to sponsor the Trail Committee as long as they submit the proper paperwork. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve Resolution #03-2017, a resolution approving an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and that the City of Adams act as legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for snowmobile trails managed by the Mayor and City Council of Adams. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer reported that a city wide appliance cleanup day has been set for May 6th, 2017. Complete Appliance De-manufacturing (CAD) will be collecting appliances, televisions, and computers for a fee ranging from \$5.00 per unit for appliances to \$35.00 per unit for large televisions. Computer CPU's and non-commercial printers will be picked up free of charge. Jim Kiefer reported that residents that will not be home on pick up day may call City Hall and make arrangements to have their items picked up and make payment.

City clerk Jim Kiefer informed the City Council that the City of Adams will host the Mower County League of Cities meeting on May 18th, 2017 in the Adams Emergency Services Building.

Discussion was held on presenting a resolution to the Mower County Public Works requesting 2 hour parking signs on the north side of Lewison Street in front of the Little Cedar Church. Mayor Thalberg asked for a motion to request the 2 hour parking signs for Lewison Street, the resolution was dropped for lack of a motion to request the signs.

The City Council reviewed handouts of development plans that were considered over the past few years. The handouts included plans for a townhome development on City of Adams property north of the Nursing Home, two development options for residential housing on the property north of the Nursing Home, and a plan for residential housing on property north of Schmitz Street. Members of the City Council expressed a need for a development for new housing in Adams. Discussion was also held on beginning a search for a developer interested in placing town homes in the City of Adams. Another

item discussed was the need for an industrial park in Adams. There is currently no property available for a new business to start up. All of the above issues will be discussed again at future City Council meetings.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to adjourn. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer