

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 23rd, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special meeting was duly held at City Hall at 5:30 PM on the 23rd day of July 2022.

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

Council absent: Paul Kirtz

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

Fire Board Meeting To Finalize 2023 Fire Department Budget & Operational Needs:

The City Council met with the Adams Fire Board to review the fire department's operational needs and department budget for 2023. Fire Board members present were Ted Kiefer (City of Taopi), Mark Schulz (Clayton Township), Brian Hill (City of Elkton), Troy McCabe (Marshall Township), John Kirtz (Lodi Township), and Eric Wiste representing (Adams Township and the Adams Fire Department). The recommended \$80,000.00 budget discussed in the February meeting earlier this year was reassessed. Eric Wiste reported that the fire department is still looking for a new 1500 – 2000 gallon tanker truck and that recently, the ECM (Engine Control Module) went out on one of the fire engines. Repairing the ECM will cost the department approximately \$5,000.00. The clerk mentioned that the first payment on the loan taken out for the department's new SCBA's would be due at the end of the year in the amount of \$11,907.24. Ted Kiefer, the representative from the City of Taopi, commended the quick response that the City of Taopi received from the Adams Fire Department back in April after a tornado devastated the city. Eric Wiste explained that after the disaster which occurred in Taopi, the Adams Fire Department has been working with Mower County to improve tornado warning lead time for this area which in turn would improve response times. After considerable discussion, the Fire Board and the Adams City Council decided that the 2023 fire department budget would be set at \$80,000.00. The \$80,000.00 does not include the Fire State aid.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the August 10th council meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel.. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Police Report:

Mower County Sheriff's Department had 241 patrol hours in the City of Adams in July. They responded to 49 calls (3 – Suspicious Activity / 3 – Animal Complaints / 2 – Domestic Disputes / 2 – School Alarm / the remainder were average traffic stops)

Old Business:

There was a discussion about some residences in the city of Adams becoming unsightly because of untrimmed grass and yards cluttered with vehicles that don't have up-to-date tabs. The clerk was going to send out some letters to try and resolve these matters.

2023 Salary Negotiations:

A 2.0% salary increase for the city workers was negotiated by the city clerk which is down from the 2.5% increase negotiated last year.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Michael Cherney to approve a 2.0% salary increase to the City Maintenance Depart and City Clerk for the coming year in 2023. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman to adjourn at 6:15 PM. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer