

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 13th, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 pm on the 13th day of December, 2016.

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

Council absent: None.

Mayor Mark Anderson presided at the meeting.

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING:

Mayor Anderson and the City Council reviewed the budget for 2017, which shows a \$33,948.00 (4.55%) increase in expenses, and a \$24,452.00 (7.78%) increase in property taxes. There were no citizens present for the hearing. No concerns were expressed over the tax levy. Upon no resident concerns a motion was made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve Resolution #20-2016, a resolution setting the 2017 tax levy at \$338,720.00. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

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

Motion made by G. Anderson, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the November 9th, and November 22nd, 2016 City Council meeting minutes. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Police Chief Michael Gehrke presented the November, 2016 police report. The report lists 3 warning tickets, 2 law enforcement assists and 1 ambulance assist. Mike reported that he assisted in manning the EOC at the Emergency Services building during the two hour power outage last month. The department responded to a disorderly conduct complaint from a local business. Officers participated in yearly night shooting qualification. Mike reported that 2 new tires were installed on the Dodge squad car. Chief Gehrke wrote and talked to several residents about winter parking regulations and all have complied.

Fire Chief Craig Schaefer presented the Fire Department report for November. The Department responded to 2 false alarms at the Adams Health Care Center, 1 CO2 alarm, and 1 ambulance assist. Craig reported that the annual Christmas party was well attended.

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 October 31st, 2016 financial statements. The report was approved by the City Council.

Council member Barry Kurtz presented the October Prairie Visions report. Barry reported that a pat-on-the back supper was held in LeRoy. The Prairie Visions group reviewed the history of the organization.

Resolutions were reviewed that increase the minimum charge per quarter for the first 1000 gallons of water usage to \$9.00, and each additional 1000 gallons of water usage to \$6.00, and to increase in the minimum charge per quarter for the first 1000 gallons of sewer usage to \$9.00, and each additional 1000 gallons of sewer usage to \$6.00. New rates will be effective January 1st, 2017.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve Resolution #17-2016, a resolution to establish new water rates for the City of Adams. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve Resolution #18-2016, a resolution to establish new sewer rates for the City of Adams. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the following 2016 year-end transfers as budgeted:

General Fund to Street Maintenance Fund	\$10,000.00
General Fund to Sewer Fund	\$20,000.00
General Fund to Contingency Fund	\$11,000.00
General Fund to 322 Building Fund	\$5,500.00
General Fund to Fire Truck Fund	\$5,500.00

Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kurtz, Kirtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on bond preparation for the Hwy 56 & Schmitz Street construction projects. City Clerk Jim Kiefer informed the City Council that he has contacted Northland Securities and started the process of obtaining a bond to cover construction costs.

Motion made by G. Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Southland Sportsmen's Club for March 11th, 2017. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, M. Anderson, Kirtz, Schmitz. Votes against: None Abstained: Kurtz Motion carried.

Discussion was held on bids received to install a roof over the waste water plant trickling filter building. Bids received were Agri-Steel Inc. \$28,944.00, and R & S Grain Systems, Inc. \$41,865.50. Motion made by G. Anderson, seconded by Schmitz, to accept Agri-Steel Inc. quote of \$28,944.00 to install a roof over the waste water plant trickling filter building. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer