

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 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 December, 2015.

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

Council absent: None.

Mayor Mark Anderson presided at the meeting.

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING:

Mayor Anderson and the City Council reviewed the budget for 2016, which shows a \$30,341.00 (4.24%) increase in expenses, and a \$25,948.00 (9.0%) increase in property taxes. Two citizens were present for the hearing. No concerns were expressed over the tax levy. Upon no resident concerns a motion was made by Kirtz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve Resolution #18-2015, a resolution setting the 2016 tax levy at \$314,268.00. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

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

Discussion was held on the budget for 2016. A request was made by Mayor Mark Anderson to eliminate the \$1000.00 increase in employee cash in lieu of health insurance from the 2016 budget. A proposal was made by Mayor Anderson to eliminate family coverage from the employee health insurance plan. Mayor Anderson stated that he had called surrounding communities and found they do not provide as much health insurance as the City of Adams. The City Council agreed to eliminate the increase in cash in lieu of health insurance, but did not agree to eliminate the family health care insurance.

The City Council agreed to the following capital outlays expenditures from the 2016 budget. Skid loader upgrade \$3,500.00, jetter vacuum \$6,500.00, seal City's abandoned well \$30,000.00, disposal plant macerator/grinder \$13,000.00, disposal plant impeller \$4,700.00.

The City Council agreed to the following transfers from the 2016 budget. General Fund to Sewer Fund \$20,000.00, General Fund to 322 Building Fund \$5500.00, General Fund to Contingency Fund (for police car) \$11,000.00, General Fund to Street Maintenance Fund \$10,000.00, General Fund to Fire Truck Fund \$5500.00

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

Michael Gehrke presented the November, 2015 police report. The report lists 3 warning tickets, 1 fire/ambulance assist, and 1 law enforcement assist. Mike informed the council that he took a train the trainer class in response to an active shooter. Mike informed the council that the squad car is being repaired after striking a deer on November 14th.

Fire Chief Craig Schaefer presented the fire department report for the past month. Craig reported that the department responded to 3 fire calls and 2 traffic accidents this fall. The Rural Fire Board is proceeding with the search for a new fire truck. Craig reported a good attendance at the Christmas party last week.

The bills payable were reviewed.

Motion made by Kurtz, 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 October 31st, 2015 financial statements. Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the October 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. The annual pat-on-the back supper was held on November 16th, at Little Cedar Church. Barry informed the council that work is continuing on the bike trail from Rose Creek to Austin. A \$3000.00 grant was received from the Hormel Foundation to

purchase a sweeper for the bike trail. The sweeper will be mounted on the City of Adams John Deere tractor. The City Council requested that the operator be trained prior to using the tractor/sweeper on the trail.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve a cigarette license to Bing's Liquor for 2016 at a cost of \$25.00. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None. Abstained: Kurtz. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a request by Peter Bean for the City of Adams to make a financial investment in a movie he is proposing to make in the City of Adams. No action was taken on the request.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the following 2015 year-end transfers:
General Fund to Street Maintenance Fund \$10,000.00
General Fund to Sewer Fund \$21,000.00
General Fund to Contingency Fund \$6000.00
General Fund to 322 Building Fund \$5000.00
General Fund to Fire Truck Fund \$5500.00
Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kurtz, Kirtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on reconstruction of Main Street between 5th Street and 1st Street. A public hearing on the improvements was set for the 12th day of January, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve resolution #19-2015, a resolution calling a public hearing for the TH 56 Utility Improvement Project. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve a 3.2 off sale liquor license to Shrutiben M. Patel contingent on passing the required background check, and providing the required proof of insurance. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, and Schmitz. Abstained: Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve Resolution #20-2015, a resolution accepting a donation from Curt Sheely of metal tracking, fasteners, and tie down straps for the livestock response trailer. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve an Assessment Contract with Mower County to have the Mower County Assessor's office provide assessing services for 2016. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None. Motion carried.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer