

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 13th, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 13th day of March, 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 Kirtz, to approve the City Council meeting agenda with the additions of Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Landherr assessment discussion, snowmobile trail resolution, appliance clean-up day, and community rental of Emergency Services building to the agenda. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the February 13th, and February 27th, 2018 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Landherr addressed the City Council with a continued request for a credit of half of their assessment for the Hwy 56 street project. Jerome felt he overpaid on the assessment because a water line was not installed to his property. The council explained that he was assessed 15% less than other lots. The Landherr lot is on a corner. The lower assessment percentage accounts for not receiving a water line. Jerome felt the City has committed fraud with their assessment policy. Jerome stated that he has contacted the Minnesota Attorney General concerning this issue. Jerome presented a letter from the State Auditor stating that their office has the authority to audit the financial and legal affairs of a city. Jerome stated that he will contact the State Auditor if the City does not refund half of his assessment. The City Council advised Mr. And Mrs. Landherr that they could contact the State Auditor if they wish. The Council felt the property was assessed fairly and all regulations were followed.

Michael Gehrke presented the February, 2018 police report. The report lists 2 State citations, 3 warning tickets, 3 fire/ambulance assists, 4 law enforcement assists, and 2 traffic accidents. Mike reported that there was an arrest for domestic assault, and an arrest for terroristic threats. Mike reported that he attended a training put on by the Crime Victims Resource Center. Call outs from home included a possible burglary and a domestic issue. Mike presented a request for temporary no parking signs. A motion was made by Ruechel, seconded by Anderson, to order 50 laminated no parking signs from Voss Signs at a cost of \$170.00. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held on missing house numbers on many houses in the City of Adams. An article will appear in the local paper explaining the troubles the ambulance, fire, and police departments are having in locating an address when there is no house number.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, approving purchase of one solar powered speed display sign to be placed at the west entrance to the City of Adams. Cost of the sign will be approximately \$2,500.00. Funding of the sign will be from the Police Equipment Fund. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Fire Chief Curt Sheely presented the Fire Department report for February. Curt reported that the Department responded to three calls since the last meeting. Calls involved one motor vehicle accident, one ambulance assist, and one false alarm at the High School. Curt advised the City Council that a live burn training will be held March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. A victim location and retrieval training session is scheduled for March 14, 2018, along with SCBA air pack training. City Clerk Jim Kiefer and Curt Sheely updated the City Council on a meeting they attended with the Adams Rural Fire Board. The Rural Board is looking into changing the structure of the Association. Cost equalization of funding the fire department between the City of Adams and the Rural communities was discussed at the meeting. An equation provided by the Minnesota League of Cities will be used to get an idea if Fire Department expenses are being shared equally between the City and Rural Association.

Craig Hegge and Al Sorenson presented the maintenance report for February. Craig reported that he will be ordering street signs for Highway 56, and miscellaneous signs that have faded. The rubber coating on the platforms of the Miracle playground equipment in the City Park needs replacing. The treads are down to bare metal and are becoming a hazard. Replacement of the platforms is approximately \$5,600.00. Craig will look into possibly repairing the worn platforms at a lower cost.

The bills payable were reviewed.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, 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 January 31st, 2018 financial statements. Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Gail Anderson presented the Prairie Visions report for February. The meeting was held February 26<sup>th</sup> in Rose Creek, with thirteen members in attendance. Plans were reviewed to continue the bike trail from the Hwy 56/Interstate 90 intersection to the City of Austin. There was also some discussion on connecting the bike trail from Austin to Lyle.

Mayor Thalberg updated the City Council on events that will take place during the 150<sup>th</sup> City Celebration. An all school class reunion is planned for Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00 pm in the American Legion Club. Entertainment is planned for Friday and Saturday nights on Commerce Street. The parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. A schedule of events will be provided soon by the Booster Club. Mayor Thalberg requested that more people get involved in activities planned for the celebration.

Mayor Thalberg reported that she was contacted by Mayo Clinic representatives to setup a meeting to discuss the future of Mayo Health services in Adams and LeRoy. A meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm in the City of Leroy. A committee composed of Nancy Thalberg, Peter Schmitz, Mary Ann Heimer, Amy Underdahl, Pat Sorenson, and Sandy Johnson will attend the meeting.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve Resolution #02-2018, a resolution approving an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and that the City of Adams act as legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, for snowmobile trails managed by the Mayor and City Council of Adams. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, directing the City Clerk to contact Complete Appliance Demanufacturing Company to setup an appliance clean- up day for this Spring. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on allowing the community to use the Emergency Services building for showers, Christmas parties, and other community needs. City Clerk Jim Kiefer was directed to contact neighboring Cities for their policies and rental rates for use of their Fire halls.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer