

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on March 21, 2011 in the City Municipal Building.

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

**Motion by Newberg, second by Suhr to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Petitions and Communications: Mrs. Dawn Kuchta informed the Council of the new High Definition Camera that Channel 4 received. The Camera was donated by Marquette-Adams Telephone.

Report of Standing Committees:

**Public Safety Committee:**

Inspector White went through the properties and updates on tagged homes. He will be checking house numbers in early spring and marking those that need numbers on them. Three numbers are required.

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

Motions were made to approve the Police Report.

Five part time officers are currently employed by the Police Department and anticipating dropping to four in the next six months. A discussion was held about putting a young man on the roster while he is going to school for criminal justice. He would have 3 years to complete training. Mayor Williams recommended holding off until we know more about how the state budget is going to affect the City budget.

**Public Works Committee:**

In Petitions and Communications Ranta questioned the effect of the Governor's budget bill on the City. There was general discussion on this matter and the full effects are not known yet.

Superintendent Mead explained that materials for the Burt Morris Park foot bridge are on order and will be issued the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. Plans remain for a Spring installation.

Rob Uphoff provided a project update sheet. The Well #5 Project is complete with the exception of some minor punch list items. The added Well #4 rehab work and back up source is also near completion. There was discussion regarding the Public Works Department removing the Well #2 Building.

It was reported the EDA accepted the requested bid and engineering design plan revision for the right of way.

The site plan for the salt storage shed was prepared and submitted. The company is obtaining the State building permit and plans remain for a Spring construction date.

It was the consensus of the committee to start negotiations for the Drainage/Retention Property – Northwest City area for twenty acres at \$1,000 per acre.

A discussion was held relating to the street repair on West Liberty Street. It was recommended that a quote be obtained to cut back and re-pave a section of West Liberty Street that is in disrepair.

**Fire District:**

Motions made to approve the Finance Report.

Chief's Report:

There were 4 calls.

In 2010, 514 inspections were done which included 236 inspections in the City. Of the 30 violations found, 9 were in the City.

Motions made to add a contingency line for budget carryovers.

A discussion was held with Strongs Prairie on the District Agreement. It will be discussed further with Attorney Wood.

Report of City Officers:

**Mayor Williams:** Stated Welcome to Spring! Spring has sprung but not very hard, it looks like we are going to have a snow storm. The City is doing ok, there are a few reports coming out of the City Officers that will enhance our position. He asked Clerk Winters and Administrator Ellisor to prepare a report with respect to the State. We do not know yet for sure as nothing has been passed as far as the State Budget is concerned. Until it is all over with, we really do not know. He stated that in the report that was distributed, it is not as bad as he had originally thought. It is good news and it is something that we can accept without too much difficulty.

**Administrator Ellisor:** Reported that he will focus on the information prepared by Clerk Winters regarding the Budget Repair Bill that was proposed by the Governor. This is the first time that we had some numbers to kick around with the effect to the City of Adams. There was concern on how it would impact us. If the numbers are correct, he would say it's fairly encouraging. The report shows the worst case scenario. There are things that as the Mayor noted that have to be acted on.

The Recycling Grant Funding that we receive annually, there might be some additional discussion on that that may or may not be cut. The total City Aid Reduction, which does include the Recycling and Computer Aids, is \$44,683.00. He thinks there are some things we can do and adjust in the budget that we can account for that. We can rearrange and adjust debt service to meet the reduction. There is savings the City would realize in the Employee contributions to Retirement. The estimated savings for retirement (estimated from 2010 General wages) is \$25,628.74. The estimated savings for Health Insurance (estimated from 2011 Premium) is \$14,132.30. Some help is that TIF #1 is retiring. When you retire a TIF the City portion of tax revenue that was going toward purposes of the TIF now can be put captured in the General Fund and used for expenses. He estimates \$15,000 from the TIF to the General Fund, and TIF #1 is the smallest of the three. He is encouraged seeing these numbers, if that is how it will be applied to the City. We can weather through that scenario.

Mayor Williams questioned if what Janet indicated here is an estimated net loss of \$4,921.96, but we don't know and nothing has been passed. A lot of things can change between now and July, but at least this gives us some idea of where we are going as we have heard really bad things from different areas. He appreciates Bob and Janet in getting this together.

Administrator Ellisor stated that he was surprised by the significant cut in Transportation Aid. He didn't know that category was going to be targeted. The actual State Shared Revenue portion was quite light as far as the reduction.

**Attorney Pollex:** Reported that he has been working with Inspector White on an amicable resolution on the Elm Street property that we were in the process of razing. The offer has been extended to the current home owner for voluntary reasons. The City was successful in its trial last week, we have three trials scheduled, one being an OWI trial in April. Administrator Ellisor mentioned to him that he will receive some direction from Mr. Uphoff for the Industrial Park and will be working on that later this week. Mayor Williams questioned the house by him. Attorney Pollex stated that it is not off the radar, trying to take care of Elm Street first and thought we had it done. He hadn't heard anything from the owner or Attorney on that house, but it looks like he is going to walk away. He sent him a letter right after the first of the year, asking what his plan is. He has not heard back from him, but thinks the City will have to go through the normal raze

process. They are not going to cooperate. Attorney Pollex stated that he will be at a prosecutor's seminar in Oshkosh or Appleton the first Monday in April. It's a two day seminar for OWI prosecutors statewide.

**Chief Hanson:** Reported the squad will be delivered tomorrow and the decals and radio will be done this week. It should be in service next Monday. Adams County Emergency Government informed him that the switch to narrow band for radios is May-June 2012. Kids Day will be April 9 and medication drop off is April 30. Sheriff Wollin had contacted him about coordinating the medication drop into a County wide program.

**Street Superintendent Mead:** Reported on the letter that Council received from Wisconsin Rural Water Association Regarding Robert Berry who had been nominated to receive the District #3 Operator of the Year Award. Bob has vast responsibilities in the water department, he takes care of all sampling, testing, meters, and continues going to school for water quality. Mead stated that he is very proud of Bob's accomplishment and he does an outstanding job in our water department. Bob will be attending the conference in Green Bay the week of March 28.

Mayor Williams stated that is a feather in your hat Dave and a feather in the City's hat. You allowed the man to do the job and he is interested and has taken upon himself to do what he does and he has been recognized. Someone from the outside made this recommendation, it was not Dave.

Mead stated that they are finishing up working on the Well #4 rehab, waiting for a couple parts to put the stand-by engine online with it, it should be ready to go in the next week. Well #2 has been abandoned. The crew is working on pothole patching. The FHWA adopted new traffic sign retroreflectivity requirements. All signs have to be replaced with reflective covering signs. He believes the compliance date is 2018 to have all replaced. Mayor Williams stated that the City Council needs to look at tearing down Well House #2. We need to take it down and put it up for sale. The Church would be interested in purchasing the property if it wasn't for that tank.

**New and Unfinished Business:**

**Motion by Manthey, second by Jensen to table the West Liberty Street repair until Dave is able to obtain information and the cost of the project. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Motion by Manthey, second by Suhr to Approve Resolution 2011-01R (Addressing Salary and Benefits of the Clerk/Treasurer Confidential Assistant - Jeanne Gostomski), Resolution 2011-02R (Addressing Salary and Benefits of the Clerk/Treasurer Confidential Assistant - Michelle Klein), and the Employment Agreement for the Street Superintendent Addressing Salary and Benefits. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Mayor Williams stated that the property owners have indicated to Bob that they are willing to look at this approximate 20 acre area that we can use to extend the drainage ditch that we have. We can widen it out and that would take care of the City drainage problem in that area of the City. He stated what we are asking for is to allow us to proceed and discuss and make an offer that would start at \$1,000 and go as high as \$1,500 an acre. Not to exceed that. It would then have to come back to the City Council for Approval. We are not committing the City to anything other than giving us a chance to find out what we can do with it. **Motion by Baumgartner, second by Scott to move ahead and give approval for discussion on the land acquisition for the drainage way. Not to exceed \$1,500.** Manthey questioned as to what fund this \$20,000 or greater will come from. Mayor Williams stated the funds from Harold Henning's estate should cover all of this. **Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Motion by Jensen, second by Baumgartner to Approve Payment of Bills. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Motion by Newberg, second by Baumgartner to Adjourn. By voice vote, all voted aye.**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet L. Winters, WCMC  
Clerk/Treasurer