

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 14th, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 14th day of April, 2015.

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

Council absent: None.

Mayor Mark Anderson presided at the meeting.

Karen Ruechel and Stacy Forthun, representatives of the Southland community promotion committee, addressed the City Council with preliminary plans to promote Southland School in the six towns comprising the district. The committee would like to place a Southland School sign promoting the district on the bottom of all of the City's entrance signs. The City Council agreed to fund the signs for the City of Adams. Karen reported that there is also a marketing committee that will be using social media to promote the school district.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the March 10th, and March 24th, 2015 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the March, 2015 police report. The report lists 1 DUI arrest, 8 warning tickets, and 2 ambulance/fire assists. Mike met with the driver's education class and talked about distracted driving at the EMS building. Fire and Ambulance members attended the training. Chief Gehrke is reminding residents that winter parking rules are off as of April 1. Summer rules are: parking on city streets for 7 days without moving, Campers on city streets for 3 days without moving unit.

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 February 28th, 2015 financial statements. The financial report was approved.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve a building permits to Adams American Legion (321 West Main St.) for construction of a patio with overhang and surrounding fence, to Jeremy Johnson (105 3rd St NW) for construction of a fence, and to Dean Kiefer (106 Bergen St. NW) for installation of solar panels on garage, contingent on the panels being placed on the roof.. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried

The Prairie Visions report was presented by Barry Kurtz. The meeting was held in Rose Creek at the Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m. Discussion was held regarding a 20 mile garage sale along the Shooting Star Scenic Byway on June 12th and 13th in conjunction with Adams Dairy Days garage sales. Posters will be distributed in each city to promote plans from LeRoy to Rose Creek. More advertising for this project will be done in coming weeks. Construction plans were on hand from the county engineer for the trail from Rose Creek to Austin. The trail should be completed by fall. More discussion was held regarding the annual Shooting Star Trail Bike Ride on June 27th, which will start in LeRoy.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer reported that a city wide appliance cleanup day has been set for May 9th, 2015. Complete Appliance De-manufacturing (CAD) will be collecting appliances, televisions, and computers for a fee ranging from \$5.00 per unit for appliances to \$30.00 per unit for large televisions. Computer CPU's and non-commercial printers will be picked up free of charge. Jim Kiefer reported that residents that will not be home on pick up day can call City Hall and make arrangements to have their items collected and make payment.

Maintenance supervisor John Kiefer informed the City Council that he would like to renew the phased retirement plan effective May 1st, 2015. The phased retirement would allow John to continue as the wastewater plant operator on a part time basis and use his license to submit required paperwork to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Schmitz, to grant a phased retirement to Maintenance Supervisor John Kiefer effective May 1st, 2015. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kurtz, Kirtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on progress of the City of Adams Wellhead Protection Plan that is being developed with the Minnesota Department of Health. A public hearing to review Phase 2 of the plan has been set for July 14th, 2015 at the Adams City Hall. The City Clerk presented a quote from Their Well for sealing City well #1. Additional quotes will be received and grants will be applied for to seal the well by 2017.

The City Council reviewed plans for a development project north of Cedar Court apartments. Two different plans were submitted by I & S City Engineer Andy Brandel. The development would provide for ten residential lots. The first option was estimated at \$448,475.00 for construction costs, the second option was estimated at \$516,157.00. No action was taken at this meeting.

The City maintenance department will be putting up a sign at the entrance of the tree/brush burn site to limit the size of tree that can be dumped at the site. Tree removal contractors will have to contact City Hall before dumping at the site.

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