

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 8th, 2017

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 8th day of August, 2017.

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 Ruechel, seconded by Anderson, to approve the City Council meeting agenda, with the addition of a request to add stop signs on Water Street. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the July 11th, 2017 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Emily Hovden addressed the City Council with an update on her proposal for a dog park in the City of Adams. The creation of a dog park would be her senior project for Southland High School. Emily is proposing a 100' X 150' enclosure with a 6' high chain link fence. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$8000.00. Emily would apply for grants and hold fund raisers to come up with funding for the project. Emily has worked with the City Maintenance Department and they have found a spot suitable for the dog park in the Adams City Park. Emily met with the Mayor, City Clerk, and League of Cities insurance rep to work out all liability issues. Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve allowing Emily Hovden to continue her senior project of installing a dog park in the Adams City Park. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the July, 2017 police report. The report lists 5 State citations, 5 City citations, 12 warning tickets, law enforcement assists, and 5 Fire/Ambulance assists. Mike reported that he was called out to monitor and work with the city maintenance department for possible flooding issues. The Southland school football team was called in to help fill sandbags. Adams FD and Ambulance assisted in sandbagging efforts. Mike reported that that he had an abandoned semi-truck removed from Commerce Street. Mike reported that a worn left control arm on was replaced on the 2013 Dodge squad car.

Fire Chief Curt Sheely presented the Fire Department report for July. Curt reported that the Department responded to eight calls in the past month. Calls involved one ammonia leak, one livestock vehicle accident, one training burn, a motor vehicle accident, a fire extinguisher training, a false alarm at the Adams Health Care Center apartments, and help with sandbagging/flood control. An estimate of \$1382.00 was received from Com-Tec Land Mobile Radio for installation of the base radio unit and wiring of the station tower for the 800 MHZ radio base units. Curt reported that the Department has completed training on truck pump operations and will be training with the RES-Q-Jack equipment for auto accidents and confined space rescues.

Craig Hegge presented the maintenance report for July. An update was given on the street projects taking place. Craig reported that a quote of \$16,000.00 was received from Rochester Sand & Gravel to mill and overlay a section of 1st Street between Hwy 56 and the alley north. The additional work to the Hwy 56 project was approved. Craig informed the City Council that the maintenance department is continuing the repainting of the park shelter. A road is being constructed north of the city park archery range from road rock removed from Schmitz Street. The road will be used for trucks removing snow from City streets and piling in the City park. Craig reported that Al Sorenson will be attending a line tracing work shop in Rochester on August 29th, cost of the workshop is \$125.00.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve building permit to Sharon Merten (12 5th Street) for construction of a house addition. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried

Discussion was held on converting the Bank Boutique Building (322A Main Street) into a historical museum. Mayor Thalberg informed the City Council that a Historical Society is being formed in Adams. The Society will be looking for a building to display historical items. Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve converting the 322 Bank Boutique building into a historical museum. The City Clerk was directed to give notice to the manager of the Bank Boutique that the City Council would like all items belonging to the Bank Boutique vendors be removed by November 1st, 2017. The lease to the insurance agent currently renting space in the building will remain in place. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve lowering the weekly hours necessary to qualify for group health insurance from 30 hours to 27 hours. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a request from Southland Public School to make the intersection of Third Street and Water Street a four way stop. City Clerk Jim Kiefer informed the City Council that Mower County Public Works will install two additional stop signs at the intersection if a formal request is made by the City Council. Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Anderson, to request that the Mower County Public Works convert the intersection of Third Street and Water Street to a four way stop by adding two additional stop signs to Water Street. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Mayor Thalberg informed the City Council that a public meeting will be held with Mayo Health System officials on August 15th, 2017 in the Adams City Hall at 7:00 pm. All Adams area residents are invited to attend.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer