

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 8th, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 8th day of May 2023.

Council present: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman

Council absent: None

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve April 25th meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Timecards:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the April timecards. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:

The clerk reported that the City's attorney advised that the City of Adams should not make a specific ordinance to sell the City's lots at the North Side Park 2nd Addition, but rather, make provisions in the purchase agreements and carry those provisions forward with contracts at closing.

The clerk reported that the main meeting room and the hallways at the Emergency Services Building have been repaired and painted by Troy Hanna. The next step is the replacement of the flooring. The council thought that a darker brown or gray would match the newly painted wall well.

Northern Country Coop is interested in purchasing a chunk of land Parcel #21.009.0205 owned by the City of Adams which lies between Northern Country's office and their chemical plant. Their plan is to build a new grain bin on the chunk of land. The council determined that the land is more useful to the city if it can be used by Northern Country Coop rather than sitting empty. The council agreed to offer the land to Northern Country Coop for \$1.00 as well as the expenses to cover the cost of the paperwork to sell and transfer the land.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the Sale of Parcel #21.009.0205 (The Old City Dump) to Northern Country Coop for \$1.00 "As Is". Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Police Report:

Sargeant Pike reported that during the month of April, the Mower County Sheriff's Department had spent a total of 185 hours patrolling the City of Adams, or roughly 6 hours daily, and responded to 30 calls.

Fire Department Report:

The fire department responded to 4 calls in April.

Maintenance Department Report:

The campgrounds on the West end of the park are open and the fee to camp this year has been raised to \$25.00. The new showering facility is coming along nicely, the walls are poured and the rafters are on, plumbing has been rough installed inside the building and we are beginning to level dirt from the services and around the building.

A sewer line was replaced at 106 Lewison Street. Also, a camper dump located on one of the city streets was eliminated.

Nickolson Painting has started working on replacing the rotten wood in the sills of the windows at the History Center.

The street sweeper went through town to clean up the roads. We have started hauling rock to roads and alleyways. Some work will need to be done on Commerce Street this year to replace some of the storm structures as well as repair some of the settled areas around manholes and catch basins. This work would be done on a time and material basis and the maintenance department was hoping to use \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 from the Street Maintenance Fund to make the repairs.

The maintenance department is working up a new ordinance that would require companies to acquire a permit to do any digging within the City of Adams. These permits would help to hold companies liable for cleaning up any messes that they may leave in residents' yards.

Prairie Visions Report:

Nothing to report

Approval of Bills:

The bills payable for April 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: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The city clerk presented the March 31st, 2023, financial statements.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

RJ Builders Tax Abatement:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the tax abatement application for RJ Builders at 303 3rd St NW. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Building Permits:

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve a building permit to RJ Builders to construct a new house at 303 3rd St NW. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve a building permit to Steve Turner to construct a fence to enclose his yard at 100 3rd St NW. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve a building permit to Brandon Utech to reroof his house and garage at 214 5th St NW. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Compliance With Federal And State Laws, Rules, Regulations:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the signing of FORM 4 – COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS – INSTRUCTIONS a requirement for applying for the MPFA loan. The (Borrower) agrees as a condition of receiving the funding they are required to comply with certain federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, including but not limited to those identified in Form 4 which will be invoked as a condition of the PFA loan in both Bond Purchase and Project Loan Agreement and General Obligation bond to be executed by the borrower. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Ella Noterman, to adjourn at 7:49 PM. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale
Clerk/ Treasurer