

REGULAR SESSION

January 16, 2006

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on January 16, 2006 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Romell. On roll call were Alderpersons Eggebrecht, Hart, Jensen, LaQueue, Williams, Mayor Romell, Administrator Ellisor, Chief Gold, and Street Superintendent Mead. Alderperson Thums and Attorney Pollex were excused.

Motion by Eggebrecht, second by Hart to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2006 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Petitions and Communications:

A letter of resignation has been received from Alderperson Gregory Thums.

A letter of resignation has also been received from Alderperson Troy Hart.

Both Alderpersons will no longer be residing within the City and therefore are unable to serve on the City Council.

Concerns were expressed by a city resident relating to the amount of cats being kept in a home at 417 S. Linden Street. There are reports of possibly up to 200 cats. The resident is concerned about health issues as well as the odor being emitted from the home. Public Health has been called, however no action has been taken. Policy and Procedure Committee will discuss this issue at their next meeting.

Notification was given about a carnival to raise funds for playground equipment at the Middle School. The fundraiser will be held February 19, 2006.

An update for local information has been requested by United Way.

Report of Standing Committees:

Adams County Fire District: The Adams County Fire District met January 12, 2006.

There were 10 calls since the last meeting.

The tanker will be here next week.

The radio tower will be moved to the Adams-Columbia Electric Company tower at the cost of \$200.00 per month. Motorola will be contracted to do the work.

A total of 371 inspections were completed. There were a total of 108 violations – 63 in the City. There were a total of 115 calls in 2005, 22 car accidents, and 18 false alarms.

Discussion was held on the HAZMAT team.

Cable Advisory Committee: The Cable Advisory Committee met January 12, 2006.

Eggebrecht commented that the school is progressing in rebuilding the system and everyone is excited about the improvements.

The Committee made a recommendation to upgrade the sound system to the Council Chambers and Channel 4.

DeFosse stated cable upgrades only need to be completed in the school buildings; all outside work has been completed. They hope this will be accomplished by the first part of February.

Personnel Committee: The Personnel Committee met January 4, 2006 and January 9, 2006.

January 4:

Contract Negotiations between City of Adams and City of Adams Employees Union Local 323, AFL-CIO were continued.

January 9:

Contract Negotiations between City of Adams and City of Adams Employees Union Local 323, AFL-CIO continued and concluded the bargaining contract.

Public Safety Committee: The Public Safety Committee met January 10, 2006.

Discussion was held on the vision triangle at Linden & Liberty.

Chief Gold stated he allowed for two people who are interested in part time positions to go on a ride-along. He also made suggestions for the upcoming union contract negotiations.

Administrator Ellisor and Chief Gold will continue to review the ordinances and present their results at the next meeting.

Due to Building Inspector White's illness, the report was not ready. This will be on the next agenda.

Administrator Ellisor and Chief Gold are working on the ordinance on blood withdrawals involving driving while intoxicated. They will present the information at the next meeting.

Public Works Committee: The Public Works Committee met January 11, 2006.

Mayor Romell updated the committee on the reply he received from Emerald.

A sewer backup has occurred at the Hurley residence and was referred to the Insurance Company.

Williams spoke in regards to a root problem at Trinity church.

Discussion was held relating to maintenance scheduling. The committee recommended Administrator Ellisor speak with the Department Heads to resolve the problem, with disciplinary action.

The Committee recommended approving a Sewer credit in the amount of \$114.00 for property located at 166 S. Main Street.

The owner of property located at 225 N. Walker Street is to be notified that the home must be connected to city utilities within six months.

Discussion was held on the Rural Development Project. Street Superintendent Mead, Rob Uphoff and a representative of D.L. Gasser will be meeting Friday. It was mentioned that D.L. Gasser has been putting in gravel in areas where sidewalks are incomplete and abruptly end. They have also removed items such as tiles from the vision triangles.

Discussion was also held on the South Side Utility Project.

Zoning Appeals Board: The Zoning Appeals Board met January 5, 2006.

The Appeals Board heard comments relating to a request for a setback for Lot 12 in Block 3 of Homewood Subdivision to allow a fence at 300 E. Grove Street. Williams presented two zoning variance problems; the first was the height of the fence and the second was the location of the fence to the lot line. Kari Klaas gave her reasons for the placement and height of the fence, and her lack of understanding the ordinance. McFarlin mentioned the need for fence and the need for some of the new ordinances. The Committee approved the variance as requested.

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Romell:

Mayor Romell presented a "Key to the City" to Burton Morris for his generosity of donations of both money and property to the City over a number of years. At least four city blocks have been given to the City for park, stormwater drainage, and community center use.

City Administrator:

Administrator Ellisor reported that he and Attorney Pollex met with Virginia Morgan from Rural Development to discuss various reporting requirements. The anticipated closing of the long-term loan will be about in April or May. The process of revising expenses to properly separate ineligible from eligible costs is presently being done.

Chief Gold:

Chief Gold reported there were 181 calls for service, 36 case numbered incidents, and 13 traffic accidents. A total of arrests were made; 33 adult arrests and 5 juvenile arrests. A total of 3,995 miles of patrol were performed in December.

The new squad car has been ordered and should arrive in approximately 90 days.

Crosswalk signs have arrived and will be delivered to the School District.

Street Superintendent:

Street Superintendent Mead reported that the UV equipment will be installed and tested in late February. Chlorinating of the City's water because of construction is not the ideal testing, however it was felt that adequate information could be gathered. Public participation is required and Marshfield Medical Research will be distributing brochures and any other public information notices. The goal of the project is aimed primarily at families with children to determine if there is a positive effect on the reduction of illness due to the UV process.

Work is ongoing for the conversion of the manual water read system to a radio read system.

The Water Department will be meeting with the DNR to develop a required 5-year report.

As previously mentioned, D.L. Gasser returned to the City to put gravel in areas in the construction zone which are uncompleted.

Alliant Energy was available to connect the energy source to the new South Utility Project lift station. However, problems were discovered with a panel that needed repair. McHugh has been called back for the replacement of the panel.

Williams reported that a City sign at the Grant & Liberty Street intersection has been knocked down and should be removed or repaired. He also reported the gate is open at the old well house.

New and Unfinished Business:

Motion by LaQuee, second by Jensen to accept the resignation of Greg Thums and Troy Hart as Alderpersons for Aldermanic District II. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Williams thanked both alderpersons for their work and dedication to the City and expressed the desire to have the Mayor send a letter of "thanks" to both individuals.

Mayor Romell recommended the appointment of Sandy Bernhagen to fill the vacancy of Gregory Thums.

Motion by Williams, second by Eggebrecht to appoint Sandy Bernhagen as Alderperson for Aldermanic II, replacing Gregory Thums. Roll call vote, all voted aye. The appointment was effective immediately. Sandy Bernhagen was issued her oath of office by Clerk/Treasurer Renner and was seated as a member of the Common Council.

Mayor Romell recommended the appointment of Marcella Hardin to fill the vacancy of Troy Hart.

Motion by Williams, second by Hart to appoint Marcella Hardin as Alderperson for Aldermanic District II, replacing Troy Hart, effective after January 23, 2006. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Mayor Romell appointed the two new Alderpersons to fill the committee positions of their respective predecessor.

Motion by Eggebrecht, second by LaQuee to approve the Mayor's committee appointments as outlined; (replacing the respective predecessor by the appropriate newly appointed Alderperson). **Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Motion by Eggebrecht, second by Jensen to approve payment of the bills. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Administrator Ellisor presented information outlining various newly negotiated items within the union labor agreement between the City of Adams and City of Adams Local 323 Wisconsin District Council 40 –AFSCME AFL-CIO.

Motion by Williams, second by LaQuee to ratify the labor agreement between City of Adams and City of Adams Local 323 Wisconsin District Council 40 –AFSCME AFL-CIO as negotiated and presented to Council. Roll call vote, all voted aye. This is a three year contract.

Motion by Williams, second by Eggebrecht to sell water meter heads and remotes to the highest proposal negotiated by Administrator Ellisor and approved by Mayor Romell. Roll call vote, all voted aye. (The meters are no longer of use to the City because of the conversion to the remote reading system.)

Motion by Hart, second by Williams to approve the purchase of sound equipment (as presented by the Cable Advisory Committee), **allowing \$3,200.00 for the upgrades and installation. Should Channel 4's funds fall short of this amount, the remaining costs will be taken from the Building Maintenance budget. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Motion by Hart, second by Eggebrecht to adjourn from Open Session and Immediately Reconvene in Closed Session for the Purpose of Deliberating or Negotiating the Purchasing of Public Properties, Investing of Public Funds, or Conducting Other Specified Public Business, whenever Competitive or Bargaining Reasons Require a Closed Session - SS 19.85(l)(e). Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Closed Session

The City of Adams reconvened in Closed Session following Open Session for the purpose of Deliberating or Negotiating the Purchasing of Public Properties, Investing of Public Funds, or Conducting Other Specified Public Business, whenever Competitive or Bargaining Reasons Require a Closed Session - SS 19.85(l)(e).

Mayor Romell called the Closed Session to order. On roll call were Alderpersons Bernhagen, Eggebrecht, Hart, Jensen, LaQuee, Williams, Mayor Romell, Administrator Ellisor, Chief Gold, and Street Superintendent Mead. Also present was John Hay of the Rural & Industrial Development Commission. Chief Gold, Street Superintendent Mead and Attorney Pollex were excused.

Motion by Williams, second by Eggebrecht to adjourn. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Linda L. Renner
Clerk/Treasurer