

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on April 6, 2009 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, Attorney Pollex, Chief Hanson, and Street Superintendent Mead.

Motion by LaQuee, second by Jensen to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Petitions and Communications: None presented.

Report of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: (The Committee met March 31, 2009) Discussion was held regarding the equipment bids. The City budget was reviewed. Recommendations were made to approve the application to the COPS Recovery Act Program, noting there is a hiring freeze in place. Recommendations were made to approve the Ambulance Contract with Curtis Ambulance. Ambulance rate is \$14.21 per person based on the 2008 Adams County Directory. Also noted that the Hospital is refunding approximately \$9600 of monies already paid for their contract. Recommendations were made to pay the bills.

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Romell: Read a letter he received from Attorney Pollex regarding the issue of a piece of land North of Dixie Court by the Industrial Park. After his investigation it was found that the land is owned by the City. Mayor Romell also read a letter from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission in regards to the fire protection charges. As of April 1, 2009, these charges will be included on the utility bill. The Fire Protection charges paid by the Utility Fund will fall short by \$14,000 as the PSC sets the rate for the individual fire hydrants and, therefore, will be paid by the General Fund.

Administrator Ellisor: Reports that bids are being taken for vehicles that the City has for sale. Bids are due by Wednesday, April 15, 2009 by 3:00 p.m. He also reported that preliminary funding approval has been granted from the Economic Development Administration. The preliminary grant amount of \$1,387,500 would fund the new well plus the curb and gutter system in the Business Park toward the estimated \$1,850,000 total cost. It should be noted that this grant money is not part of any stimulus money. April 17th is the deadline for the required paperwork for the next step in the grant process. Part of the required paperwork includes contacting our engineers. A special meeting of the Council will be called next week to address this issue. Williams commended Administrator Ellisor for the amount of time, work and effort put into this application process.

Attorney Pollex: Reported he reviewed the ambulance contract and compared it with the hospital contract. He feels it should be recommended to council, however, the rollover condition that states if no notice is received in the 60 days prior to termination date, the contract will automatically renew for another five years should be carefully watched. He has also been working on some pre-trial cases and worked on the Dixie Court issue.

Chief Hanson: Reported that the department participated in Kids Day last Saturday. They handed out coloring books, gun locks, baseball cards, DNA kits and other safety related items. The winners of the two door prizes were Noah Gauthier and Salena Grant. A member of the Adams County All Hazard Task Force will be at the next Safety Meeting to discuss any concerns the City might have. The Chief also reported that inspections for property maintenance issues will begin in the next few weeks. Street Superintendent Mead will make the initial contact with those residents who are in violation of curbside issues. If the violation is not corrected, then the Police Department will be notified and they will issue a citation. It was suggested by Williams that those in violation be contacted at least twice, with the second time in writing and with pictures. Attorney Pollex agreed stating doing so would leave no room for misunderstanding and would make his job easier if it came to

prosecuting the complainants. Williams also commended Chief Hanson for following up on the COPS grant in a timely manner with Administrator Ellisor to save the City approximately \$400,000.

Street Superintendent Mead Reported that leaf pick up has begun. He asked that citizens read the newsletter sent with their utility bill which states the rules and regulations for leaf pick up. He again said how important it is that no foreign material be allowed in the leaf piles. If foreign material is found in the leaf pile, it will be the owners responsibility to dispose of the leaves. If leaves are not picked up, citizens can call City Hall or the Public Works Department. The Department is also working on brush pick up, pot hole patching, alley work, and replacing street and stop signs. Hydrant flushing will be approximately the third week in April and white goods pick up will be at the end of April, beginning of May. LaQuee questioned if he was aware of the pot holes on West Liberty Street. Mead said he was and has been in discussion with Administrator Ellisor on the subject. Williams questioned who was responsible for repair of the driving lane of Main Street. Mead replied that the County and State were and that the County notified the State of any needed repairs. If the City notices any needed repairs, we would notify the County. Robinson asked what was a suitable time frame from when leaves were placed for pick up and the actual pick up time. Mead responded they go out to pick up leaves when there is at least a half a trailer load. In the spring they try to get out every week to week and a half.

New and Unfinished Business:

Motion by LaQuee, second by Robinson to approve the Ambulance Contract – Curtis Ambulance Services. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Smith, second by Williams to adopt Resolution 2009-04R (see appendix B of Minutes Book) Authorizing Submission of Application To The “COPS Hiring Recovery Program” (CHRP). Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Williams, second by Jensen to approve issuance of Operator License to Gregory Siegler. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by LaQuee, second by Jensen to combine Mid-Month Regular Session (April 20, 2009) with Reorganization Meeting on April 21, 2009. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Jensen, second by Smith to pay the bills. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

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

Jeanne Gostomski
Dep. Clerk/Treasurer