

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 9th, 2016

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 February, 2016.

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

Council absent: None.

Mayor Mark Anderson presided at the meeting.

A Public Hearing was called to order to address a request from Mary Huntley (100 Commerce St S.W.) to rezone Lots 11 & 12, Block 11 of the Original plat from residential to commercial. Mary Huntley stated that she has an individual interested in purchasing the property to relocate his small business. The sale of the property would be contingent on the property being reclassified commercial. Mayor Anderson asked if there were any residents with comments concerning the reclassification. Don and Karen Fasbender felt the rezoning would lower their property value. There were concerned that a large building on the site would limit their view and increase traffic in the alley. Pat Staples had concerns with safety of his children should a business be located on this property. Sue Warmka commented that she would like to know what kind of business and building would be located on the property. Karen Ruechel was also concerned with what type of business would be located on the property. With no further comments from the Public no action was taken by the City Council on the rezoning request. Mayor Anderson suggested that Mary Huntley present more details of what type of business and what type of buildings would be located on the property and that the City Council would revisit the rezoning issue in three months. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by G. Anderson to adjourn. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve the January 12th, regular City Council meeting minutes, January 12th, Public Hearing minutes, January 12th, EDA meeting minutes, January 13th, Special City Council meeting minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Fire Department Chief Craig Schaefer reviewed the department's activities for the past month. The Department responded to one traffic accident and one ambulance assist.

Adams Rural Fire Board President Ted Kiefer and Secretary Ron Gilgenbach updated the City Council on their search for a fire truck. Ted stated that Rural Fire Board representatives and the Adams Fire Chief traveled to South Dakota to inspect a 2006 fire truck for sale. Ted stated that the Rural Board is ready to make an offer on the truck. The Rural Board needs a firm commitment as to what dollar amount the Adams City Council is setting aside to purchase the Rural Board's used truck. Peter Schmitz stated that he has contacted used fire truck sales companies and they suggested \$30,000.00 would be a fair price for the Rural Board's used truck. Gail Anderson reminded the City Council that the Council agreed that they stated they would be willing to pay \$45,000.00 for the used truck at the last council meeting. After considerable discussion a motion was made by G. Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve purchasing the Adams Rural Fire Board's used fire truck for \$45,000.00. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, M. Anderson, Kirtz, and Kurtz. Votes against: Schmitz. Motion carried.

Police Chief Michael Gehrke presented the January, 2016 police report. The report lists 2 warning tickets, and 2 school visits. Mike reported that parking issues were addressed in the 2 hour parking zones around the high school. Mike reported that DNR grant money is available for lighting along the bike trail. Mike would like to see lighting along the trail from 4th Street to 10th Street. Mike will check into the details of the grant and report back to the council.

The bills payable were reviewed.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, 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 December 31st, 2015 financial statements. The City Clerk advised the City Council that during the Clifton Larson Allen audit it was recommended that the Water

Meter Fund be combined with the Water Fund. A journal entry to combine the funds will show on the next statement. Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by G. Anderson, to approve Resolution #03-2016, a resolution accepting a donation from the Adams Firemen's Relief Association of a SKED Rescue board, and an ice machine. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Mayor Anderson presented a form designed by Police Chief Mike Gehrke that he would like to be filled out when a member of the public is requesting information. Upon review of the form the City Clerk informed the council that the City cannot require the public to identify themselves or their reasons for requesting public information unless they want items sent to them. Other items on the form implement a 25 cent charge per page for printed material, directs requests for police reports to the Law Enforcement Center in Austin, and requires approval of request by the Mayor and City Council members. After considerable discussion the Mayor suggested the request be approved by the Mayor and City Clerk. No further action was taken on implementing the request form.

Discussion was held on possibly submitting a bid to purchase the Mower County shop located at 409 Lions Street SW. No action was taken at this meeting.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer