

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 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 July, 2015.

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

Council absent: None.

Mayor Mark Anderson presided at the meeting.

Mayor Anderson called to order a public information meeting to address the City of Adams Wellhead Protection Plan Part 2. Pat Bailey, planner for the Minnesota Department of Health Source Water Protection Unit, reviewed the progress of developing a wellhead protection plan (part 2) for the City of Adams. Step 1 of completing a plan involved creating a delineation map of the wellhead protection area. Step 2 involved developing a vulnerability assessment of the City of Adams well. The contaminant source inventory to determine possible sources of contamination within the wellhead protection area has been completed. Pat noted that the City of Adams Well #1 is inoperable and needs to be sealed or re-conditioned. Past efforts to re-condition the well have failed and the City Clerk is getting bids to seal the well. Pat stated that Legacy grants are available to help with the cost of sealing the well. Upon no comments from the public a motion was made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve Part 2 of the Wellhead Protection Plan. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried. Public hearing adjourned.

City Council meeting called to order:

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by G. Anderson, to approve the June 9th, and June 23rd, 2015 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the June, 2015 police report. The report lists 2 warning tickets and 2 law enforcement assists. Mike reported that he was called out one time for a barking dog and that the issue was resolved. Dairy Days celebration was held and the police department received no calls.

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 May 31st, 2015 financial statements. Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the May, 2015 statement as presented. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Barry Kurtz presented the Prairie Visions report. The meeting was held in the LeRoy Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Becky Hartwig, President, presided. Plans were discussed for the annual Shooting Star Bike Ride to be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> starting all rides at the LeRoy Trail Head at 6:00 a.m. and after. Discussion was held about installing security cameras at rest stops on the trail to prevent vandalism. Construction of the Norwegian Hill rest stop is in progress. Signs will be ordered to place along the Scenic Byway stating "Do Not Pick Wildflowers" in order to preserve the many wildflowers along the way.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve a building permit to Charles Gilles (107 4th Street NW) for construction of front porch, and replace driveway & sidewalk, and to K.J. Retterath (13 Schmitz Street) for placement of 8' X 10' storage shed. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried

A group of approximately 40 people consisting of Adams residents and Adams Health Care Facility employees addressed the City Council with concerns over the sale listing of the Adams Health Care Center with Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Services. Concerns expressed were loss of employee pension plan, loss of business to local suppliers, possible closing of the Nursing Home by a buyer, and questions of why citizens and employees were not alerted that the Council was considering the sale of the Health Care Facility. Questions also arose as to the financial condition of the Health Care Facility. The Health Care Facility currently shows a year to date profit \$336,000. Council member Gail Anderson's concern was the profit is do mostly from a Critical Access Nursing Facility designation the Health Care Center received in October, 2014. Gail was concerned that this designation will expire in September of 2016 and the Health Care Center will not be profitable again. Gail will meet with the Heath Care Center to review the designation and how it affects the future of the Nursing Home. Gail was also concerned with the deficiencies the Health Care Center received in the last Minnesota Department of Health inspections. Gail will review the deficiencies with the Administrator when they meet. Other concerns from resident and employees were a transfer of \$100,000 from Nursing Home funds to the Fire Hall construction, and development plans for the property surrounding the Health Care Facility.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by G. Anderson, to approve a one day raffle to the Southland Sportsmen's Club. The raffle will be held October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the American Legion Club. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz and Schmitz. Votes against: Kurtz Motion carried.

The city clerk informed the council that Waste Management will increase cost of garbage pickup service by 3%, as per contract. A 50 cent per container increase in resident charges would be needed to offset the increased cost. Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Kirtz, to increase monthly cost of residential garbage containers by 50 cents, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on developing a no smoking policy on all City property. The issue was tabled until Paul Kirtz obtains and the council reviews the Mower County no smoking policy.

Discussion was held on an open house that will be held in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Transportation concerning replacement of two bridges on the west side of Adams in the summer of 2016. The city clerk was directed to post an informational hearing to be held in conjunction with the DOT open house to be held between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm, July 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Adams Fire Hall.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer