

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 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 July, 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 Schmitz, to approve the meeting agenda with one addition from Mayor Thalberg. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None  
Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the June, 2017 police report. The report lists 3 State citations, 4 City citations, 20 warning tickets, and 3 law enforcement assists. Chief Gehrke responded to a gas leak and evacuation on Hwy 56, a property damage report, and had 2 domestic assault arrests.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve resignation of Jason Ottman from the Adams police department. Effective date of resignation is June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Fire Chief Curt Sheely presented the Fire Department report for June. Curt reported that the Department responded to seven calls in the past month. Calls involved one natural gas leak, a leaking anhydrous tank, three ambulance assists, a carbon monoxide alarm, and a false alarm at the Adams Health Care Center. The hard suction lines on the pumper truck developed a leak during the natural gas main leak and need to be replaced. Suction lines have been ordered. Com-Tech has been contacted to provide an estimate for installing the base radio and mobile unit in the Pumper truck. Curt reported that the new radios are being programmed and should be in service shortly. Curt reported that he has received a resignation letter from Colin Clennon. Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve resignation of Colin Clennon from the Adams Volunteer Fire Department effective July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Al Sorenson presented the maintenance report for June. An update was given on the street projects taking place. Al requested the City remove and replace the blacktop section of 1<sup>st</sup> Street between Hwy 56 and the alley north. Rochester Sand & Gravel has been contacted for a quote on rebuilding this section of street. Rochester Sand & Gravel is also getting a quote on coloring the outside 4 feet of the sidewalks in the downtown block. Al informed the City Council that the John Deere lawn mower needs major work on the deck. The maintenance department is trying to find a used deck, but may have to rebuild the old deck.

Discussion was held on providing cell phones for the maintenance department. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel, to reimburse Craig Hegge, and Al Sorenson \$25.00 dollars each per month for use of the cell phones. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The bills payable were reviewed.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Kirtz, 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 May 31st, 2017 financial statements. Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Schmitz, 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 June. The group was updated on the success of the bike ride held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. A total of 133 bikers participated in the event.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve building permit to Megan Kiser (103 Bergen St) for construction of 16' X 8' deck. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried

A request was received from Andy Smith to allow a horizontal cut to existing curb in front of his property for access to his garage. The horizontal cut to existing curb was denied. A motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve building permit to Andy Smith (301 5<sup>th</sup> Street) for a 24' curb cut and installation of a drive over curb. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried

Emily Hovden presented a power point presentation on creating a dog park in the City of Adams. The creation of a dog park would be her Senior project for Southland High School. Emily will meet with the City Clerk and League of Cities insurance rep on August 1<sup>st</sup> to determine liability issues connected to a dog park. Emily will meet with the maintenance department to find a location for a dog park.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Adams Lions Club for a raffle to be held December 21st, 2017 in the American Legion Club. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve a tax abatement policy for the City of Adams, effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Schmitz, to approve financial transfers of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund to the Fire Department Fund, and \$28,750.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Police Equipment Fund. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to increase the water disconnect fee for delinquent water bills to \$40.00, effective July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Mayor Thalberg informed the City Council that she will be meeting with officials on July 28<sup>th</sup> at Bubbles Café concerning the recent reorganization of the Mayo Health System, all council members were invited to attend.

Mayor Thalberg and Gail Anderson updated the council on plans for the 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration that will be held in Adams June 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2018. An organizational meeting will be held in the Legion Club July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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