

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 9th, 2018

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 January, 2018.

Council present: Nancy Thalberg, Gail Anderson, Paul Kirtz, Karen Ruechel, and Peter Schmitz.

Council absent: None.

Mayor Nancy Thalberg presided at the meeting.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve the City Council meeting agenda with the additions of an update on 150th City celebration, and three year-end financial transfers. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve the December 12th, and December 26th, 2017 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the December, 2017 police report. The report lists 3 State citations, 1 City citation, 6 warning tickets, 6 law enforcement assists, and 1 traffic accident. Mike reported that one arrest was made for terroristic threats and domestic assault. Mike reported that the Adams Police Department had 485 calls (incident/crime reports, ICR's) in 2017. The department had 209 more calls this year than in 2016.

Fire Chief Curt Sheely presented the Fire Department report for December. Curt reported that the Department responded to an alarm malfunction at the Cedar Court apartments last month. The Department responded to 50 total calls in 2017. Curt asked the City Council to accept Curt Heimer's resignation from the Adams Fire Department. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel, to accept the resignation of Curt Heimer from the Adams Fire Department. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer presented the maintenance report for December. Jim reported that a grapple fork was purchased for the skid loader. The maintenance department cleaned brush along the easement between Sacred Heart School and the sewer plant. A motor was replaced on the sanding unit of the plow truck.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The city clerk presented the November 30th, 2017 financial statements. Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Mayor Thalberg announced the following 2018 appointments:

Assistant Mayor – Paul Kirtz

Official depositories: United Farmers State Bank, and Northland Securities

Ambulance Joint Powers Board – Peter Schmitz and Nancy Thalberg.

Emergency Management Director – Michael Gehrke

Fire Chief – Curt Sheely, 1st Assistant – Ryan Sathre, 2nd Assistant – Eric Wiste

Fire Department appointment – Peter Schmitz.

Health Officers – Dr. Scott Holtz.

Planning Commission – Charles Gilles, Dean Kiefer, Rick Hinz, Karen Ruechel, and Barry Kurtz.

Prairie Visions Representative – Gail Anderson.

Police Commissioner – Karen Ruechel.

Street Commissioner - Paul Kirtz

EDA Board – Nancy Thalberg, Gail Anderson, Karen Ruechel, Paul Kirtz, and Peter Schmitz.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve Mayor Thalberg's appointments. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Southland Sportsmen's Club for March 10th, 2018. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve Resolution #01-2017, a resolution accepting a donation of \$5000.00 from an anonymous donor. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on purchasing real estate in North Park addition. Paul Kirtz and Karen Ruechel were appointed to meet with owners of property in the North Park Addition to discuss possible purchase of real estate in the addition. A motion was made by Schmitz, seconded by Anderson to have the City Engineer draw up a feasibility plan for a development in the North Park Addition. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Mayor Thalberg updated the City Council on activities planned for the City of Adams 150th celebration. A kick-off event is planned for January 28th, 2018 in the American Legion Club. The event will run from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Mayor Thalberg reported that the Historical Society has finished cleaning the 322 Bank building, painting will be begin this winter. Memberships are now available to join the Historical Society.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer requested a motion on financial year end transfers. A motion was made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to transfer \$4,100.00 from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund, \$5,600.00 from the General Fund to the 322 Building Fund, and \$2,300.00 from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Replacement Fund. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Bids for publishing legal notices were received by the city council. One bid was received from Mower County Independent for \$4.25 per column inch. Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Schmitz, to accept the bid from the Mower County Independent for publishing legal notices for 2018. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer