

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 10th, 2013

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 10th day of September, 2013.

Council present: Mark Anderson, Rick Hinz, Barry Kurtz, and Paul Kirtz.

Council absent: LeRoy Swanson.

Assistant Mayor Rick Hinz presided at the meeting.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the August 13th, and August 27th, 2013 council minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the August, 2013 police report. The report lists 1 State citation, 2 City administrative citations, 15 warning tickets, 2 ambulance/fire assists, and 4 outside agency assists. Mike advised the city council that the State of Minnesota is going to a paperless citation policy in the near future. A new software package and printer will be required to issue State citations.

Fire Chief Craig Schaefer updated the City Council on fire run totals for the last two months. Runs consisted of one vehicle accident, one anhydrous leak, and one storm spotting. Craig reported that the cement in front of the Emergency Services building truck bays is sinking. Craig suggested the City possibly replace the sunken and broken cement before more damage occurs.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The city clerk presented the July 31st, 2013 financial statements. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The Prairie Visions report was presented by Barry Kurtz. The August meeting was held August 26th in the Rose Creek Fire hall. Considerable discussion was held on contacting landowners along the proposed bike trail from Rose Creek to Austin. A route has been selected and all but three landowners along the trail have been contacted about selling land for the trail. A land acquisition committee was appointed by the Mower County Public Work's director Mike Hanson. Curt Sheely presented renewal quotes for the group's liability insurance. The annual bike ride will be switching dates next year to June 28th, 2014.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve a building permit to Kathleen Wilberding (219 5th St. NW) for installation of a door to the garage. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on sump pump inspections proposed at the last city council meeting. City engineer firm I/S group has mailed letters to all city residents and businesses advising of the upcoming inspections of sump pumps. Inspections will begin September 30th and extend through October 5th, 2013. Inspectors will be going door to door between 7:30 am and 5:30 pm Monday through Friday, and between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on Saturday. Residents not allowing inspections will have a surcharge of \$50.00 per month added to their water bill. Resident or businesses with improperly installed sump pumps will incur a surcharge of \$50.00. This will be added to their water bill each month until the sump pump is correctly installed and they have scheduled and passed inspection.

Discussion was held on the 2014 budget and proposed tax levy. The city clerk presented the proposed 2014 General Fund and Debt Service Fund budget totaling \$703,998.00, and a tax levy of \$274,590.00. Jim Kiefer explained that a large part of the increase in the tax levy was do to a levy of \$12,640.00 to fund the 2013 Street project, and a \$30,000.00 levy to help fund a new roof for the Nursing Home. The increase in the 2014 budget also includes a \$52,000.00 expense for the DNR snowmobile trail. This amount is reimbursed from the DNR and does not affect the tax levy.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve resolution #08-2013, a resolution adopting the proposed 2014 City budget of \$703,998.00, an increase of 18.41 %, and setting December 10th, 2013 as the date of the truth-in-taxation hearing. The hearing will be held in City Hall at 7:00 pm. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve resolution #09-2013, a resolution adopting proposed tax levy for 2014. Proposed levy will be \$274,590.00, an increase of 7.95%. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz to adopt Resolution #10-2013, a resolution declaring cost to be assessed, and ordering preparation of proposed assessment for the 2013 Street Project. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Hinz, seconded by Kirtz to adopt Resolution #11-2013, a resolution to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2013 Street Project assessments on October 8th, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Adams City Hall. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve a one day raffle permit to Southland Public Education Foundation. Raffle drawing will be held October 15th, 2013 in the Southland High School gymnasium. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kirtz. Votes against: None Abstained: Kurtz Motion carried.

The City Council directed Jim Kiefer to advertise for bids for removing snow from the downtown area of the City of Adams.

Council Member Mark Anderson questioned as to whether the Cedar River Golf Course paid a bill of \$500.00 for a fire run last fall. Rick Hinz reported that he contacted the golf course board and the board did not feel the bill was justified.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer