

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 10th, 2015

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 November, 2015.

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

Council absent: None.

Mayor Mark Anderson presided at the meeting.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the October 13th, and October 27th, 2015 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None
Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the October, 2015 police report. The report lists 3 State citations, 3 warning tickets, 4 fire/ambulance assists, and 2 law enforcement assists.

Rick Hinz (413 1st Street NW) addressed the City Council for permission to connect his home to the City of Adams sewer system.

Barb Staples was present at the meeting to question the City's policy on residents hanging deer from a tree on public property. Chief Michael Gehrke suggested that residents should use their own property for such activity.

The bills payable were reviewed.

Motion made by G. Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, 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 September 30th, 2015 financial statements. Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the September 30th, 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. The meeting was held in Rose Creek on October 26th. Barry informed the council that work is continuing on the bike trail from Rose Creek to Austin. The annual pat-on-the back supper will be held on November 16th, at Little Cedar Church.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve a building permit to Eugene Merten (307 5th Street NW) for placement of an 8' X 8' storage shed. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None
Motion carried

Discussion was held on Helen Webber's request to have the City of Adams pay \$750.00 of the cost of removing trees from the boulevard in front of her property. The issue was tabled at the last meeting. Total cost of removing the trees was \$1500.00. After considerable discussion Mayor Anderson asked for a motion on Helen Webber's request of a \$750.00 reimbursement for removing the trees. No council member made a motion and the issue was dropped. Council woman Gail Anderson suggested the City of Adams look into drafting a tree ordinance for future use.

Discussion was held on reconstruction of Main Street between 5th Street and 1st Street. The Minnesota DOT has plans to upgrade Hwy 56 from Interstate 90 through Taopi in 2017. The City Council is considering replacement of utilities at the time the Highway is upgraded. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by G. Anderson, to approve resolution #15-2015, a resolution ordering I &S Group to prepare a report on improvements to Minnesota Trunk Highway 56 (Main Street). Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve resolution #16-2015, a resolution to participate with Minnesota DOT in the cost of a project to reconstruct Trunk Highway 56 in 2017. The project will involve replacement of City parking lanes, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water main, and lighting. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kurtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve Resolution #14-2015, a resolution accepting a donation from Robert Smith of a house located at 208 4th St SW for a Fire Department practice burn. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Mayor Mark Anderson informed the City Council that he has been looking into development grants for the City of Adams. He will keep the Council updated on the possibilities of receiving any grants to develop in Adams.

The City Council was updated on a meeting with Chris Demattos (Minnesota Department of Health), Danny Nubbe (Mineral Service Plus, LLC), and City of Adams employees, regarding sealing City of Adams well #1. The City Clerk reminded the City Council that Adams well #1 needs to be sealed by the end of 2017 according to the City's wellhead protection program. Grant work that could provide up to 50% of the cost to seal is being prepared. Plans to seal the well will be submitted to the Department of Health for their approval.

A request was received from the City of Adams maintenance department to purchase a pickup truck that Mower County Hwy Department had traded. Motion made by G. Anderson, seconded by Kurtz, to purchase a pickup at a cost of \$6500.00 from Nelson Auto Center, Fergus Falls, MN. City of Adams reserve funds will be used to purchase the pickup. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer