

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 12th, 2017

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 6:30 PM on the 12th day of September, 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. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve the August 8th, 2017 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the August, 2017 police report. The report lists 4 State citations, 23 warning tickets, 4 law enforcement assists, and 3 Fire/Ambulance assists. Mike reported a disturbance call of young adults knocking on doors after dark. Mike reported one DUI arrest, and two traffic accidents involving semi-trucks. Mike requested the City hire Brady Jones as a part time police officer for the City of Adams. Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to hire Brady Jones as a part time police officer form the City of Adams. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Fire Chief Curt Sheely presented the Fire Department report for August. Curt reported that the Department responded to four calls in the past month. Calls involved one motor vehicle accident, one punctured gas line, one ambulance assist, and one hose safety test. Curt reported that 250 feet of fire hose has been replaced on the Departments fire trucks. Inspections of a residence being used for a training burn were completed and Riverland College is setting a date for the controlled burn.

Al Sorenson presented the maintenance report for August. Al reported that they will complete the cement work around the Park shelter tomorrow. Southland Construction has finished the cement sidewalk next to the 322 Bank building. Garage doors have arrived and work on the back wall of City Hall will begin shortly. The maintenance department has finished rehab work on a manhole on 5th Street.

The bills payable were reviewed.

Motion made by Schmitz, 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 July 30th, 2017 financial statements. Motion made by Kirtz, 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 Ruechel, seconded by Kirtz, to reinstate the 2013 street project assessment on the Bradley Emanuel parcel #R21.004.0100, recorded on December 12th, 2013. The 2013 assessment was accidentally deleted from the 2017 tax rolls. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer updated the City Council on the Hwy 56 and Schmitz Street projects. A meeting was held with DOT representatives, electrical contractor, and the City engineer to discuss the street lights installed along Hwy 56. The contractor stated at the meeting that replacing the lights could be done, but would be very costly. No agreement was reached as to who was responsible for installation of lights different from what was ordered.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Southland Sportsmen's Club for a Dairy Days raffle to be held June 9, 2018. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the proposed 2018 budget and proposed tax levy. The city clerk presented the proposed 2018 General Fund and Debt Service Fund budget totaling \$882,232.00, and a proposed tax levy of \$421,800.00. Capital outlay items include a skid loader upgrade (\$4000.00), grapple forks (\$2500.00), Pump house roof (\$5000.00), and meters for waste plant (\$8500.00). A total of \$70,000.00

was proposed for Fund transfers. Proposed transfers from the General Fund include \$40,000.00 to the Sewer Fund, \$10,000.00 to the 322 Building Fund, and \$20,000.00 to the Street Maintenance Fund (designate \$10,000.00 for seal coating, \$10,000.00 for a new City pickup). The 2017 budget would increase 13.06%, and the tax levy would increase 24.53%. Council member Anderson asked for an explanation of how the Ambulance per capita fees are budgeted. The fees increased from \$26.00 per capita to \$41.00 per capita for 2018. City Clerk Jim Kiefer explained that the per capita fees were set by the Adams Joint Powers Board at their February, 2017 meeting. The increase in per capita fees were due to an increase in payroll for ambulance attendants that was approved at the November, 2016 Ambulance Joint Powers Board meeting.

Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Anderson, to approve Resolution #08-2017, a resolution adopting the proposed 2018 budget as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve Resolution #09-2017, a resolution adopting the proposed tax levy as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Karen Ruechel updated the City Council on the Planning Commission meeting held September 5th in City Hall. Planning commission members present were Karen Ruechel, Charles Gilles, Dean Kiefer, Rick Hinz, and Barry Kurtz. City Clerk Jim Kiefer was present to take minutes of the meeting. Karen updated the Commission on the new tax abatement policy that the City of Adams implemented this summer. The commission reviewed numerous development proposals that have come before past City Councils. The commission is continuing to study past proposals and new proposals that could attract a developer to the City of Adams.

Discussion was held on a request to relocate the 30 MPH speed limit sign from its location east of 10th Street on the north side of Hwy 56 to the west side of 10th Street on the north side of Hwy 56. The City Council took no action on this request.

Mayor Thalberg reported that she has met with Jason Weis for plans to upgrade the Osmundson Memorial landscaping next to City Hall, and also the landscaping at the Emergency Services Building. Jason will draw up plans for both locations.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer