

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on February 15, 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, and Street Superintendent Mead. Attorney Pollex and Chief Hanson were excused.

Motion by LaQuee, second by Jensen to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2010 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Administrator Ellisor arrived.

Report of Standing Committees:

Public Safety Committee: (The Committee met February 9, 2010)

Motions were made to schedule a Public Information meeting regarding Brevoort Street – One Way to be held April 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. after the regular meeting.

Motions were made to approve the Building Inspector's Report.

There was no new information relating to Municipal Court.

Motions were made to approve the Police Report.

Motions were made to approve the 2009 Annual Police Report.

Public Works Committee: (The Committee met February 10, 2010)

In Petitions and Communications a discussion was held regarding snow removal. Mona Buchminster discussed her concerns regarding littering and garbage.

A discussion was held relating to West Liberty Street construction, to bring back new options next month, and the Alliant property in the Industrial Park was discussed.

A discussion was held reviewing the Well #5 budget. Well #5 pumping volumes are excellent and samples were sent in for testing.

The Energy Retrofit in the City Buildings is currently in process. A discussion was held regarding the electrical problems in the fire department.

A general discussion was held regarding Public Works.

Fire District: (The District met February 11, 2010)

A discussion was held regarding various financial options for loans. Motions were made to approve the Finance Report.

Chief's Report:

There were 7 calls.

Motions were made to rescind the January 14, 2010 motion.

Motions were made to make an agreement with MSA for a fire station grant.

The annual financial report was sent to the state.

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Williams: Mayor Williams questioned if the Fire District was working toward a new fire station. Jensen responded that they are concerned that a loan of this proportion for the fire station would affect the tax base. Administrator Ellisor suggested they contact MSA with their concerns. MSA explained the situation and the Fire District decided to sign with MSA who will pursue a grant. Mayor Williams then said Council should be considering what should be done with the building once the fire department moves out. The Police Department is in tight quarters and Administrator Ellisor should be located here and not the City Garage. When the time comes, if the Council wishes, we

should hire outside design help. However, that would be an added cost to the City as we would lose the rental income from the fire department. The automatic handicap door on the south side of the building is installed and ready for the primary election on Tuesday. Everything else is going good. The new interior lighting has made a big difference and the savings have already started at approximately \$500 a month towards the payment. We won't realize the full savings for a couple of years, but that is still a pretty good return.

Administrator Ellisor: Reported that the interior light retrofitting is just the first phase. The next phase would be the exterior lights the City has under its responsibility. That would include Main Street lighting, the overhead street lighting, as well as exterior lights around all the buildings. There was some experimental lighting changed out at the fire station and the response on that has been very positive. There were some experimental exterior lights installed at a Dearborn General Motors Plant and we are waiting for those results. The City could possibly benefit from them if the results show positive. That would mean a possible 30% savings on the \$33,000 we pay for our lights on City streets now which in turn helps the general fund budget. We should hear sometime in March the results of the experimental lighting and we would be one of the first ones on board if it pans out. Mayor Williams said when we do find out the results of the experimental lighting, we would test and evaluate the lights before any purchase is made. As far as the remaining interior lighting, the exit lights should be changed out to LED lights. Administrator Ellisor attended the fire district meeting also attended by Alderperson Jensen. They are looking at funding available for a new fire hall that meets their needs. They chose to apply for Block Grant Funds which are 50% grant funding with roughly ½ million dollars being applied for with the remaining balance being in the ball park of 1 million dollars. He prepared a few scenarios for Mr. Jensen and the fire authority to review with respect to Rural Development being involved in the grant loan program as well. If some utility extension is needed, those types of expenses are eligible through this type of funding. Mayor Williams stated that the City would do its share along with all the other communities that are being served by the fire department. We will not give out any additional monies other than that. The land acquisition is all in place. An appraisal was done on the over all parcel (which is just under three acres) which was \$20,000.00. The City's acquisition is approximately 1 1/2 acres and MSA is working with the City to complete this transaction. Alliant will look at some kind of proration of the appraisal for the selling price. It is important to resolve this issue as we are still waiting for a response from EDA. He is looking for a response from EDA hopefully within the next two weeks. Reported the Well Project Budget is being reconciled with the engineers and the DNR who is the financier of the project. The volume has come up extremely well, however, we won't know the answer to the water quality sample issue for another couple of weeks. We will report on that as soon as we have the results. Mayor Williams stated he does not want to mislead anybody with regard to the land acquisition issue. MSA made the mistake, and MSA will handle it, not the City. They have an option: buy it, donate it, or move the line. We did not make the mistake, we just paid for it.

Street Superintendent Mead: Reported that the snow removal has been going quite well. Both on Main Street and the side streets we are continuing to remove snow from the curb lines so when we have our thaw everything can find the storm drains with no problems. We have also been working on vehicle maintenance. The lighting project lasted three days and the department assisted at times. More so at the City Garage and the Fire Station where they helped move vehicles so they could get the lights up. He will be meeting with MSA this week going over some concerns on our upcoming projects. These include hydrants on dead end project areas and the new area over on Liberty Street. The meeting will probably take place on Wednesday. LaQuee asked if there were any updates on the playground equipment situation. Mead answered everything is confirmed, the order is in, and it will be shipped here in early April. As soon as the site can be prepped weather wise, they will come and install the equipment. We are pretty much at the top of the list for installation. The Mayor asked

where we are on the replacement of trucks. Mead answered he has left messages and is waiting for return calls. Mayor Williams asked that this be followed up on.

New and Unfinished Business:

Michael C. Harrigan, CIPFA of Ehlers and Associates, Inc. reported that as Ehlers was authorized to get a lower rate on the proposed refinance, he is pleased to inform us that on the proposed refunding of the 2005 G.O. Note that interest rates provided by Bankers Bank out of Madison in cooperation with the local banks in the region here, was such that they were able to not only meet but exceed the savings results originally projected. The original amount of \$1,165,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds has been reduced by \$5,000 to \$1,160,000. This means that the original projected savings of \$38,658 has been increased to \$54,002 or \$49,179 at present value. The original interest rates ranged from 3.80% to 4.30% and the new interest rates range from 1.55% to 2.65%. This breaks down to a savings of \$8,000 to \$13,000 per year for the next five years which is a direct benefit to tax payers of the City. Mayor Williams thanked Ehlers for their work in watching out for the City. We couldn't have done it ourselves. **Motion by LaQuee, second by Suhr to Adopt Resolution 2010-03R Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$1,160,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Roll call vote, all voted aye.** (See Appendix B of Minutes Book for all Resolutions)

Motion by Jensen, second by Newberg to adjourn. All voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne G. Gostomski
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer