

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 9th, 2021

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 9th day of March 2021.

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

Council absent: None.

Mayor Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

Agenda:

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

North Side Park 2nd Addition Bid Tabulation:

Mike Zillgitt, the engineer for the North Side Park 2nd Addition, presented the council with bids from three different parties interested in the construction to take place at the new subdivision. The bids are in ascending order:

Jensen Excavating & Trucking LLC	\$687,625.12
Alcon Excavating Inc.	\$777,201.26
Kuechle Underground Inc.	\$809,601.35

Resolution No. 04-2021:

A resolution accepting a bid and awarding the contract for the North Side Park 2nd Addition project.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Ella Noterman to approve the authorization to enter into a contract with Jensen Excavating & Trucking LLC of Albert Lea, Minnesota, in the name of the City of Adams for the North Side Park 2nd Addition construction project according to plans and specifications therefore approved by the city council and on file in the office of the city clerk. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Final Plat North Side Park 2nd Addition:

Mike Zillgitt, the engineer for the North Side Park 2nd Addition, also presented the council with the final plat of the North Side Park 2nd Addition subdivision, which will be approved and recorded with the county.

Resolution No. 05-2021:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney to approve Resolution No. 05-2021 a resolution approving the final plat for a subdivision entitled "North Side Park 2nd Addition within the City of Adams, MN. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the February 23rd, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Timecards:

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

Old Business:

The council spoke about the progress being made with the DNR Grant that is being written for a new shower/shelter, 5 additional campsites and upgrades to bring the Adams City Park into ADA

compliance. The clerk informed the council that the estimates came in at \$150,000.00, half of which the city will have to pay for if approved for the DNR Grant.

The council previewed the new sign that will be installed in the NW corner of the North Side Park 2nd Addition at the intersection of Co Rd 7 and 150th St. It was decided that the Maintenance Department should install the sign immediately.

The city clerk informed the council that he was approached by Jim Kiefer, who said he was willing to write a grant with the help of Janet Stephenson for the Historical Building located at 322 West Main Street. The council decided that as of now the city had enough going on and would table that discussion until 2022.

The city clerk informed the council that he would be meeting with an account executive from Allpaid, a credit card payment processing service, to move forward with a credit card payment system allowing the City of Adams to accept credit card payments for payments on utility bills.

Police Report:

Mower County Sheriff Steve Sandvik attended the council meeting. He provided the council with the monthly police report and stated that his deputies have been working above and beyond expectations. Sandvik wanted the council to know so far for the year the Department has worked 50 hours over the contract minimum. The council discussed the ideas of having deputies becoming involved with the school and being present at events such as Dairy Days and National Night Out to develop a positive rapport with the students and residents in the City of Adams. Sandvik seemed receptive of the idea and added that in many cases it is a good idea for the deputies to show up at some of these events without their uniforms on to solidify a positive relationship with the community and show that they are common people too, and not only a figure of authority.

Fire Department Report:

Dillon Heimer reported that the Fire Department helped with a structure fire in Grand Meadow and assisted with two medical calls. He stated that the department is still in need of 10 sets of new turnout gear and that he recently met with a sales rep who quoted him approximately \$1,800.00 to \$2,000.00 per set. The council directed Dillon to order 10 new sets before the prices of the gear increase. The department will use the extra \$20,000.00 budgeted for 2021 to cover the costs of the new gear as was the plan from the beginning.

Maintenance Department Report:

The city maintenance department has been working with school officials to resolve issues with the fire hydrant South of the school near the main parking lot entrance. There have been complaints about rusty water and loss of water pressure from some residents around town, and the hydrant may be the culprit behind these issues. The hydrant may be frozen or it may not have been properly connected during the construction at the school.

Approval of Bills:

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

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

Financial Report:

The city clerk presented the January 31st, 2021 financial statements.

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

Prairie Visions Report:

No new business to report.

MetroNet Agreement:

MetroNet would like to line the City of Adams and provide the residents with another option for internet, phone and TV services. The council has given the City Clerk permission to move forward with the process of contacting MetroNet to giving them permission to line the city.

No further business.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Ella Noterman, to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Votes in favor: Paul Kirtz, Ella Noterman, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer