

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 12th, 2013

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 12th day of February, 2013.

Council present: LeRoy Swanson, Mark Anderson, Paul Kirtz, and Barry Kurtz.

Council absent: Rick Hinz.

Mayor LeRoy Swanson presided at the meeting.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve the January 8th, and the January 15th, 2013 City Council minutes, and the EDA January 8th, 2013 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Members of the Adams Town & Country Pool Board addressed the City Council with a request to form a joint powers board to run the swimming pool. Wayne Kiefer suggested the joint powers board be composed of all communities in the Southland School district. The pool board has met with some of the surrounding communities and it appears there is interest in forming a board to keep the pool open. The pool board is looking at updating the pool to meet government requirements and replace outdated equipment. The board is looking at a zero entry pool at a cost of \$850,000.00. The pool board suggested that the cost could be levied to each of the communities involved in the joint powers. Mayor Swanson instructed the City Clerk to research the legalities of forming a joint powers board which would have the authority to levy participating communities. The Mayor also had concerns over property tax increases should the City of Adams decide to proceed with the project. Mayor Swanson suggested that a city referendum would need to be passed before committing funds to this project.

Michael Gehrke presented the January, 2013 police report. The report lists 4 state citations, 2 city citations, 11 warning tickets, 2 criminal arrests, and 1 public assists. Chief Gehrke distributed an employment policy for new officers hires and part time officer training. The policy requires a determined amount of hours of service for officers to be eligible for training reimbursements. The policy also requires new officers to provide one year of service or be charged a pro-rated fee for employment examinations. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve the policy for new police officer hires, and part-time officer training requirements, as presented by Chief Gehrke. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held with Chief Gehrke on purchase of a new squad car for the police department. The City of Adams policy is to replace the squad car every five years. Mike advised the council that the Ford Crown Victoria's are no longer available. Mike presented quotes for Dodge Charger and a Ford SUV. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve purchase of a 2013 Dodge Charger at a cost of \$23,000.00. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Fire Chief Craig Schaefer updated the City Council on 2012 fire run totals. Craig reported that the department responded to a total of 23 runs last year. Chief Schaefer also updated the City Council on the status of the Mower County emergency paging system. Craig reported that the paging system is inadequate and has been malfunctioning for a long time. Craig assured the City Council that the Adams Ambulance Director and Adams Fire Chief are continuing to pressure Mower County to upgrade their emergency paging system. Chief Schaefer reported that 3 SCBA tanks have been donated to the Fire Department from the Relief Association. The tanks were purchased with a grant received from Freeborn Mower Electric Coop.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to accept Brian Kasel's letter of resignation from the Adams Fire Department. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The city clerk presented the December 31st, 2012 financial statements. Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kurtz, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The Prairie Visions meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Adams Fire Hall on January 28th, 2013. A discussion was held with the county commissioners of Mitchell County, Iowa regarding plans to join the Wapsi bike trail with the Shooting Star bike trail south of Taopi on Mower County 6. Prairie Visions members advised the Mitchell County commissions that the current funding requests are for extending the Shooting Star trail to the City of Austin. Members suggested that once the trail gets to Austin funding could be requested for the Taopi connection to the Wapsi Trail at the state border. Members were advised that the legislatures Day on the Hill will be held from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 12th 2013. Plans for a spring Bike Rodeo were also discussed among members.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve a building permit to the Farmers State Bank of Adams (15 4th St SW) for placement of 63' radio antenna. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Adams Town & Country Recreation Pool. The raffle will be held March 18th, 2013, in the Adams American Legion. Votes in favor: Swanson, Anderson, and Kirtz. Abstained: Kurtz Motion carried.

Discussion was held on sponsoring a grant application by the Mower County Trail snowmobile group for a new groomer. The City Council decided to become the government sponsor for the grant application. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve Resolution #01-2013, a resolution in support of a Federal Recreation Trail Program grant application. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Lewison Street project to be completed with cooperation of the Mower County Highway Department. Plans and estimated costs were received from the Mower County Highway Engineer. Estimated construction costs with an additional 15% contingency total \$105,000.00 for the City portion of the project. Estimated construction costs of the County portion of the project were \$296,000.00. Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kurtz, to approve Resolution #02-2013, a resolution receiving feasibility report and calling for a public hearing on improvement of Lewison Street between 4th Street and Second Street. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried. The City Clerk was directed to make the required publication notices and send the public hearing notices to abutting property owners.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer

