

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on November 7, 2011 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Baumgartner. On roll call were Alderpersons Jensen, Kierstyn, Manthey, Marti, Scott, Mayor Baumgartner, Administrator Ellisor, Attorney Pollex and Chief Hanson. Alderperson Suhr was excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Jensen, second by Kierstyn to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2011 and October 24, 2011 meetings as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Petitions and Communications: Jim LaFrance addressed the Council with his concerns of the 4-lanes on Highway 13, which extends four blocks. He stated that he has discussed his concerns with previous Mayor's and the issue was not addressed. He stated he had checked with the DOT and was informed that this was a City decision years ago. Cars do not stop for pedestrians and when a vehicle does, another drives around in the other lane. He lives on Main Street and witnesses it daily, it's a "race track" and someone will get hit. He asked the Council to look into making two lanes with a turning lane. Another issue he addressed was the plowing of the Highway by the County. The plow trucks plow the snow throwing snow up on the sidewalks and at times half way up his driveway. He stated the City does an excellent job plowing and with snow removal. He would like to have the Council look into a solution with the County Highway Department when plowing.

Report of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Held November 3, 2011 (Read by Mayor Baumgartner)

2012 preliminary budget.

2012 Capital Project Budget(s)

The draft 2012 General Fund budget was presented for review by the Committee. Also presented was a comparison of the City's tax levy and mill rate from over the years. It is anticipated that there would be no increase in the City's mill rate over the 2011 rate. The final mill rate amount will not be available until assessed valuation for manufacturing is received from the State. Other budget discussion entailed personnel and benefits costs resulting from changes at the State level. Discussion was also held regarding funding out of TIF 3 for a Main Street revitalization program

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Baumgartner: Reported that there should not be any increase in taxes or utilities. Last week she represented the City at Rock Tenn to celebrate their first year for a Workman's Compensation Safe Working record. It was well attended with representatives from all over the United States there. Rock Tenn is one of their most profitable companies and looking at expansion. The Adams County Running Club will have a Turkey Trot on November 24th, Thanksgiving morning. It is three miles starting at Friendship Park to Cenex Pump 24 and back. More information is on the web site; adamscountyrunningclub.com.

Administrator Ellisor: Reported as mentioned the mill rate and budget process is moving along and hoping to finalize for publication for the hearing in mid November. He provided a budget history comparison that also shows the mill rate history, which the City has been holding the line on. It could differ by a few pennies as he does not have the Manufacturing equalization values yet. There is a delay in receiving them as he usually has received them by now. With the numbers he could give a precise number on the mill rate. He did speak to Mr. LaFrance last week

on the Corridor Study that Chief Hanson attended. The decision was made when he first got here to go to four lanes and thinks part of it was to remove the parking there. He thinks going to two lanes and include a middle turn lane, which would be safer and not holding up the flow of traffic. The study that was prepared was done by a company contracted by the DOT and it would be helpful to the Committee.

Attorney Pollex: Reported that the Mayor presented him with a title issue regarding a concerned individual that was involved in the sewer and water has been resolved. He has pre-trials Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. if anyone is interested to see how they work. Based on the comments made here and in other reports, he reminds individuals that if they have a maintenance complaint, or anything of that nature, the City has a complaint process that holds departments accountable and makes sure your voices are addressed. If you don't have the guts to come here and stand in front of the Council, stop down at City Hall and they will show you how to go through the complaint process. One of the two raze projects is cleaned up and he continues to work with the County to make sure everyone feels fairly treated on the second property. This property came into the County's possession through a tax foreclosure. The goal is to still get it done before the season prevents it.

Chief Hanson: Reviewed his statistic report from October 9 through November 5, 2011. He stated that mileage is not accurate due to the malfunction in the gauges. Take Back was held on October 29, approximately 30 people dropped off medications at this location. Medications were also collected by Sheriff Wollin at the Springville Town Hall and then were taken to Madison on October 31. Notices have been published in the Times Reporter on House Numbering. Janet and the Clerk's department had a good idea and had the house numbering notice printed on the leaf collection notices that were distributed door-to-door. He distributed the assigned areas of Officer's for property maintenance issues. Any issues can be directed to the Officer of that area or him. The Policy & Procedure committee will meet tomorrow to review the Cancelled Carry Weapon (CCW) law. Also distributed was a notice from the County Emergency Preparedness meeting he attended. This Zombie Apocalypse is a spin-off to make everyone aware and prepare for natural disaster.

New and Unfinished Business:

Motion by Manthey, second by Marti to place the City Attorney Contract on the next Council agenda for consideration. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Administrator Ellisor read the following statement relating to Affirmation of Support – Chief of Police:

In October of this year the Adams Police Association issued a public statement expressing a vote of no confidence in City of Adams Police Chief, Todd Hanson. The vote of no confidence included a number of allegations from the Association calling into question the actions and direction of Chief Hanson. The City enlisted the services of an outside consultant to assist in reviewing these concerns. The internal review with City Administration has been completed and findings have been reviewed with the Adams City Council.

In summation, the allegations and claims of wrongdoing against Chief Todd Hanson were largely presumptions and misunderstandings in communication; as was the Association claim that the City was not addressing the assertions when brought forward.

For many years the City of Adams Police Department was in need of upgrading its operations, procedures and accountability. Among the goals for Chief Todd Hanson when hired was to heighten the operational standards of the Department. That order of change is often difficult and a challenge for all parties involved. Chief Hanson has vowed to rebuild communications within

the department but not to compromise standards of the Department. At the same time, we are convinced that the Chief accepts the concerns of the officers and is committed to developing a stronger relationship among members of the Department. The officers and Chief are clearly unified in serving our community well.

In light of the findings and understandings gained from the investigative process, and in light of the direction given by this Council to the Chief, it is recommended that a Vote of Confidence in Todd Hanson in his service and capacity as Chief of Police for the City of Adams be approved by Council. **Motion by Manthey, second by Marti to Approve Affirmation of Support for Chief of Police, Todd Hanson. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Motion by Scott, second by Kierstyn to Approve the 2012 Assessor Agreement with UpNorth Assessment, LLC. Administrator Ellisor stated that he wrote in the fee based off a 3% increase from the 2011 agreement of \$5,422.04, 2012 total should be \$5,611.81, and quarterly payment of \$1,402.95. **Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Motion by Jensen, second by Marti to Authorize Issuance of an Operators License to Marjorie S. Anderson, Mary A. LaFever, Owen J. Beckman and Paula L. Fedder. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

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

Motion by Jensen, second by Suhr to Adjourn. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet L. Winters, WCMC
Clerk/Treasurer