

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 12th, 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 December, 2013.

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

Council absent: None.

Mayor LeRoy Swanson presided at the meeting.

### TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING:

Mayor Swanson and the City Council reviewed the budget for 2014, which shows a \$109,467.00 (18.41%) increase in expenses, and a \$20,211.00 (7.95%) increase in property taxes. One citizen was present for the hearing. No concerns were expressed over the tax levy. Mayor Swanson reminded the City Council that most of the increase in the city property tax was due to 70% of the 2013 Street project being put on the tax levy, and funds set aside to pay for the roof project at the Nursing Home. The mayor also reviewed the impact of the elimination of sales tax on city purchases. Upon no resident concerns a motion was made by Hinz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve Resolution #15-2013, a resolution setting the 2014 tax levy at \$274,590.00. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Truth-in-Taxation hearing adjourned.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kurtz, to approve the November 12th, and November 26th, 2013 council minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Russell Retterath addressed the City Council with concerns he has over a curb cut-out approved by the City Council at the November council meeting. Russell felt an easement and some kind of financial reimbursement should be required from township residents to construct an access to a city street. The City Clerk was directed to research the easement requirements between township property owners and city street access. Russell also had questions as to why the police department seems to target one street corner of town for stop sign violations. Chief Gehrke assured the city council that his department patrols more than one street corner in the City of Adams.

Police Chief Michael Gehrke presented the November, 2013 police report. The report lists 1 criminal arrest, 6 State citations, 0 City administrative citations, 9 warning tickets, 1 ambulance/fire assist, and 3 outside agency assists. Chief Gehrke reported that the Mower County Sheriff's office is going to a new computer system starting the first of the year. There is a one-time cost of \$6000.00 to purchase the computer software necessary for the Adams police computer to connect to the Mower County computer. This system will integrate report writing, ticket writing, and all of the record keeping. The computer system will provide access to reports from not only in Adams, but the communities surrounding the Adams area. Motion made by Hinz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve a \$6000.00 expenditure to purchase computer software to make the Adams police department's computer software compatible with Mower County's software. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Fire Chief Craig Schaefer presented the fire department report for the month of November. The fire department responded to one car roll-over and one grass fire. Craig requested the City Council add Nate Peterson to the department. Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to install Nate Peterson as a member of the Adams Fire Department, pending results of the mandatory back ground check. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

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

The Prairie Visions report was presented by Barry Kurtz. The November meeting was held November 25th, at Sweets restaurant in LeRoy. A pat-on-the back supper was held in appreciation of volunteers connected with Prairie Visions.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve building permits to John Wagner (500 Bergen Street) for a 20' x 30' house addition, and to Dr. Joseph Ray (407 Lincoln Street) for a 3' X 2' 10" illuminated sign attached to the Adams Dental Clinic. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on sump pump inspections that are currently taking place in the City of Adams. Approximately 50 homes still need to be inspected. Jim Kiefer reported that 27 residents have made appointments for inspection this week. These will be the final inspection week before penalties are added to water bills.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Hinz, to approve the following 2013 year-end transfers:

General Fund to Sewer Fund \$16000.00

General Fund to Contingency Fund \$4000.00

General Fund to 322 Building Fund \$5000.00

Sewer Fund to Sewer Replacement Fund \$2300.00

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

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

Meeting adjourned.

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer