

## **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

February 23rd, 2021

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 5:30 PM on the 23rd day of February 2021.

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

Council absent: None

Mayor Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Fire Board Review / 2022 Proposed Fire Department Budget:**

The City Council met with the Adams Fire Board to review fire department operations and look at a proposed fire department budget for 2022. Fire Board members present were Ted Kiefer, John Kloeckner, John Kirtz, Mark Schulz via Zoom and Troy McCabe via Zoom. Dillon Heimer attended the meeting representing the Fire Department. City Clerk Jake Goodale presented a spreadsheet that would determine fire service fees based on a \$70,000.00 budget. Dillon reported that the turnout gear and breathing apparatus are still in need of replacement, and that he would like the extra \$20,000.00 budgeted in 2021 to go towards these needs. Also discussed was the need to work on grants to help alleviate some of the departments expenses and needs. After considerable discussion the Fire Board recommended that the 2022 fire department budget tentatively be set at \$70,000.00. The board will convene again on 08/24/2021 to finalize the budget. The \$70,000.00 does not include the Fire State aid. The City Council was agreeable with this request.

### **Mower County Sheriff's Department:**

Sawyer Weiss, the deputy who helps patrol the City of Adams, came in and introduced himself to the council. He explained the days and hours that he works and left his contact information with the council in case we needed to contact him for any reason.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the February 9<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes as written. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Park Grant:**

The need for improvements in the Adams City Park was discussed. Angela Himebaugh, the grant writer for the city, the city clerk and the city maintenance crew have been collaborating to gather information in order to apply for a DNR Grant. With the grant money the council hopes to expand the campgrounds, install a showering/storm shelter facility and make the park ADA compliant.

**Old Business:**

The council decided to move forward with the implementation of a system which would allow residents and customers of the City of Adams to pay their utility bills online via credit card. Once the system is set up and ready for use we will notify all the residents through the city website.

Schwickert Construction looked at the roof at City Hall. They will get back to us shortly with a quote on what it will take to repair.

**Winter Help / Wages**

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Ella Noterman to increase the wages of the part time winter help by \$1.00 per hour. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**North Side Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Lot Costs:**

The city clerk put together some estimated lot costs for the council to look at. Once the council has accepted a bid from a contractor, a finalized price can be set for each lot in the new North Park Addition.

**Northern Country Coop CPR Training:**

A representative with Northern Country Coop asked if they could utilize the Emergency Services Building to conduct CPR training for 10 employees. The council was agreeable to the idea as long as the training did not conflict with any of the other trainings and meetings to be held in the building.

No further business.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Mike Cherney, to adjourn at 6:30 PM. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Ella Noterman, Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer