

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 16th, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 16th day of August, 2018.

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

Council absent: Paul Kirtz.

Mayor Nancy Thalberg presided at the meeting.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Schmitz, to approve the City Council meeting agenda. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve the July 10th, 2018 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the July, 2018 police report. The report lists 2 State citations, 6 warning tickets, 3 fire/ambulance assists, 2 law enforcement assists, and 1 traffic accident. Mike updated the City Council on his search for a part time police officer. Mike informed the Council that Kevin Hagen has resigned. A motion was made by Ruechel, seconded by Anderson, to accept Kevin Hagen's resignation letter. A motion was made by Schmitz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve hiring Ben Coop, and Tim Taylor, as part time police officers, pending passage of background checks. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Al Sorenson presented the Fire Department report for July. The fire department requested permission to apply for a grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for purchase a of turn out gear washer/extractor/dryer. The grant requires a 10% participation from the City. Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Schmitz, permitting request to apply for a grant from Minnesota Department of Public Safety for purchase of a turn out gear washer/extractor/dryer. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Al Sorenson presented the maintenance report for the past month. Al reported that four manholes have been raised in the road ditch south of the Nursing Home. The maintenance department is trying to eliminate infiltration to the City's sanitary sewer. A letter was received from Minnesota Pollution Control with concerns over three sewage releases to the river this year. Minnesota Rural Water will be hired to smoke the entire sewer system in Adams to locate cross connections with ground water and the sewer system.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The city clerk presented the June 30th, 2018 financial statements. Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve building permits to Jared Schaefer (220 5th St NW) for construction of a deck, and to Merritt Wiste (206 Bergen St NW) for construction of a 10' X 16' storage shed. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve a liability coverage waiver form with the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust. The waiver form states that the City of Adams does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Anderson, to approve Resolution #08-2018, a resolution accepting a donation from Curt Sheely of an S.C.B.A. bottle rack, valued at \$434.36. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Schmitz, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Adams Lions Club for a raffle to be held December 20th, 2018 in the American Legion Club. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held in renting property in North Park Addition to the Southland School District for use as an athletic practice field. Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Anderson, to approve a license to use real estate to the Southland School District #500. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve a lease agreement with the Adams Historical Society to lease the First National Bank Building for one year, with an option of fifteen (15) one year extensions. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer reviewed an email from City Engineer Brian Petzel concerning lighting issues on the Hwy 56 street project. The email states that Brian's engineering firm will write off \$6,200.00 in current billings to settle the lighting issues. Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Schmitz, to accept I & S Group offer to write off \$6,200.00 in current billings to settle dispute over street lights installed on Hwy 56 project. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a proposal from Prairie Visions to install a kiosk, bike rack, bench, and fix-it station along the bike trail in Adams. Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, allowing the Prairie Visions organization to place a bench, kiosk, bike rack, and fix-it station along the bike trail through Adams. The Maintenance Department will pick the location. Votes in favor: Anderson, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Nancy Thalberg presented the Mayors report for the past month. Nancy suggested that she would like to see a personnel committee formed to review the Cities current personnel policy. The policy has not been updated for many years. Nancy Thalberg appointed Larry Tompkins, Gail Anderson, Jim Kiefer, and herself to the committee.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer