

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 22, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 5:30 PM on the 22nd day of December 2020.

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

Council absent: Paul Kirtz

Mayor Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

Agenda:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, 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.

Boe Subdivision Preliminary Plat Hearing:

Bill Boe and Mike Zillgitt, Mr. Boe's engineer, brought in preliminary plats to show the council the direction of where Mr. Boe's subdivision is headed. The plat extends Vangness St NW East all the way to 4th Street NW / Co Rd 7 and will include 12 lots ranging from ½ acre to ¼ acre in area. Also discussed at the meeting were the sewer and water utilities and the stubbed service lines running into the 12 new lots. It was agreed upon earlier that the city would help with the installation of this infrastructure due to the city's needs in their own development.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the preliminary plat of Boe Subdivision and to approve the financial help of the City of Adams with the installation of sewer, water and service line stubs within Boe Subdivision. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Public hearing adjourned.

North Park Addition:

Mike Zillgitt also discussed with the council the upcoming stages that needed to be completed to move forward with the North Park Addition. The next step is a public hearing for the preliminary plats and the vacation of streets on January 12th, 2021.

Patricia Mueller

Patricia Mueller, the newly elected state representative who unseated the incumbent Jeanne Poppe, came to visit with the council and discuss how she could advocate for us in St. Paul. The council told Mrs. Mueller that the biggest issue is that the concerns of small rural areas, like the City of Adams, largely go unheard and that concerns of the government are mainly aimed towards the bigger cities.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the December 8th council meeting minutes as written. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:

The council discussed the progress being made with the acquisition of the parcel of land just East of the City Hall. Brian Anderson had spoken to Scott Osmundson and the clerk was looking into making a property transfer agreement.

Also discussed was the idea of making Angie Himebaugh the official grant writer for the City of Adams. She will try to make it to the January 26th meeting so the matter can be discussed further.

Public Safety Concerns:

A citizen came in with concerns about public safety after the armed robbery at Corky's. The citizen wondered if we needed to establish a full-time police force again within the city. The council discussed the issue and decided that they would stick with the Mower County Sheriff's Department in the hopes of having more accountability from the county in the form of monthly reports, which could include days and hours patrolled within the city.

No further business.

Motion made by Mike Cherney, seconded by Ella Noterman, to adjourn at 6:25 PM. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer