

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 12th, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:35 PM on the 12th day of January, 2016.

Council present: Mark Anderson, Gail Anderson, Paul Kirtz, Barry Kurtz, and Peter Schmitz.

Council absent: None.

Mayor Mark Anderson presided at the meeting.

Motion made by G. Anderson, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the December 8th, 2015 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the December, 2015 police report. The report lists 4 State citations, 4 warning tickets, 10 snow parking violation warnings, and 3 ambulance/fire assists. Mike reported that all of the Department officers have completed the mandated use of force training sessions that were held in Austin last month.

Fire Department Chief, Craig Schaefer reviewed the department's activities for December. The department had one carbon monoxide call, one ambulance assist, and assisted the Maintenance Department during a power outage last month.

Adams Rural Fire Board representatives Ted Kiefer and Ron Gilgenbach updated the City Council on the search for a different fire truck. The Board is looking into purchasing a used fire truck and wanted to be sure the City of Adams intends to purchase the 1999 fire truck that is currently in service. The City Council was in agreement that they would be willing to pay \$45,000.00 for the used truck. The Rural Board will keep the City Council updated on their search for a truck.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The city clerk presented the November 30th, 2015 financial statements. Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by G. Anderson, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

Gerald Meier reported that Prairie Visions has received the broom that will be used to sweep the bike trail. The broom will be mounted on the City of Adams John Deere tractor and the Maintenance Department will train volunteers in operating the tractor/broom.

Laura Retterath addressed the City Council with a request to amend City Ordinance #161, an ordinance controlling dogs and other domestic animals. Laura requested the ordinance be amended to increase the number of dogs allowed from two to three. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to amend Ordinance #161 Section 7, to allow 3 canine animals per household or residence. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

Bids for publishing legal notices were received by the city council. One bid was received from Mower County Independent for \$3.50 per column inch. Motion made by G. Anderson, seconded by Schmitz, to accept the bid from the Mower County Independent for publishing legal notices for 2016. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

Mayor Anderson announced the following 2016 appointments:

Assistant Mayor – Paul Kirtz

Official depositories: United Farmers State Bank, and Northland Securities

Ambulance Joint Powers Board – Peter Schmitz and Mark Anderson.

Emergency Management Director – Michael Gehrke

Fire Chief – Craig Schaefer, 1st Assistant – Ryan Sathre, 2nd Assistant – Curt Sheely
Fire Department appointment – Gail Anderson, Peter Schmitz.
Health Officers – Dr. Scott Holtz.
Planning Commission – Charles Gilles, Dean Kiefer, Gail Anderson, Karen Ruechel, and Barry Kurtz.
Prairie Visions Representative – Barry Kurtz or his representative.
Police Commissioner – Mark Anderson
Street Commissioner - Paul Kirtz
EDA Board – Mark Anderson, Gail Anderson, Barry Kurtz, Paul Kirtz, and Peter Schmitz.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Schmitz to approve Mayor Anderson’s appointments. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kurtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve CliftonLarsonAllen quote of \$10,800.00 for the 2015 audit of the City of Adams financial records, plus an additional \$1500.00 for implementation of GASB 68, a new public pension accounting rule that took effect in fiscal year 2015 for local governments. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kurtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve the following year end financial transfers:
Sewer Fund to Sewer Replacement Fund \$2300.00
General Fund to Sewer Fund \$5000.00
Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kurtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a request to rezone 100 Commerce Street from residential to commercial. The City Clerk was directed to begin the publication and resident notification procedures to act on the rezoning request.

Motion made by G. Anderson, seconded by Schmitz, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Southland Sportsmen’s Club for March 12th, 2016. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kurtz, Schmitz. Votes against: None Abstained: Kurtz Motion carried.

Gail Anderson updated the city council on plans to install a little library near Heimer Foods. A little library was constructed as a senior class project and donated by the Sacred Heart Youth Group.

The City Clerk presented one bid that was submitted for purchase of the City of Adams snowplow truck. Turf Solutions submitted a bid of \$4500.00 for the plow truck. Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by G. Anderson to accept Turf Solutions bid of \$4500.00 for the City of Adams snowplow truck. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kurtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Bids were opened for replacing the furnace in the city of Adams 322 building. Bids received were Lone Star Plumbing & Heating \$2100.00, Schmitz Electric \$2900.00. Motion made by G. Anderson, seconded by Kurtz, to accept Lone Star Plumbing & Heating bid of \$2100.00 for replacement of furnace in the 322 Building. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kurtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer