

Reorganizational Meeting –Special Session  
April 15, 2008

These are the minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting – Special Session of the City of Adams, WI held on April 15, 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, LaQueue, Manthey, Smith and Mayor Romell. Alderpersons Sherd and Williams, Attorney Pollex, Administrator Ellisor, Chief Hanson, and Street Superintendent Mead were excused.

**Motion by LaQueue, second by Jensen to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2008 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Petitions and Communications: None presented.

Report of Standing Committees:

**Public Safety Committee:** The Committee met April 8, 2008.

Motions were made to approve the police report.

Motions were made to approve the Building Administrators report.

**Adams County Fire District:** The District met April 10, 2008.

Motions were made to approve the minutes.

Motions were made to approve the Finance Report.

In petitions & communications: Linda McFarland and her Deputy (Adams County Health Office) explained the command structure for the mass public health problem.

Chief's Report:

There were 7 calls.

Discussion was held on the sale of the truck to the Public Works department.

Motions were made to approve payment option #2, using CD funds for the down payment on the new truck.

Report of City Officers:

**Mayor Romell:** Reported that assigning Alderpersons to committees is very difficult and hopes the Council understands. Discussion was held on the fairness of appointments as some were appointed to three monthly meetings while others had none. Mayor Romell stated that he had been in contact with some Council members for their input on meeting preferences. LaQueue stated that all the committee's use to meet on monthly basis and haven't the last year or two. Mayor Romell agreed that committee meetings have been cut down considerably. Manthey stated that as she and Alderperson Smith are new and only been on for a year, she felt it was unfair that she had only one monthly meeting and Smith did not have any. Mayor Romell recapped that the committee meetings such as Personnel and Policy use to have more material and met on a monthly basis. LaQueue stated that Cable Advisory met monthly, Manthey stated that is being phased out. Mayor Romell agreed to cable being phased out, but the others should be meeting monthly.

He read the minutes of the April 7, 2008 Public Hearing. He reported on the time involved on the application process through Rural Development for Well #2.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Mayor Romell waived the second reading of the resolution relating to the salary and benefits of the Clerk/Treasurer Confidential Assistant at the April 7, 2008.

**Motion by LaQueue, second by Jensen to adopt Resolution No. 2008-03R** (see appendix B of Minutes Book) **as presented.** (This relates to the rate of pay of \$14.00 an hour with benefits for the Clerk/Treasurer Confidential Assistant position.) Discussion was held. Manthey questioned if LaQueue can make the motion after abstaining at the prior meeting. LaQueue stated for the record that the relationship with Klein is so far out there. Manthey stated that a niece is not considered a distant relative. Manthey asked what is considered a family member and maybe the Clerk's office should have a full time position and the Police Department part-time, with possibility of full time at this time.

LaQuee stated that was a mistake. When he was on Personnel this position was originally approved for 32 hours a week, with the possibility of working into a 40 hour full-time position. Mayor Romell stated that his reasoning he pushed for a full time job is because you would get better qualified applicants. The Mayor questioned “who’s going to give up a full time job for part time with no benefits.”

Relationship issues were discussed. Romell asked Manthey if she has looked into the state laws in relation to earning money for family. Manthey stated she did not, however stated the League of Wisconsin Municipalities workshop she and Alderperson Smith attended received a handbook and in it states what is considered relation. Mayor Romell asked if she has the book and would like to see it, not just talk. Manthey stated that she did not want this to become a personal issue. The Mayor stated it has come down to it. Manthey stated she knows everything on the Council comes down to a personal issue. Manthey read the definition of Immediate Family. The Mayor then read it for the record. The definition of Immediate Family (per sec. 19.42(7) stats.) “Means an official’s spouse or relative by marriage, lineal descent or adoption who receives, directly or indirectly, more than one-half of his or her support from the official or contributes, directly or indirectly, that amount for the official’s support.” Manthey stated although this became a personal issue, she restated the position is for the benefit of the Clerk’s office and Police Department. Romell asked Manthey if she thinks Mrs. Klein’s qualifications are not up to her sister’s. Manthey stated that is not up to her as she stepped down from the Personnel committee. Romell stated it is too, you are a hiring person, what are you doing right here. Manthey stated it is not due to her abstaining. LaQuee stated that he hopes that the Personnel Committee looked at qualifications and that is where he draws the line. Manthey stated the line should be drawn first on qualifications and second who the people (Todd & Janet) have to work with, and who they are most comfortable with. Mayor Romell stated that’s why they are the appointed body. LaQuee stated that is their (Personnel Committee’s) responsibility. Manthey stated exactly she agrees, and we all have our own opinions. **Roll call vote: Jensen, LaQuee, Smith – aye, Manthey – abstain. Motion failed for a non-quorum vote.** This will be placed on the April 21<sup>st</sup> agenda.

**Motion by Smith, second by Jensen to approve the issuance of an Operator License to Laurie Millard, Mettja Roate and Joelle West. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

New Business:

The Past Council Members were retired and newly elected Council Members were seated after being given their oath of office. Alderperson LaQuee (District 1) was reelected. Alderperson Robinson (District 2) was newly elected. Alderperson Williams (District 3) was reelected, however absent from the meeting.

Present were Alderperson Jensen, LaQuee, Manthey, Robinson, Smith and Mayor Romell. **Motion by LaQuee, second by Manthey to nominate Daric Smith as Council President. There were no other nominations. Motion by Jensen, second by Manthey to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Daric Smith as the Council President. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Mayor Romell presented appointments as follows:

## 2008-2009 Appointments of the Adams City Council

(If Alderpersons will be absent, they shall request that a substitute Alderperson attend Committee Meetings in their place)

*(Chairperson - Listed first and highlighted)*

<b>Finance</b>	<b>D. Williams</b>	W. LaQueue	D. Smith
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<b>Personnel</b>	<b>H. Manthey</b>	M. Robinson	D. Smith
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<b>Policy &amp; Procedure</b>	<b>D. Smith</b>	W. Jensen	M. Robinson
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<b>Public Works</b>	<b>W. LaQueue</b>	W. Jensen	D. Williams
	Citizens:	L. Suhr	B. Wormet

<b>Safety</b>	<b>W. Jensen</b>	W. LaQueue	D. Williams
	Citizens:	D. Davis	L. Scott

<b>Cable Advisory</b>	<b>M. Robinson</b>	H. Manthey	D. Smith
	Citizens:	J. Maybee	C. Tolley
	Legal Advisor - Attorney Pollex, School Advisor - D. Defosse		

<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>K. Romell</b>	H. Manthey	D. Williams
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<b>Police Review Board</b>	<b>J. Paddock</b>	R.J. Waite	J. O'Loughlin
	Alternates: S. Bernhagen, L. Tolley		

<b>Fire District</b>	<b>W. Jensen</b>
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<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>K. Romell</b>	H. Manthey	R. White(1)	M. Janssen (3)
		H. McLain (2)	L. Scott (1)	H. Davis (2)
		Legal Advisor-Attorney Pollex, Alternates: Council Members		

<b>Community Development Block Grant</b>	<b>J. Dye</b>	C. Anderson	L. Suhr	M. Coon	M. Ealy
	Alternate: T. Exner				

<b>Zoning Appeals</b>	<b>W. LaQueue</b>	W. Jensen	H. Manthey	M. Hardin	R. Goodhue
	Alternates: M. Coon, C. Carpenter				

<b>Board of Review</b>	<b>K. Romell</b>	J. Winters	W. Jensen	H. Manthey	D. Smith
	Alternates: Remaining Council Members				

<b>Development Authority</b>	<b>K. Romell</b>	D. Williams	M. Robinson	R. Goodhue (1)
		M. Janssen (2)	W. LaQueue (term of office)	H. Manthey (term of office)

City Attorney	E. Pollex	Zoning Adm/Bldg Inspector	R. White
Clk/Treas Confidential Asst.	J. Gostomski	Weed Commissioner	J. Moore
Health Officer	County Health Nurse	City Forester	T. McConnell
Official Newspaper	Adams Co. Times Reporter		
Official Depositories	Grand Marsh State Bank, M&I Marshall Ilsley, Nekoosa-Port Edwards State Bank, Royal Bank		

**Motion by Manthey, second by Smith to approve the appointments as presented.** Discussion was held on the fairness of the appointments. Some Alderpersons had three monthly meetings while others have none. Smith stated he understands that it is not easy to come up with appointments and make everybody happy, but maybe it is something that we can take up at Policy & Procedure. Maybe from here on out, each Council Member is required to give the Mayor their preference. Mayor Romell stated that by Ordinance he is required to distribute the appointments one week prior to the re-organizational meeting. Manthey stated that maybe the Policy & Procedure committee could make it less stressful for the Mayor. Mayor Romell stated it would be better if each Council Member would turn in their request. Smith and Manthey agreed with that, but it still up to the Mayor. Mayor Romell stated exactly, but that is their input. Smith asked Clerk Winters if she had the swap with Finance and Economic between him and Manthey. Winters stated yes. **Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Election of Council Member for City Planning Commission was held.

**Motion by LaQuee, second by Smith to nominate Holly Manthey to the City Planning Commission. There were no other nominations. Motion by Jensen, second by LaQuee to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Holly Manthey as the Council's Planning Commission Member. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Mayor Romell waived the initial reading of the Public Depository Resolutions to allow action this evening.

**Motion by LaQuee, second by Manthey to adopt Resolution 2008-04R (see appendix B of Minutes Book) Authorizing Grand Marsh State Bank as a Public Depository for the City of Adams. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Motion by Manthey, second by Smith to adopt Resolution 2008-05R (see appendix B of Minutes Book) Authorizing Royal Bank as a Public Depository for the City of Adams. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Motion by Jensen, second by Smith to adopt 2008-06R (see appendix B of Minutes Book) Authorizing Nekoosa Port Edwards Bank as a Public Depository for the City of Adams Community Development Authority. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Motion by Smith, second by Manthey to adopt Resolution 2008-07R (see appendix B of Minutes Book) Authorizing M&I Marshall & Ilsley Bank as a Public Depository for the City of Adams. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Motion by Manthey, second by Jensen to adjourn. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Janet Winters  
Clerk/Treasurer