

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 8th, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 8th day of September, 2015.

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

Council absent: None.

Mayor Mark Anderson presided at the meeting.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by G. Anderson, to approve the August 11th, and August 25th, 2015 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

Mason Heimer addressed the city council with a proposal to build a horseshoe pit in the Adams City Park as part of his Eagle Scout project. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to grant permission to Mason Heimer to construct a horseshoe pit in the Adams City Park. The City of Adams will contribute up to \$400.00 for the project. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the August, 2015 police report. The report lists 1 City citation, 6 warning tickets, and 1 warrant served.

The Fire Department report was presented by Peter Schmitz. Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve the employment of Troy McCabe as a member of the Adams Volunteer Fire Department. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None
Motion carried. Plans are proceeding to have a house burn training session at the Robert Smith farm site at 208 4th Street SW. Peter reported that funds from the Adams Fire Relief Association and the Adams Ambulance were used to purchase a new ice machine for the Emergency Services Building.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The Prairie Visions report was presented by Barry Kurtz. Barry informed the council that construction of the bike trail from Rose Creek to Austin will probably be delayed until next spring. The Prairie Visions group is looking into placing portable restrooms along the bike trail. A count of bikers and walkers using the bike trail will be performed in September and submitted DNR.

Motion made by G. Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve Resolution #12-2015, a resolution accepting donations from Curt Sheely and Matt Smith to the Adams Volunteer Fire Department. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

Discussion was held on replacing the furnace, air conditioner, and water heater at the Emergency Services Building. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Kurtz, to accept the quotes from Schmitz

Electric of \$3450.00 for a new furnace, \$3250.00 for a new air conditioning unit, and \$1250.00 for a new water heater. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the proposed 2016 budget and proposed tax levy. The city clerk presented the proposed 2016 General Fund and Debt Service Fund budget totaling \$746,352.00, and a proposed tax levy of \$314,268.00. Employee salaries were increased \$.50 per hour, cash in lieu of health insurance was increased \$1000.00 annually. Considerable discussion was held on capital outlay projects for 2016. A total of \$58,000.00 was budgeted for capital outlay projects. A total of \$52,000.00 was budgeted for transfers from the General Fund. Transfers include \$25,000.00 to the Sewer Fund, \$5500.00 to the 322 Building Fund, \$6000.00 to the Contingency Fund (police car), \$10000.00 to the Street Maintenance Fund, and \$5500.00 to the Fire Department Fund. Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by G. Anderson, to approve the proposed 2016 budget as presented. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by G. Anderson, to approve resolution #10-2015, a resolution adopting the proposed 2016 City budget of \$746,352.00, an increase of 4.24 %, and setting December 8th, 2015 as the date of the truth-in-taxation hearing. The hearing will be held in City Hall at 7:00 pm. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve resolution #11-2015, a resolution adopting the proposed tax levy for 2016. Proposed levy will be \$314,268.00, an increase of 9.0%. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer