

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 9th, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 9th day of December, 2014.

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

Council absent: None.

Mayor LeRoy Swanson presided at the meeting.

### TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING:

Mayor Swanson and the City Council reviewed the proposed budget for 2015, which shows a \$44,183.00 (6.28%) increase in expenses, and a \$45,900.00 (16.72%) increase in property taxes. Two citizens were present for the hearing. Mayor Swanson opened the hearing with proposed changes to the 2015 budget and tax levy. Mayor Swanson informed concerned residents that the majority of the September proposed budget and tax levy increase was due to the bond payment of the Nursing Home included in the budget. Due to an improved financial situation the Nursing Home has enough funds to make the bond payments without a City levy. The mayor recommended that the Nursing Home tax levy be removed from the budget and use some of the savings to purchase capital outlay items in 2015, and the rest to lower the proposed 2015 tax levy. After considerable discussion Mark Anderson made a motion to set the 2015 tax levy increase at 5% for a total of \$13,730.00 dollars. An amendment to the City budget will delete the \$75,900.00 Nursing Home debt service levy, and increase the budgeted capital outlay account by \$43,730.00. The designated capital outlay items will include \$6000.00 for a snowplow for pickup, \$3000.00 skid steer upgrade, \$2,500.00 to fire department fund for truck purchase, \$41,000.00 for snow plow truck purchase. The motion was seconded by Paul Kirtz. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kirtz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Hinz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve Resolution #11-2014 a resolution setting the tax levy at \$288,320.00. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kirtz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

With no further comments from the public or City Council the Truth-in-Taxation hearing was adjourned.

Motion made by Hinz, seconded by Anderson, to approve the November 11th, and November 25th, 2014 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kirtz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Police Chief Michael Gehrke presented the November, 2014 police report. The report lists, 1 City citation, 2 warning tickets, and 1 fire/ambulance assist. Chief Gehrke reported that all of the officers have completed the emergency vehicle operations course training that was provided in Austin. Mike suggested the City look into receiving a pickup for emergency management use by the police/fire departments. Pickups are available free to police departments through a program sponsored by the Federal government. The pickups are excess vehicles previously used by the military.

Fire Chief Craig Schaefer reported on Fire Department activities in the past month. Craig is contacting local fire departments for their rates on fire calls. The City is considering an increase in the rate for fire calls. The issue will be addressed at the next council meeting. Discussion was held on replacing the yellow pumper truck. The truck is owned by the City of Adams and has many mechanical problems. Craig advised the council that the trucks needs work on the brakes, batteries, gas tank leaks, tires are bad, heater doesn't work, and the truck does not pump the gallons per minute needed. City Council members will attend the Rural Fire Association meeting in February to discuss options in replacing the yellow truck.

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

The city clerk presented the October 31st, 2014 financial statements. Motion made by Hinz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kirtz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The Prairie Visions report was presented by Barry Kurtz. The November meeting was held November 18th, at the Rose Creek City Hall. A pat-on-the back supper was held in appreciation of volunteers connected with Prairie Visions.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Southland Sportsmen's Club. A raffle will be held March 14th, 2015 in the Adams American Legion. Votes in favor: Hinz, Anderson, and Kirtz. Abstained: Kurtz Motion carried.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the following 2014 year-end transfers:

General Fund to Street Maintenance Fund \$10,000.00

General Fund to Sewer Fund \$21000.00

General Fund to Contingency Fund \$6000.00

General Fund to 322 Building Fund \$5000.00

Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Hwy 56 reconstruction project scheduled for 2016. Jim Kiefer reported that the Minnesota Department of Transportation performed an environmental study on the section of Highway 56 proposed to be reconstructed. The environmental study produced contamination issues at three locations within the proposed project. The City Clerk was directed to setup a meeting with the DOT, City Engineer, and City Council to discuss options available that would deal with the contamination issues.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Jim Kiefer  
Clerk/ Treasurer