

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on March 1, 2010 in the City Municipal Building.

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

Motion by LaQueue, second by Jensen to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2010 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Report of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: (The Committee met February 23, 2010)

2010 February Budget update was accepted.

First part of March testing will be underway to determine effectiveness of retro fits for outside and street lighting fixtures. Exit signs and emergency lighting was discussed.

The EDA grant application remains under review. The City's matching share would be approximately \$230,000. The City Administrator is expecting the best borrowing options available for the City projects.

It was noted that the Fire District is pursuing grant and loan funding for a new fire hall. The Administrator explained that grant and loan dollars are potentially available through Rural Development to renovate the current Fire Department for City use. The Administrator will gather the information together to get an application on file with Rural Development.

Recommendations were made to pay the bills.

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Williams: Reported that Roger Marti has returned back to work on light duty. The City will receive a right-of-way from Alliant for the roadway and utilities to be extended at the South Business Park. He stated that MSA Professional Services will pay any costs in this matter. He also stated that the City has first right-of-refusal of twenty acres going south towards the Super 8 hotel for an addition to the City that could be used for industrial park area or however Council wishes to use it.

Administrator Ellisor: Reported that Alliant has agreed to grant a right-of-way at the Business Park, for street, utility and the well house project at no cost to the City. This should be wrapped up and recorded at the County next week. He stated the EDA application will not be affected by it. He also reported that our Workman's Compensation rating is not good due to the claims made. The Experience Modification Factor is 1.48%, and is a multiplier used to calculate the premium. Three years ago, the Experience Modification Factor rating was below 1%. LaQueue stated the City should get a safety program started to study more on the safety on the job. Manthey stated that during union negotiations, a safety incentive program was proposed however the union refused. Mayor Williams stated that we need to establish a program even if there are costs. The Personnel Committee needs to work with Bob and get it going. He stated, as the workman comp incidents increase, it will definitely have an affect on negotiations.

Chief Hanson: Reported that he attended the State of Wisconsin Chief's of Police conference. The conference covered training in labor agreements, grant writing and deadly force. The next release of COPS Grant funds will be the end of March to mid April. The department is working on officer dictating reports. We are awaiting reimbursement from the Office of Justice from the Grant funds for the radios that were purchased. They will be attending Kids Day on April 17 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the A-F High School. They will be handing out baseball cards, stickers, gun safety locks and DNA kits. As snow melts, they will begin checking property maintenance issues.

Street Superintendent Mead: Reported that the department has been cleaning out storm drains, pothole patching and vehicle maintenance. He received the test results back on Well #5, both came back safe and with low counts of magnesium and iron. He and the engineers are scheduling a construction meeting with Ellis Stone on the well house. He has also met with Officer Scimeca on the department's page on the web site.

New and Unfinished Business:

Officer Mark Scimeca gave a presentation on the City web site. He has updated the site and has added considerable and more pertinent information with yet, more to go. He stated through the web site, some employees will have individual e-mail accounts. He will be adding more information such as meeting agendas and minutes. He asked that the Mayor and Council access the web site and offer any suggestions they would like to add. Mayor Williams suggested adding the Fee Schedule. Manthey stated that when the playground equipment is installed, pictures of the new equipment should be added along with the parks. LaQuee suggested pictures of the A-F schools. Scimeca stated that items and information that can be added are limitless.

Motion by LaQuee, second by Jensen to authorize the City Administrator to request a Loan Proposal for a 10 year General Obligation Note, in the amount of approximately \$200,000. Roll call vote, all voted aye. (*Purpose of soliciting proposals is for City cost (matching share) of the EDA project. If the EDA grant does not go through, we would apply the funds for the street improvements on Liberty Street and Cedar Street.*)

Motion by Manthey, second by Newberg to authorize the Rural Development Community Facilities Application for City Hall Renovation. *Administrator Ellisor explained that we can submit an application through the Stimulus Program for renovation funds. MSA will assist on the plan layout and if or when the Fire District relocates, it would cost approximately \$300,000 for renovation and 50% would be grant, 20 year loan through Rural Development and an annual installment payment would be under \$7500.00. Roll call vote, all voted aye.*

Motion by Newberg, second by Jensen to authorize the City for Lead Agency for the Adams County Fire District Block Grant application. *Rural Development requires a lead agency to pass fund through for the Fire District grant/loan funding. Roll call vote, all voted aye.*

Motion by LaQuee, second by Suhr to approve payment of bills. All voted aye.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet L. Winters
Clerk/Treasurer