

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 25th, 2020

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

Agenda:

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Mike Cherney, 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 Ella Noterman, 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.

Maynard Lewison Land Purchase:

Maynard Lewison spoke to the council about a strip of land East of his property and North of the Little Cedar Lutheran Church parking lot. He explained that the spot has been used as an overflow parking lot for the church and also as a spot to push snow from the church parking lot in the winter. The council decided to get the city engineer to get some square footage numbers, and tabled the matter to be discussed at a later date.

Scott Osmundson Land East of City Hall:

The council has approached Scott Osmundson with an offer to purchase the 2 parcels of land East of the city hall building.

Grass & Weed / Mowing Ordinance:

After the clerk had received some complaints about overgrown grass within the city, the council decided to review Ordinance No. 90 "An ordinance requiring the mowing, or trimming of grass and weeds".

ISG / BCM Construction Change Order:

Change order moving the substantial completion date of the road construction on 5th St and Water St from 9/15/2020 to 10/2/2020.

Motion made by Mike Cherney, seconded by Paul Kirtz, to approve the ISG / BCM Construction change order. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Building Permits:

The council discussed the approval and issuance of a building permit to Matt Schmitz who is installing a 6' high x 16' long privacy fence.

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

City Planning Commission Meeting Overview:

The city council looked over the minutes from the city planning commission meeting that occurred on 8/17/2020. Specifically talked about was the response to a couple wanting to buy a lot and build a house in the North Park Addition by the end of the year. Also discussed were the number and the size of the lots, where and how water and sewer utilities may run, and the potential of having to install a new lift station to service the lots at the North Park Addition.

2021 Salary Negotiations:

A 2.5% salary increase for the city workers was accepted by the city council as of now, but the potential for future negotiations was left on the table.

Resolution 23-2020

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 135 entitled “An Ordinance for the Protection, Management and Operation of the Waterworks of the City of Adams, Minnesota, for the collection and Administration of Accounts and Deposits with Regard to Water”, states that water rates shall be established by the City by resolution from time to time.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ADAMS, INNESOTA:

That the water charges for the first quarter of 2020 and thereafter, until such time a change is made, shall be charged as follows:

Minimum charge per quarter for the first 1,000 gallons of water usage is \$13.00. Each additional 1,000 gallons used shall be charged at a rate of \$7.75. Rates shall be applied to all users classes.

Failure of the property owner not returning their meter reading card within 10 days, the city staff will read the meter and the property owner will be charged a fee of \$25.00.

New connections to the water service system shall be charged a one-time connection fee of \$150.00.

Meter deposits will be \$300.00 for ¾” meter, and \$375.00 for 1” meter.

Adopted by the City Council of Adams, Minnesota, this 25th day of August, 2020.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve Resolution 23-2020. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Mike Cherney, seconded by Paul Kirtz, to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale
Clerk/ Treasurer

