

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on July 7, 2008 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Romell. On roll call were Alderpersons Jensen, LaQuee, Smith, Williams, Mayor Romell, Attorney Pollex, Administrator Ellisor, Chief Hanson and Street Superintendent Mead. Alderperson Manthey was excused.

Motion by Jensen, second by Williams to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2008 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Petitions and Communications: None presented.

Report of Standing Committees:

Policy & Procedure Committee: (The Committee met June 18, 2008)

Discussion was held relating to changes made to the Handbook. Further changes will be discussed at the next meeting on July 23rd, 2008. No other action was taken.

Recommendations were made to allow seasonal structures from April 1st – November 1st.

Administrator Ellisor explained at the previous council meeting that Bob White will take care of all building permit enforcement, while Chief Hanson will handle blighted properties. No other action was taken.

Finance Committee: (The Committee met June 24, 2008)

In petitions and communications, Mayor Romell informed the committee of possible monies that might have to be returned to the State from the Community Development Block Grant.

Administrator Ellisor gave a review of the 2008 budget and commented on areas that will need to be adjusted.

The recommendation relating to the purchase of the tanker truck has been set aside until the next meeting. Recommendations were made to pay the bills.

A general discussion was held on the utility bill assessment.

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Romell: Gave an update on the CDBG Committee meeting that he attended. He stated \$47,000 remains uncommitted, and if there is any property owners that need their homes repaired, they should apply. Although, any work needs to be completed by September 30, 2008.

Alderperson Robinson arrived.

Administrator Ellisor: Reported he is still waiting for final approvals to closeout the Rural Development grant. He also informed the Council on the upcoming public works improvements. June Street as well as the Cedar/Liberty Streets construction will be paid through Tax Incremental Financing fund. Walker Street will be financed through the Street fund.

Attorney Pollex: Reported he is wrapping up the ordinance for the acquisition of the portion of Dixie Lane into the City. He is working on blighted properties and upcoming trials. Williams questioned the properties south of the railroad tracks regarding compliance to utility connection. Attorney Pollex stated that on the two Hintz properties they gave him a timeline that he believes to be the end of August and another property is for sale. Mayor Romell stated that Mr. Engle spoke to him and is having financial difficulties to install the lateral. Street Superintendent Mead stated that he has been contacted by a plumbing contractor for Redbone (Mr. Engle).

Chief Hanson: Stated that Friday, July 4 was a busy day for the Department. The Department had a stabbing and a sexual assault that are under investigation and there were several thefts. The Department is working with Community Safety Net in obtaining booklets for Elementary students. Jeremiah Ballew is requesting a leave as he has accepted full time employment with the Adams County Sheriffs Department. Background investigations are being conducted for part-time officers and one applicant is scheduled for physical and psychological testing in mid July. The new squad design should arrive within two weeks. Officer Sherd and Wormet will be attending Breath Examiner Training in Wisconsin Rapids next week. Contact has been made on the removal of the cars at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He and Officer

Herfel were at Kid's Day handing out finger printing kits. Administrator Ellisor commended Chief Hanson on his presence at the parade and handing out baseball cards was very effective. LaQuee asked if there were many complaints relating to the fireworks. Chief Hanson stated they did receive calls however, overall it was not too bad. Williams asked if any citations were issued. Chief Hanson stated that he informed his officers that were in contact with the individuals to have them cease, or if they had to return then issue citations.

Street Superintendent: Reported that 5 or 6 private properties were mowed and is checking other properties. They are almost finished with ditch mowing. Two crewmen have screened 60-65 fourteen yard loads of compost, and should be completed in three days.

New and Unfinished Business:

Motion by Williams, second by Jensen to approve the bid received from D.L. Gasser Construction in the amount of \$289,813.40 as presented. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Attorney Pollex informed the Council that the Goggin Street property acquisition fits in the City's blighted ordinance and needs to be razed. He stated that purchase negotiations are specifically addressed in the Statutes and it was a proper subject matter for closed meeting discussion. He explained that there is no need to go into open session due to confidentiality purposes of the property negotiation.

Mayor Romell stated that any vote taken in closed session, and once the deal has been consummated the vote is no longer secret and is an open vote that can be disclosed to the public. Mayor Romell disclosed the vote of the property acquisition: Smith, Jensen, Manthey and Robinson voted yes. Williams and LaQuee voted no.

Ordinance 05-2008 relating to Seasonal Structures was read.

Motion by Williams, second by LaQuee to approve the issuance of an operator license to Peggy Simmerman. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

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

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

Janet L. Winters
Clerk/Treasurer