

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 24, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 5:30 PM on the 24th day of November 2020.

Council present: Paul Kirtz, Michael Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel.
Brian Anderson (Sitting In Only)

Council absent: None

Assistant Mayor Paul Kirtz presided over the meeting.

Agenda:

Motion made by Ella Noterman, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the City Council meeting agenda. Votes in favor: 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 November 10th, 2020 minutes as written. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:

The council discussed the North Park Addition and the completion of the topographical survey. Terracon, the company responsible for the topographical survey, billed the city \$2,900.00 for the completion of the survey at the North Park Addition.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Mike Cherney, to approve payment of \$2,900.00 to Terracon. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The council also discussed the city's tax abatement policy and that has been extended to 12/31/2023 for anyone interested in building a new home within the City of Adams.

Finally, the council spoke about the \$60,122.00 of CARES money that the city received from the State and how it was allocated. \$24,278.53 was spent to improve the telework capabilities of public employees (Computers / Monitors / Software / Remote Water Tower Alarm Controls / Portable 2-Way Radios). \$623.79 was spent on Personal Protective Equipment (Sanitizers / Masks / Plexi Glass / Wipes / Gloves / Social Distancing Signs). \$6125.55 was disbursed to small businesses which filled out grant application and turned in expense reports/receipts. \$28,141.71 was paid in unemployment benefits for the Adams Health Care Center. \$952.42 was spent on upgrading the office in City Hall to accommodate the social distancing needs of the employees.

Canvassing Election Results:

The council reviewed the canvass report put together by the city clerk. The council determined that the report was correct, and they signed the canvassing report.

Beaver Dams:

There have been complaints about beaver dams in the Cedar River and how they are causing the water to rise on people's property. The city did ask Brian Landherr to help with trapping the beavers, but it was determined that if the beaver dams are not located on city property, the city has no legal obligation to remove it, and it should be left up to the landowners to correct the problem.

DNR Snowmobile Trail Grant:

The council discussed and signed the contract for the \$52,865.13 granted to the City of Adams for the maintenance and grooming of the Mower County Trails snowmobile trail. The city approved the funding on April 14th, 2020 in Resolution #12-2020.

Newspaper Retraction:

There was a mistake written in the Mower County Independent from the November 10th council meeting concerning the contractual obligations between the Mower County Sheriff's Department and the City of Adams. The Adams City Council cleared the matter up with the Mower County Sheriff's Department and is asking for a retraction and an apology from the journalist who wrote the article in the Mower County Independent.

No further business.

Motion made by Mike Cherney, seconded by Ella Noterman, to adjourn at 6:05 PM. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer