

These are the minutes of the Special Session of the City of Adams, WI held on November 12, 2013 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Baumgartner. On roll call were Alderpersons Hilson, Jensen, Kierstyn, Marti, Scott, Suhr and Mayor Baumgartner. Also attending was Administrator Ellisor.

Petitions and Communications: Ken Romell stated that he does not understand the relationship with GEITS but hopes it is good. He questioned the Mayor signing these resolutions and is an employee of GEITS. Marti asked for clarification. Mr. Romell stated that by State Statute that any government official is restricted on how much business they give to a case like this.

New and Unfinished Business:

Administrator Ellisor explained the resolutions for borrowing before the Council. Both are for the upgrades at the waste water treatment plant. Resolution 2013-13R in the amount of \$300,000 is for financing of engineering, design and build for the floating solar infrastructure installation that would be applied on the decommissioned clarification pond. Resolution 2013-14R in the amount of \$1,700,000 is the other component of the upgrade. That is for financing the technical design, engineering and facilities plan. The City has previously met with Rural Development representatives who felt it was a fascinating and interesting technology. Before a Rural Development application could be considered, a comprehensive designed engineered facilities plan would need to be prepared for Rural Development to review and approve. Once approved, the completed engineering and facilities plan is eligible as a reimbursable through Rural Development. The repayment structure of the borrowing would apply TIF increment. The City has two major loans retiring with TIF 2 and TIF 3. Prior plans entailed borrowing three million dollars for the revitalization of Main Street. Those plans suspended and TIF plans have been modified to allow for renewable energy infrastructure. Historically TIF financing has been heavily relied upon for major upgrade to the City's water utility and the wastewater infrastructure. Alderperson Marti questioned what it will do to our taxes or utility rates. Administrator Ellisor stated that based on prior audit reports from Johnson Block it was advised that a rate analysis be prepared. The rate analysis would be important, however the upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant would change the operational and revenue case of the facility. In the interim, a nominal 3% increase for the wastewater utility rate for 2014 is being proposed. The future analysis will be based on the upgrades to the plant. The City property tax rate would remain comparable to prior year. What's being done at the waste water plant will serve as a model other communities can follow.

Alderperson Marti read Resolution 2013-12R Relating to the borrowing of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the purpose of financing of engineering, design and build for the floating solar infrastructure installation. Following the reading; **Motion was made by Kierstyn, second by Suhr to Adopt Resolution 2013-12R for the purpose of financing of engineering, design and build for the floating solar infrastructure installation. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Alderperson Scott read Resolution 2013-13R Relating to the borrowing of One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000) for the purpose of financing the technical design, engineering and facilities development planning for wastewater treatment plant upgrade and onsite renewable energy installation. Following the reading; **Motion by Scott, second by Hilson to Adopt Resolution 2013-13R for the purpose of financing the technical design, engineering and facilities development planning for wastewater treatment plant upgrade and onsite renewable energy installation. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Motion by Marti, second by Hilson to Adjourn. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

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