

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on January 4, 2010 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams. On roll call were Alderpersons Jensen, LaQuee, Manthey, Newberg, Robinson, Suhr, Mayor Williams, Administrator Ellisor, and Chief Hanson. Attorney Pollex was excused.

**Motion by Jensen, second by Newberg to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2009 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Petitions and Communications: None.

Report of Standing Committees:

**Finance Committee:** (The Committee met December 29, 2009)

Discussion was held on Resolution 2009-23R Authorizing Fees to be charged. Considerable discussion was held on fees pertaining to the Planning Commission and the Well Permit was discussed. The Committee determined that the Planning Commission Fees will be discussed at the next meeting, the Well Permit Fee be discussed at Public Works and send the Resolution without the above items to Council.

Recommendations were made to pay the bills.

Report of City Officers:

**Mayor Williams:** Mayor Williams stated that the well permit fee should not be discussed at Public Works that should come out of the Finance and Policy & Procedure. Finance is the committee that will discuss it and approve it. Public Works had an opportunity to discuss this, it is not something new, and they should have done so at that time, had they needed to.

Robinson stated that it was worded incorrectly; it was discussed to send it to Public Works to find out how much time is spent on their end so that we can figure out a fee schedule to charge.

Mayor Williams stated if that is what you want, that can be done in a particular manner by asking the Public Works Department/Water Department for them to address the problem with you, so that a decision can be made.

Mayor Williams wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Public Works Department for doing a good job clearing the roads after the latest snowfall. However, a couple more blocks need to be addressed, where they are clear up to the curb on some roads and others are not. He wants to treat all our businesses the same. He asked Administrator Ellisor to look at that issue. Otherwise, everything is moving along well. The Public Works Committee will be looking at the playground equipment at the next meeting.

*Street Superintendent Mead arrived.*

**Administrator Ellisor:** Reported the well project is proceeding on just fine. We have received two reimbursements in the amount of approximately \$90,000 for the project from the Safe Drinking Water Loan program. In the spring, the well and wellhouse if not fully up and running, should be pretty far along. We are still awaiting word from EDA regarding our application. He thought that we might hear something before the holidays, he assumes we should hear something soon.

He wants to do more research on Sauk, Phil, and Port Washington suppliers for the playground equipment, to look at the ones that are in place and have been for awhile. These were very similar to the full systems the committee looked at and the pictures that were put up for the Council.

Mayor Williams wanted to address the Council on the purchased land for the Industrial Park, the City purchased lot #1 from Alliant Energy. When MSA surveyed the lines, they inadvertently placed the lines and the lift station on lot #2, which we do not own. After meeting and discussing this with MSA, he believes they will be willing to purchase the property and contribute it to the City of Adams. So we

will pickup an additional piece of property inadvertently at a rate that will be basically free. This is something that popped up that could have caused a problem. The Utility Company is willing to work with us and with Mid State. Administrator Ellisor stated that he didn't get the impression that there would be any serious issues with acquiring the property. For the next meeting or before, he can give anyone interested a detailed map that shows what had happened. The purchase for the property occurred six to seven years ago, with the intent to develop it into land for business and growth opportunities. Somehow it was miscued on the smaller section of the property, that it was transposed or perceived as City property when it hadn't been part of the original land purchase. Fortunately, it was still in the possession of Alliant and that makes it more workable to get it. The goals of Alliant and the City's are similar. It doesn't impede their need or use for the property when it comes to giving some of it up. This is something that will have to be corrected before we get involved with any EDA funding. Mayor Williams stated that Alliant has offered their service business developer to seek out businesses for the property for us.

**Chief Hanson:** Reported that they had a squad meeting last week and invited Charles Price, Director of County Health and Human Services. They discussed the police interaction with juveniles who are on the HHS case load. The department will be meeting monthly to obtain information regarding conditions of dispositional orders.

The new radios have been ordered and installed as part of the Office of Justice Assistance Grant that was received. The grant will cover approximately 75% of the costs. Both squads are now capable of digital use when Adams County goes digital.

**Street Superintendent Mead:** Reported the crew continues working on snow removal off curbs and sidewalks. He stated they went out and obtained a list of all sidewalks that they will clear tomorrow. He stated the list is three times more than the first snowfalls list. He stated by ordinance, after the cessation of two or more inches of snow, it states sidewalks have to be free and clear of snow and ice after 24 hours. He stated there were three or four that had not been cleared since the Christmas snowfall and there was eight to ten inches on those. They are working on standard vehicle maintenance and clearing hydrants.

LaQuee stated the snow removal ordinance is contradicting; work needs to be done on that ordinance to clarify it better. He asked if the leaf vac was put away, and if there were any freeze-ups.

Mead stated that they tarped the hose on the leaf vac as that would be the only thing that would weather and we had two freeze-ups and they were the owner's responsibility. LaQuee questioned if they were on the new streets. Mead stated no.

Mayor Williams stated that the City approved the purchase of new trucks and asked if he or Administrator Ellisor talked to our local dealer about searching for used equipment. Administrator Ellisor stated that it had been started but needs to be picked up on again.

**New and Unfinished Business:**

Chief Hanson reported that the Policy Committee feels that there would be such a change to the one-way on Brevoort Street, he would like to get citizen input prior to another Safety or Policy meeting. He would like for the School to be there to state the importance of it. Mayor Williams stated that he has talked to several people on North Grant Street who will be affected by this, and they object to that. Suhr agreed that he does not want it either. Manthey stated that we should hold a citizen input session. If no one shows up, then it is not a concern. At this session, the school and citizens can be heard. Mayor Williams stated that it is a one block area that is affected for a short time of the day. This will create a problem when so many are use to turning on Brevoort Street. Chief Hanson stated that he does not disagree, in the beginning it will be a learning process. He feels in time for the school system, it will help on safety for the children. LaQuee stated that some people think that with the crossing guards and everything there, its overkill. Mayor Williams stated that Administrator Ellisor and Chief

Hanson have the approval to schedule the Citizen input meeting. **Motion by LaQuee, second by Jensen to table the Brevoort Street One-Way for further input. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

*Ordinance 18-2009 through 29-2009 were introduced at the December 21, 2009 meeting.*

**Motion by LaQuee, second by Manthey to Adopt Ordinance 18-2009 Regulating Fees, Ordinance 19-2009 Regulating Registration Fees, Ordinance 20-2009 Regulating Non-Profit Organizations Exemption, Ordinance 21-2009 Regulating Flea Markets, Ordinance 22-2009 Relating to Building Permit Fees, Ordinance 23-2009 Relating to Fence Permit, Ordinance 24-2009 Regulating License Fees, Ordinance 25-2009 Regulating Cigarette and Soda Water Licenses, Ordinance 26-2009 Relating to Snow and Ice Removal, Ordinance 27-2009 Relating to Statement of Real Property Status, 28-2009 Relating to Street Use Permit Fee, Ordinance 29-2009 Relating to Operator's Licenses and Fees. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

*Mayor Williams thanked the Policy & Procedure Committee for changing and addressing this number of items, it has been a long time since that has happened.*

**Motion by Manthey, second by Newberg to Adopt Resolution 2009-23R Authorizing Fees to be Charged – Schedule of Fees.** *Mayor Williams stated that there are a few fees that will be showing up again and for good reason. In his opinion they are very excessive and double dipping. There is some that when we have a public hearing that you get paid for but in the Main meeting, you have a public hearing and go into the next meeting and you get paid for one. People should not have to pay another \$225.00 for that. That can be discussed later. Roll call vote, all voted aye.* (See Appendix B of Minutes Book for all Resolutions)

**Motion by Newberg, second by Suhr to adjourn. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet L. Winters  
Clerk/Treasurer