

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 24th, 2021

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Ella Noterman, to approve the August 10th council meeting minutes as written. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Paul Kirtz, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Fire Board Review / Fire Department 2022 Budget:

The City Council met with the Adams Fire Board to review fire department operations and look at finalizing the fire department budget for 2022. Fire Board members present were Ted Kiefer, Eric Wiste, Mark Schulz and Brian Hill. Dillon Heimer, the fire chief, attended the meeting representing the Fire Department. City Clerk Jake Goodale again presented the council and the fire board members who were present with a spreadsheet that would determine fire service fees based on a \$70,000.00 budget which was tentatively agreed upon at the previous meeting on 2/23/2021. The fire chief reported that new turnout gear had been purchased and was on its way and the department was still in need of updating its SCBA's (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus). Dillon presented the council and present fire board members with two different quotes for SCOTT Air Pak SCBA's, one was for \$104,000.00 and the other was for \$120,000.00, both quotes including 15 air pack harnesses, 30 composite air bottles and 25 face pieces with the prices to increase by 3.5% by September 1st. The council and the present fire board members decided that it was necessary to update the SCBA's and instructed Dillon to order the breathing apparatuses which were quoted for \$104,000.00 immediately. Also discussed was the need to work on grants specifically to help with the purchase of a compressor to refill the bottles for the SCBA's and for a new standby generator. After considerable discussion the Fire Board and the Adams City Council decided that the 2022 fire department budget will be set at \$70,000.00. The \$70,000.00 does not include the Fire State aid that will be received.

Old Business:

The clerk presented the city council with ATV/UTV/Golf Cart ordinances from Austin, Grand Meadow and LeRoy. The council looked over the ordinances and then discussed the need for the City of Adams to create its own ordinance related to these types of vehicles. The council determined that the City was not in need of an ordinance to permit ATV's or UTV's to be allowed to drive on the City streets, but they did instruct the clerk to make sure that the authorities were more vigilante about patrolling for any illegal actions that may be taking place

on any ATV's or UTV's within the city. The council did task the clerk with drafting an ordinance that would lay out conditions for permitting golf carts to drive the city streets, which would be ready by the next council meeting.

The council looked at some quotes for signs that are to be placed on 5th Street to slow down the traffic. The council asked the clerk to get quotes from Mower County as well. The clerk will get the quotes and have them available at the next council meeting.

City Hall / City Maintenance Shop Lighting Quote:

The clerk received a quote from Schmitz Electric to update the lighting in the City Hall offices, the council chambers and the maintenance shop. The quote to update the lighting in the offices and council chambers came in at \$2,910.00 and the quote to update the lighting in the maintenance shop was \$1,050.00. The council agreed to update the lighting in the maintenance shop, but decided that the lighting in the offices and council chambers were fine for the time being, and that no updates would be necessary to those areas.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Paul Kirtz, to approve the updates to the lighting in the maintenance shop. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Paul Kirtz, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Boe Subdivision:

Bill Boe asked the city if he could use water from the hydrant by his subdivision to water down his storm water pond. The city agreed to let Bill use the water as long as the water was metered and Mr. Boe was billed for his usage.

2022 Salary Negotiations:

A 2.5% salary increase for the city workers was accepted by the city council as of now, but the potential for future negotiations was left on the table.

Grant Writing Invoice:

Angela Himebaugh presented the City of Adams with an invoice of \$1,200.00 for writing the \$75,000.00 DNR Grant that the city was awarded last month for City Park improvements.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve payment of \$1,200.00 to Angela Himebaugh for her grant writing services. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Paul Kirtz, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Paul Kirtz, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to adjourn at 6:55 PM. Votes in favor: Mike Cherney, Paul Kirtz, Ella Noterman and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale
Clerk/ Treasurer