

# REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 11th, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 11th day of December, 2012.

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 budget for 2013, which shows a \$17,579.00 (3.04%) increase in expenses, and a \$21,679.00 (9.31%) increase in property taxes. No citizens expressed concerns 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 2012 Street project being put on the tax levy. Upon no resident concerns a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Kurtz, to approve Resolution #15-2012, a resolution setting the 2013 tax levy at \$254,379.00. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Truth-in-Taxation hearing adjourned.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> 2012 City Council meeting minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kirtz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the November, 2012 police report. The report lists 1 State citation, 1 City citation, 9 warning tickets, 2 criminal reports, 2 traffic accidents, 4 ambulance/fire assists, and 4 outside agency assists. Discussion was held on the hours of service required of part time officers in order to qualify for uniform and training allowances. Chief Gehrke was directed to check with other small town police departments to see what their policies are concerning reimbursement for training and uniforms, and report back at the next City Council meeting..

Fire Chief Peter Schmitz gave the Fire Department report. The Department reported to one grass fire, one utility pole fire, one traffic accident, and one false alarm in the past month. Chief Schmitz reported that the interview process for a new Fire Chief has concluded. Recommendations from the interview committee were to install Craig Schaefer as Fire Chief and Ryan Sathre as Assistant Fire Chief. Motion made by Hinz, seconded by Kurtz, to install Craig Schaefer as Fire Chief and Ryan Sathre as Assistant Fire Chief effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kirtz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The city clerk presented the November 30th, 2012 financial statements. Motion made by Hinz, seconded by Kurtz, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting was held in the Adams American Legion Club. An appreciation supper was catered by Bubble's Café.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve a one day liquor license (February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013) to Sacred Heart School. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, and Kirtz. Votes against: Kurtz Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Southland Sportsmen's Club. Raffle drawing will be held March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in the Adams American Legion. Votes in favor: Hinz, Anderson, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Abstained: Kurtz Motion carried.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Hinz, to approve the following 2012 year-end transfers:

General Fund to Sewer Fund	\$15,500.00
General Fund to Contingency Fund	\$5,000.00
General Fund to 322 Building Fund	\$5,000.00
Sewer Fund to Sewer Replacement Fund	\$2,300.00
Water Fund to Sewer Fund	\$5,000.00
General Fund to Street Maintenance Fund	\$10,000.00

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

Motion made by Hinz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve resolution #17-2012, a resolution ordering preparation of report on improvements to Lewison Street between the east line of Fourth Street and the west line of Second Street. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kurtz, to approve resolution #16-2012, a resolution accepting a \$300.00 donation from the Adams Booster Club for city park picnic tables, and a \$100.00 donation to the Fire Department from Robert J. Hanson. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve an increase in the minimum charge per quarter for the first 1000 gallons of water usage to \$8.00, and each additional 1000 gallons of water usage to \$5.00, also to approve an increase in the minimum charge per quarter for the first 1000 gallons of sewer usage to \$8.00, and each additional 1000 gallons of sewer usage to \$5.00. New rates will be effective from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 (first quarter). Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, Kurtz, and Kirtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned.

**Jim Kiefer**

Clerk/ Treasurer