

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 11th, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting was duly held at Adams City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 11th day of June 2024.

Council present: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel.

Council absent: None

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

Agenda:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the City Council meeting agenda. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Tax Abatement / Resolution 09-2024:

The public hearing opened at 6:00 PM to discuss the housing tax abatement application from Lowell and Ruth Larson. The Larsons plan to build a single-family home located at 405 Vangsness Street in the Boe Subdivision. With no one else present at the public hearing, the council received no other questions on the matter.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve Resolution 09-2024 approving Lowell and Ruth Larson's tax abatement application for a single-family home to be built on Lot 05 Block 02 in the Boe Subdivision. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The public hearing closed at 6:06 PM

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve May 28th meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Timecards:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the May timecards. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:

The clerk reported that he found a quote for a 43"x65"x18" flammable storage cabinet from ULINE in the amount of \$1260.00, which would be utilized at the Emergency Services Building. Dillon Heimer reported that he had found some previously used flammable storage cabinets located at 7 Rivers Surplus Corporation out of Hokah, WI, which were the same size for \$300.00.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the purchase of a flammable storage cabinet from 7 Rivers Surplus and, if one isn't available there, then from ULINE. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The clerk reported to the council that a potential spot for a Veterans Memorial may have been found. The clerk will find out more details and report back.

Police Report:

The Mower County Sheriff's Department patrolled the City of Adams for a total of 189 hours from May 15th to June 11th. There were 74 calls for service in the city, with traffic stops being the main focus.

Fire Department Report:

Dillon Heimer reported that in May the Fire Department was involved in 2 ambulance assists and helping with storm cleanup. He said the 2 new tanker trucks purchased last year should be available for the department's use before the end of June. He has not heard back from Schmitz Electric about a quote to move the electrical drops at the Emergency Services Building. He spoke to the Grand Meadow Fire Department, and they are looking to sell a compressor that fills SCBA tanks for \$2000.00.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve the purchase of the compressor to fill the department's SCBA tanks from the City of Grand Meadow for \$2000.00. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Maintenance Department Report:

The maintenance department reported that the gravel roads within the city limits received chloride and that new rock has been spread in some more alleys. Mercury testing was done at the treatment plant, and the results were good. Carter Conradt cut down two trees in the park and topped two others. The department also reported that the City has received a good response from residents regarding the Lead & Copper Service Line Inventory. Lastly, he spoke about a successful Dairy Days celebration.

Prairie Visions Report:

Nothing new to report.

Approval of Bills:

The bills payable for April were reviewed by the City Council.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the payment of May bills. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The city clerk presented the April 30th, 2024 financial statements.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the financial report as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Davy Engineering / Well #5 Update:

Alex Jaromin from Davy Engineering was present to update the council on the progress of Well #5. He spoke about the water quality analysis and how everything turned out well, meaning the City will be able to treat the water with chemicals instead of a costly sand filtration system. He did present a change order to the council pertaining to phase 1 of well #5 construction, which would extend the completion date of the well construction to the end of July. Mr. Jaromin also presented amendment #2 to the owner-engineer agreement, which presented modifications to the

services and time for rendering said services of the engineer, which in turn presented modifications to the payment to the engineer.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve Change Order #2 extending the completion date of phase 1 of the Well #5 construction project and to amendment #2 to the owner engineer agreement, which made modifications to the Engineer's services, the time to render said services and the payments made to the engineer. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Barry Kurtz / Bergen Street Sewer Line Repair:

Barry Kurtz attended the council meeting to discuss a break in the sewer service line at 304 Bergen Street, a property he recently purchased. He wondered if the City of Adams was partially responsible for the break in the line, but after he was presented with photos of where the break occurred and how the pipe was lying in the ground, there was a consensus opinion that the City had no responsibility for causing the break in the pipe.

Liquor License Renewal:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the renewal of an off-sale liquor license to the Adams Liquor Store from September 1st, 2024, to August 31st, 2025. Votes in favor: Nick Anderson, Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel and Christopher Quale. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Nick Anderson, to adjourn at 6:51 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer