

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 24th, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special meeting was duly held at City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 24th day of September 2024.

Council present: Michael Cherney (Via Phone), Nick Anderson and Christopher Quale

Council absent: Brian Anderson

Assistant Mayor: Karen Ruechel presided over the meeting.

Agenda:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the City Council meeting agenda. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Nick Anderson votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the September 10th, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:

The clerk brought back the police contract that was provided from the Mower County Sheriff's Department. The contract will increase 6% from 2024 to 2025 and total amount due for 2025 will be \$91,945.00. The council decided that a public hearing should be held in 2025 to get feedback from the public to see if the community wants to continue contracting with the Mower County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the contract for law enforcement services with the Mower County Sheriff's Department for 2025. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

2025 Proposed Budget:

Discussion was held on the proposed 2025 budget and proposed tax levy. The city clerk presented the proposed 2025 General Fund and Debt Service Fund budget totaling \$918,900.00, and a proposed tax levy of \$455,500.00. Capital outlay items include new truck tires (\$1,000.00), point repair on 4th Street Sewer Main (\$20,000.00), trade in for a new skid loader (\$13,000.00), and lining sewer main (26,700.00). A total of \$72,813.00 was proposed for General Fund transfers. Proposed transfers from the General Fund include \$10,000.00 to the 322 Building Fund, \$6000.00 to the Contingency Fund, \$23,813.00 to the Fire Department Fund, 8,000.00 to the Sewer Fund, and \$25,000.00 to the Street Maintenance Fund (designating \$15,000.00 for street maintenance and repairs and \$10,000.00 to go towards the next city pickup). Other transfers include \$13,000.00 from the water fund to the Sewer fund and \$2300.00 from the Sewer Fund to Sewer Replacement Fund. The 2024 budget would increase 1.25%, and the tax levy would increase 1.56%.

Resolution No. 10-2024:

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve Resolution No. #10-2024, a resolution adopting the proposed 2025 budget as presented and setting a date and time for all Adams residents to attend a public hearing to express their opinions on the budget on

December 10th, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Adams City Hall. Votes in favor: Nick Anderson, Michael Cherney, and Christopher Quale. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Resolution No. 11-2024:

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve Resolution No. #11-2024, a resolution adopting the proposed 2025 tax levy as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Taylor Rural Child Care Grant Contract:

The Community Development Initiative was awarded the \$20,000.00 Taylor Rural Child Care Grant. A contract needs to be signed with the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and the Community Development Initiative. As the fiscal agent of the Community Development Initiative the City of Adams would need to be the signatory.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the signing of the contract to accept the \$20,000.00 Taylor Rural Child Care Grant for the Community Development Initiative. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Building Permit:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve a building permit to Maynard Lewison at 310 4th St NW for the replacement of an existing deck. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Waste Management Garbage Proposal:

Waste Management presented the City of Adams with a proposal to extend garbage services for a five-year period. Refuse service rates will increase by approximately 35% - 39% from the previous contract signed with Waste Management in 2019, which in turn means the city will need to increase its receptacle prices as well. The clerk was asked by the council to proceed with Waste Management and have them present the city with a contract.

New Library Box / Community Center Idea:

David Fasbender was present at the meeting and he wondered if the city would be receptive to him putting a refurbished newspaper stand outside of City Hall on the sidewalk to be utilized as another library box in the city. The council and the clerk had no objection to the idea as long as the box would be moved off the sidewalk before the winter weather arrived. Mr. Fasbender also asked the council if they had ever thought about relocating City Hall to the Emergency Services Building which would free up the City Hall building. He thought that would free up the existing City Hall building for a Community Center. The council was intrigued by the idea and the clerk was going to look into the feasibility of the idea.

No further business.

Motion made by Nick Anderson, seconded by Karen Ruechel to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer