

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 11th, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 11th day of December, 2018.

Council present: Nancy Thalberg, Gail Anderson, Paul Kirtz, Karen Ruechel, and Peter Schmitz.

Council absent: None.

Mayor Nancy Thalberg presided at the meeting.

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING:

Mayor Thalberg and the City Council reviewed the budget for 2019, as presented by City Clerk Jim Kiefer. The budget shows a \$29,132.00 (3.25%) decrease in expenses, and a \$12,250.00 (3.10%) increase in property taxes. There were 2 citizens present for the hearing. Upon no resident concerns a motion was made by Schmitz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the 2019 budget as presented. A motion was made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve resolution #18-2018, a resolution setting the 2019 tax levy at \$407,400.00. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the Truth in Taxation hearing. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Anderson, to approve the City Council meeting agenda with the addition of an election polling place resolution.. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the November 13th, and November 27th, 2018 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the November police report. The report lists 2 State citations, 6 warning tickets, 2 law enforcement assists, and 3 school visits. Mike reported that the new part time officers will be training in the squad car next week. The officers have completed their use of force training, and their handgun training.

Curt Sheely presented the Fire Department report for November. The department responded to four calls during the month. Calls involved extrication at an auto/tractor trailer accident, hog trailer rollover, traffic control at a tractor trailer incident on Hwy 56, and a lift assistance at a law enforcement scene. Curt expressed concerns over water that was found in the gas tank of one of the Fire Department's generators. Curt reported the incident to Police Chief Mike Gehrke for investigation. Curt will get prices on a fire proof cabinet to store gasoline for the next council meeting.

Al Sorenson presented the maintenance report for the past month. Al reported that the snowplow truck had two breakdowns last week. The maintenance department replaced a broken leaf spring, and the truck stalled along the freeway due to a broken oil line. Midwest Diesel replaced the oil line and the truck is back in service.

The bills payable were reviewed.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve payment of bills as submitted. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The city clerk presented the October 31st, 2018 financial statements. Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Anderson, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Gail Anderson gave the Prairie Visions report for November. Gail reported that Rose Creek hosted the annual pat-on-the back supper.

Discussion was held on leasing City owned property surrounding the water tower to Southland School. The school is in need of more property for parking when the building is remodeled. City Clerk Jim Kiefer will inform the school's building engineer that the property can be used for a parking lot under a lease agreement. The City does need to maintain access to the water tower, and a curb needs to be

installed to direct water from the parking lot. Discussion was also held on the City possibly participating in the purchase of playground equipment for the renovated Southland School. No action was taken on this discussion.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer requested a motion on financial year end transfers. A motion was made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel, to transfer \$40,000.00 from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund, \$10,000.00 from the General Fund to the 322 Building Fund, and \$20,000.00 from the General Fund to the Street Maintenance Fund, and \$2,300.00 from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Replacement Fund. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Resolutions were reviewed that increase the minimum charge per quarter for the first 1000 gallons of water usage to \$10.00, and each additional 1000 gallons of water usage to \$6.50, and to increase in the minimum charge per quarter for the first 1000 gallons of sewer usage to \$10.00, and each additional 1000 gallons of sewer usage to \$6.50. New rates will be effective January 1st, 2019.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve Resolution #16-2018, a resolution to establish new water rates for the City of Adams. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve Resolution #17-2018, a resolution to establish new sewer rates for the City of Adams. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

North Park addition

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to adopt Resolution #19-2018, a resolution to designate the Adams Emergency Services Building as the polling place for 2019 elections. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Council member Karen Ruechel updated the City Council on progress of developing the North Park Addition. A new concept was presented that increases the size of the lots that will be for sale. The number of lots for sale in this concept drop from 29 to 26.

Nancy Thalberg gave the Mayor's update. Nancy reported that the personnel committee did not find time to meet before the end of the year. Nancy and Gail both volunteered to stay on the committee after their terms expire. A request from Mayor Thalberg to purchase three Christmas wreaths for electric poles on 4th Street, and a pre-lit Christmas tree for the grass area in front of the History Center was denied due to lack of a motion.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to adjourn. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer