

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 11th, 2023

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 July 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 Christopher Quale, 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 Ella Noterman, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve June 27th 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 Ella Noterman, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the June timecards. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:

The clerk informed the council that phase 1 of the new well project will go out for bids in August. No specific date has been set as of yet but one will be provided soon.

The clerk informed the council that the new campsites and shower house project has concluded at the city park. The City of Adams utilized a grant through the Minnesota Department of Resources to build 6 new campsites and a showering facility within the Adams City Park. In the end, the project came in at approximately \$20,000.00 under budget.

The clerk has been trying to gather information on how the City of Adams could annex some land that would help expand the city to the West, but he hasn't been able to get in contact with anyone yet. The clerk has also been trying to gather some legal information on condemning an old home within the city limits but has yet to hear back from anyone.

At the last council meeting, the clerk was asked to see if there would be room for the Mower County Sheriff's Department to put an office in the city's Emergency Services Building to have a centralized location while serving the surrounding areas. The clerk checked into the matter and there does not seem to be any space available at the time.

Police Report:

The Mower County Sheriff's Department spent 158 hours patrolling the City of Adams in June or approximately 5.5 hours per day. They responded to 35 incidents, the majority being traffic stops and medical calls.

Fire Department Report:

No calls to report in June.

Maintenance Department Report:

The shower house / ADA bathrooms at the city park have been completed. There still are some signs and a couple of smaller items that need to be installed but all in all, the project is complete and was a success.

At a previous council meeting there was a discussion about some repairs that needed to be made to a culvert at the intersection of 3rd Street NW and Lincoln Street to prevent the road from washing out. Eric Boe provided the city with a \$2,100.00 estimate to repair the culvert. Coty Kirtz the property owner adjacent to the culvert, has agreed to pay \$500.00 of the expense and also to provide the fill to complete the job.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the repairs to the culvert for \$2100.00 with the help of \$500.00 and fill dirt from Koty Kirtz. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

The maintenance crew read the manual reading water meters around town like they annually do for the 2nd quarter billing.

The maintenance department has completed the lead/copper sampling for the lead and copper inventory being enforced by the State of Minnesota.

New poles have been installed at the archery range at the City Park with the intent of putting up a fence.

The Minnesota Department of Health provided the City of Adams with its annual Sanitary Survey and just like previous years the city was informed that the storage capacity of the water tower is insufficient and that the mains 6" or smaller throughout our town are replaced as soon as the opportunities present themselves. It was also recommended that the city continue to monitor valves to ensure proper functionality and to replace any not working correctly. The survey also recognized that the city is in the process of adding Well #5 to the city's water supply system. This will ensure that the city has a proper backup if the city's primary well were ever to fail.

Prairie Visions Report:

Nothing new to report

Approval of Bills:

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

Motion made by Michael Cherney, 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 May 31st, 2023, financial statements.

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

IamResponding Renewal Agreement:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the IamResponding Subscription Renewal Agreement in the amount of \$810.00. IamResponding is the communication and alert response system utilized by the Adams Fire Department and Adams Ambulance. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Lions Club Gambling Permit:

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the issuance of a gambling permit to the Adams Lions Club to hold a raffle on 12/23/2023 at the Adam American Legion. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Building Permits:

Vejsil Dzajic wants to construct an 8' x 35' deck on the front of his house at 17 Lions Street SW.

Heimer Foods wants to replace the awning and the sign in the front of their grocery store at 23 4th Street NW.

Taylor Cureton wants to construct a 6' high fence by approximately 170' long in her back yard at 107 Water Street NW. Clerk advised that if homeowner wanted to put fence on property line that a property survey would be required.

Southland Schools want to construct a new baseball scoreboard at the high school athletic field.

Lynn Sathre wants to construct a new 40' x 44' machine shed that will replace the old machine shed that previously collapsed at 207 4th Street SW.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the issuance of building permits to Vejsil Dzajic, Heimer Foods, Taylor Cureton, Southland Schools and Lynn Sathre. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Juneteenth:

Juneteenth was mandated a State Holiday by Governor Walz in February of 2023. The clerk, with the permission of the council, would like to add it to the City of Adam's list of paid holidays.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to add Juneteenth to the City of Adam's list of paid holidays. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Representative Patricia Mueller:

Representative Mueller attended the meeting to discuss what's been going on at the State Capitol. She informed the council that taxes would increase by approximately 17 billion at the state level, and a good portion of that increase would come from an increase in the gas tax and increases in the costs of vehicle registrations and tabs. Representative Mueller also talked about the \$297,000.00 the City of Adams will receive in Local Government Aid in 2024, a \$15,000.00 increase from the amount to be received in 2023. She also mentioned that the City of Adams was in line to be awarded \$22,867.00 in Small Cities Assistance in 2023, and she talked about the amount of aid Mower County would receive from that State. Representative Mueller let the

council know that she was lobbying for relief for farmers in Southeast Minnesota due to the ongoing drought this portion of the state has been going through.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale
Clerk/ Treasurer