

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on September 15, 2008 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Romell. On roll call were Alderpersons Jensen, LaQuee, Manthey, Robinson, Smith, Williams, Mayor Romell, Administrator Ellisor, and Chief Hanson. Attorney Pollex and Street Superintendent Mead were excused.

**Motion by Jensen, second by Williams to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

*Petitions and Communications:* Mayor Romell stated that he had heard “he shut down public input before the Council.” He stated “nothing could be farther from the truth. Because of past practices, with citizens coming before the Council, abusing the Council Members, and taking an inordinate amount of time, for their personal point of view. If people have a subject that calls for the Council’s attention, they should write a short note to the City Administrator describing the subject they wish to address. Any issue should be brief and handled with respect. The proper place for addressing concerns should be at committee level as full Council relies on the advisement committees.”

*Report of City Officers:*

**Mayor Romell:** Read the minutes of the County Law Enforcement Task Force Committee and the Community Development Block Grant Committee. He stated that we need to decide if the City wants to retain Central Wisconsin Community Action to continue to administer the funds as properties are transferred or sold, or we administer the grant funds. Williams stated “this was discussed in finance a couple months ago and the committee felt that Administrator Ellisor should handle it from this point on. Also, it would be his opinion a waste of money to continue with the current service and it was one of the reasons we kept Bob.” Mayor addressed a letter that Council was given from a citizen regarding her driveway on Cedar Street. This person complained about not being notified until the contractors showed up to do the work. Attached to that is a letter sent out by Administrator Ellisor on July 21, 2008 regarding the project.” Williams asked “why the driveway will be torn up all the way to the garage.” Administrator Ellisor replied “it’s not, it hasn’t been touched yet.”

**Administrator Ellisor:** Reported for Street Superintendent Mead, the entrance sign and the sprinkler system for the South Business Park is being laid out, and the illumination has been installed and in operation. There will be more landscaping such as ornamental trees and shrubs. Signs for the compost site and the garbage area are on order. Other work being performed or evaluated is vehicle maintenance on the vacuum truck, the park bathroom that needs a new roof, sidewalk edging and street sweeping. Hydrant flushing is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, and white goods pick up will be Thursday, September 25.

Administrator Ellisor reported that he will be very busy the next two months, particularly with various project budgets that we have going, about a half dozen of them in addition to our regular budget. The initial meeting for negotiations with the Personnel Committee will be held Thursday, to go over proposal items that we look for on behalf of the City within the bargaining process. There will be a Public Hearing for special assessments on October 6, prior to the Council meeting. LaQuee questioned the compost hours. Williams questioned the misunderstanding regarding the sidewalk on Liberty Street. He stated we need to have some guidance as to what the steps will be for the Council to approve the additional money. And, the property owner needs to be notified. Administrator Ellisor stated unless there is any objection, and he doesn’t think there is, it has been directed to the contractor to go the full length of College. I think our next step is to send notification after reviewing the notification that was sent to Liberty Manor, to see if it was included. If it doesn’t entail the entire property, then he will send a new one. Then it would be a matter of Council approval at the next meeting. Williams questioned the additional monies. Administrator Ellisor replied that would have to be approved by Council as well, to be included as an addendum. Williams questioned the Mayor as to making a decision so the Council knows what is going to happen here. We did approve a certain fixed amount of money, not to exceed a limit, and now it will exceed that limit. Manthey suggested putting this on the Public Works agenda.

**Attorney Pollex:** Read by Mayor Romell: Attorney Pollex is finalizing the Learning on Linden Development Agreement for curb and gutter work, and completing the payment in lieu of taxes with Adams County Housing Authority. Last Wednesday, there were pretrial conferences regarding various abatement actions. He is working with Building Zoning Inspector White regarding seasonal structures and other issues. He was informed by Street Superintendent Mead regarding a garage that was damaged when Gasser Construction was excavating. He instructed Superintendent Mead to contact Gasser Construction.

**Chief Hanson:** Reported all officers are now qualified with hand guns, shot guns and rifles. Officer Trinrud has started field training. Reports from the other officers show he appears to be doing well. Chief Hanson gave his report statistics for August.

**New and Unfinished Business:**

**Motion by LaQueue, second by Manthey to approve Trick-or-Treat hours for Friday, October 31, from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. 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