

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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 October 2023.

Council present: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman

Council absent: None

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve September 26<sup>th</sup> and meeting minutes with the correction of changing the year from 2020 to 2024 in the proposed budget section. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Approval of Timecards:**

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the September timecards. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Jessica Green from Northland Trust Services Inc. will be working with the City of Adams to provide a scenario to raise water rates enough to be able to pay off the PFA loan that the City of Adams is trying to obtain to complete Phase 1 of the Well #5 project. The City of Adams must approve a water rate increase before the MPFA will approve funding for the project.

### **Police Report:**

Deputy Andrew Pike was present at the council meeting to submit that during the month of September the Mower County Sheriff's Department spent 168 hours patrolling the City of Adams averaging to 6 hours per day over the past 28 days. Over that time the department responded to 28 calls most of which were traffic stops and medical calls. Deputy Pike reported that a speed trailer was moved into town on the West side of Adams on Hwy 56 per the council's request. He said that the trailer sat in that spot for approximately one week and was then moved to the East side of town on Hwy 56. The council asked Deputy Pike to keep an eye on Semi Trucks entering town at high rates of speed from the North and South on County Road 7 and from the East and West on State Hwy 56.

### **Fire Department Report:**

The Fire Department responded to one fire call in the month of September at the Cedar Court Apartments located behind the Adams Health Care Center. There is no news to report on the tanker trucks that are being purchased.

**Maintenance Department Report:**

Superior Sewer Service was in town to video the sewer main on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. They started at the manhole located at 305 4<sup>th</sup> Street and videoed going South all the way to Bergen Street. They recorded multiple cracks and breaks in the main as well as some sags and root bunches. The maintenance department jetted and vacuumed 3 blocks of sewer line on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 4.5 blocks of sewer line on Lincoln Street. The maintenance department has been sending information to Davy Laboratories regarding historic and current well levels of Well #4, the City's only functional well. Two lights were replaced in the truck bay at the fire hall. The maintenance department is trying to figure out how much extra pipe and fittings will be needed to complete the project to replace the piping in the treatment plant, a planned capital outlay project from 2022. The maintenance department used the City of Austin's effluent sampler for two weeks while waiting for parts to repair its own sampler. The maintenance department rebuilt the starter and replaced the deck belt for the Hustler lawnmower. The maintenance department cleaned the secondary tanks and contact chambers at the treatment plant. Mercury samples were sent in for testing and all samples came back under limits.

**Prairie Visions Report:**

A walking trail will be constructed in 2024 near and along the historic chert quarry in Grand Meadow, MN. The trail will allow the public to tour the quarry and observe the chert stone utilized by Native Americans for thousands of years. The Shooting Star Bike Trail is believed to be used by those same Native Americans.

**Approval of Bills:**

The bills payable for September were reviewed by the City Council.

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Christopher Quale to approve payment of the bills as presented. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Financial Report:**

The city clerk presented the August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, financial statements.

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

**Gambling Permit:**

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve a gambling permit to the Southland Sportsmens Club to hold a raffle at the Adams American Legion on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Liquor Licenses:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve an on-sale and Sunday sales liquor license to the Adams American Legion and an off-sale liquor license to Bing's Liquor. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Ella Noterman. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Building Permits:**

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve a building permits to Justin Boldt for the construction of a fence at 406 Lewison Street. Votes in favor: Karen

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

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Votes in favor: Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale  
Clerk/ Treasurer