

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 10th, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 10th day of August, 2020.

Council present: Brian Anderson, Michael Cherney, Ella Noterman, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel.

Council absent: None

Mayor Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

Mayor Brian Anderson opened the City Council meeting.

Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Mike Cherney, to approve the correction of minutes from the July 14 council meeting. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:

No old business to report.

Police Report:

No police business to report.

Fire Department Report:

The Adams Fire Department reported that it responded to three fire calls in the month of July. The department also brought to the council's attention the need for a new pump and gear box for the Freightliner pumper truck. The council was informed that a new pump and gear box would cost around \$26,000.00, which included installation and a 6 year warranty, and that a rebuilt pump and gear box would cost around \$17,000.00 - \$20,000.00 with a 1 year warranty.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the purchase and installation of a new pump and gear box including a 6 year warranty for the cost of \$26,000.00. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

There was also discussion about the costs of new uniforms for the fire department. That discussion was tabled for a meeting in the future.

Maintenance Department Report:

The maintenance department discussed the pile of overburden materials that the city is accumulating on the North side of town from the road construction going on at the 5th St project, and the interest from Mower County wanting to acquire 10,000 yards of materials for Co Rd 7 project they are currently working on. As the pile sits right now there is approximately 2000 yards of materials, and it is estimated that 10,000 additional yards will be added after 5th St project is completed. The council discussed giving Mower County the 10,000 yards of overburden with the agreement that the city can work out a trade of services at a later date as compensation, while also leaving the city with 2,000 yards for its own uses.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Mike Cherney, to approve giving Mower County 10,000 yards of overburden materials with the agreement that a trade of services will be worked out at a later date. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The maintenance department also discussed possible locations for a bench and bike rack that was donated to the city for the bike trail. Work on a couple of manholes, changing out a hydrant and repairs at the sewer plant were also discussed. The maintenance department was getting prices on the work and would report back.

Approval of Bills:

The bills payable for July 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: Paul Kirtz, Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The city clerk presented the July 31st, 2020 financial statements.

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

Prairie Visions Report:

No new business to report.

Leasing Alley To Southland School:

After corresponding with the city attorney it was determined that the alley located West of the new Southland School addition would need to be vacated or retained by the city because it isn't legal for a right of way (ROW) to be leased.

Resolution No. 18-2020 A Resolution Vacating A [Portion Of] Alley Between Water Street & Lewison Street:

The council concluded that it would vacate a portion of the alley and acquire a legal description of its half of the ROW from the city attorney and give that information to the Southland School attorney. From there the Southland School attorney could draw up contract or lease agreement with the city concerning the ROW.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Paul Kirtz, to approve Resolution No. 18-2020. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Also discussed was the modification of the previous lease agreement between the school and the city concerning the school's parking lot, where the city wants the school to assume complete liability for the parking lot.

Water Shutoff Notices:

The council decided that water shutoff notices would be sent out to all residents delinquent with their water bill.

Insurance Liability Waiver Form:

The council discussed and signed a liability waiver form through the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) which states the City of Adams does not waive the monetary limits on municipality tort liability established by MN Statute 466.04.

Grant Update / Priorities:

The council discussed different grant opportunities and the areas that appeared to be top priorities for grant money around the city. The areas discussed specifically were a new secondary well, the water tower and new showering facilities and a storm shelter at the city park.

Building Permits:

The council discussed the approval and issuance of a building permit to Al Sorenson who is replacing the steps on the front of his house with a 7' x 6' composite deck. He will also need a variance to his front yard setback.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the issuance of the building permit and the variance to the front yard setback. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Mike Cherney, to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale
Clerk/ Treasurer

