

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special meeting was duly held at City Hall at 5:30 PM on the 25th day of July 2023.

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

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: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the July 11th, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Fire Department Tanker Truck:**

Fire Chief Dillon Heimer and Assistant Chief Eric Wiste attended the council meeting to discuss the matter of the transmission failing and the engine quitting in one of the Fire Department's water tanker engines. The truck was towed to Tim's Repair and Towing, where the truck was evaluated. It was estimated that it would cost approximately \$4,000.00 to fix the transmission, but there is still no idea why the engine quit working. Chief Heimer has already priced out a couple of new trucks, one at \$130,000.00 and one at \$80,000.00. If the department installs its own lighting system and does not get the truck painted, the prices could go down even more. The department heads wondered if the council was interested in repairing the broken-down engine or if they thought we should just scrap it or sell it as is and purchase a new truck. The council asked the chief to look into the cost of purchasing two water tanker trucks as a package deal, as the only other water tanker left is the department's most antiquated piece of equipment. Also discussed was the means of purchasing another tanker truck. There was talk about some excess ARPA money that could be used as well as talk of using some money from the Fire Department fund and getting a loan to cover the balance. There will be a further discussion on this matter when the Fire Board meets on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

### **Old Business:**

The shower house/bathrooms and campgrounds project has been completed at Adams City Park. A DNR representative was out at the park to inspect the completion of the project. After the walkthrough and inspection, it was determined that the City needed to add another ADA path that would connect the new showering facility to the main pavilion in the park and adjust a couple of campsites to make them ADA-compatible as well.

Councilwoman Noterman applied for the Freeborn-Mower Roundup Grant for the Adams Fire Department and she was able to attain \$2500.00 for new radio equipment.

The clerk informed the council that the City would open bids for the new well project #5 on August 22, 2023, at 2:00 PM. The bids will then be disclosed at the council meeting that night.

**Moratorium For Cannabis Dispensaries:**

There was discussion on what should happen with the new cannabis laws coming into effect on August 1<sup>st</sup>. It was decided that the clerk should start the process of creating a moratorium that could be passed so that the City could investigate the matter further before any finite decisions would be made.

**Former Adams Police Department Equipment Inventory:**

There is an inventory of equipment left behind from the former Adams Police Department. Items include a rifle without an ammo clip, a shotgun, a taser with a few cartridges, fingerprint kits, a few leather goods, and some random ammunition. The clerk is looking to sell these items via the Internet and through gun shops so they are not sitting in City Hall any longer.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney to sell the former Adams City Police Department's inventory. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Water Bill Credit:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman to approve the one-time only water bill credit in the amount of \$729.08. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Maintenance Head Craig Hegge:**

The maintenance head, Craig Hegge, attended the meeting to inform the council that the 8" sanitary sewer main, which crosses the creek and heads West towards the treatment plant West of the intersection at 6<sup>th</sup> St. NW and Lewison Street, was televised. There are significant problems with the main being cracked and starting to cave in on itself. The maintenance department believes that the City should start looking into repairing or budgeting to repair these pipes as well as televise other sanitary sewer mains. Mr. Hegge also informed the council with a heavy heart that he had accepted another job with the City of Austin and, pending a physical examination, he would be starting that job sometime in August. Craig has been working for the City of Adams for nearly 25 years and he will be greatly missed.

No further business.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Karen Ruechel to adjourn at 6:26 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale  
Clerk/ Treasurer