

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on December 16, 2013 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Baumgartner. On roll call were Alderpersons Hilson, Kierstyn, Jensen, Marti, Scott, Mayor Baumgartner, Administrator Ellisor, Street Superintendent Mead and Chief Anderson. Alderperson Suhr was excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Jensen, second by Kierstyn to approve the minutes of the meetings held December 2, 2013 and December 5, 2013 as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Petitions and Communications: Ken Romell, Bob Goodhue, Warren LaQuee and Dennis McFarlin addressed the Council with questions regarding the GEITS Master Contract.

Report of Standing Committees:

Public Safety Committee:

In petitions & communications a discussion was held relating to the crosswalk at Liberty and Main Street. Chief Anderson will check into it. Winter parking is in effect.

Discussion Relating to Theft of Library Materials Ordinance: Refer to Policy and Procedure to write an ordinance regarding theft of library materials and then bring to Council.

Recommendations were made to Approve Purchase of a 2014 Chevy Tahoe 4WD from AF Motors not to exceed \$30,453.

Motions were made to Approve the Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator's Detailed Reports.

Motions were made to Approve the Police Report.

No discussion was held regarding the department update.

Fire District:

Chief's Report: There were 4 calls.

A discussion was held regarding firefighter gear.

A discussion was held regarding Easton Pond Fill Site.

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Baumgartner: Reported we had a potluck lunch on Friday with the City workers that went very nice. It pays to again mention the winter parking which is in effect, as it is in many other cities in the Midwest, whether it is snowing or not. She asks that everyone keep this in mind.

Administrator Ellisor: Reported that at this time of year it is understandable that we are putting in many hours trying to get things moving forward with the economic development effort that we have in place. There has been a tremendous amount of progress made in a very, very short period of time and we certainly have more work ahead of us and part of that is on tonight's agenda. We have been through another budget year and that is being implemented in the very near future.

Police Chief Anderson: Reported the transition is still going smoothly and we are moving forward.

New and Unfinished Business:

Alderperson Marti would like the purchase of the 2014 Squad SUV tabled as they found out some more information about the rating of that Chevy. He would like it to go back to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion. Motion by Marti, second by Hilson to Table the Purchase of 2014 Squad SUV from A-F Motors. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Scott, second by Jensen to Authorize Issuance of an Operator License to Kory Hammond. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

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

Mayor Baumgartner recused herself from the remaining agenda item and Council President Kierstyn chaired the remaining meeting while retaining his voting privileges. President Kierstyn asked Administrator Ellisor to explain the Power Purchase Agreement – Floating Solar System at the WWTP. Alderperson Marti asked if the attorney had looked this contract over. Administrator Ellisor replied yes he had and this version addresses some of the questions the attorney had. What we are talking about here goes back to the beginning for the floating solar that would be located out on the ponds at the WWTP. The energy from that floating solar would be sold to the WWTP as part of its operations. The payment for the energy costs is what actually pays for the floating solar installation itself. We had an application at the state level that seems to be staying in suspension and that was for the City to purchase the solar unit outright. Since that is still suspended, there has been an alternative that the GEITS people have been able to work out that essentially works in our favor. What that means is that its arranged to get private financing for the floating solar which spares the City from needing to go out and finance it. In turn, the payment schedule the City would be paying for the WWTP would be paying for the actual energy from the floating solar installation. Under the contract, the starting price for the kilowatt hour is 12 cents with a 3% inflationary scale that goes with it for the course of the agreement which is a 25 year agreement. There is a very minimal exposure to the City. There is also an option that after 10 years the City could outright purchase the floating solar installation. The floating solar will be installed as soon as we reasonably can install, whether it is winter or not, out at the WWTP as we have been talking about it for a long time and would very much like to get the first one in the United States in place and have it available to be observed and see it in operation. The San Diego Water Authority is also very interested in installing a floating solar for their reservoir. The current director is retiring soon and would like to see a floating solar installed there before he retires. That is the type of thing that would be built in Wisconsin, built in Adams, and we would also be the location to demonstrate how it works. But in the meantime, we would be using it at the WWTP to provide its own power. With this particular agreement and the way it's structured, being that it is private lending and is between the private sector and the City, this is not an arrangement where surplus power could be sold from the unit to another neighboring property. This is okay as this is the first unit itself and wouldn't likely service the plant in its entirety at that. So this is a very manageable agreement, manageable arrangement, to have this installation in place. Of course this first installation of the floating solar as with the vertical wind turbines, would have to be produced overseas as we don't have the manufacturing plant up yet with our Wisconsin winter. Clearly, spring will be the first start of the plant. They do expect to get things up and operating very quickly especially when they will have contracts of that magnitude that they want to fulfill. One of the things that GEITS will be producing for the City of Adams is not the solar panels themselves. The solar panels are not an environmentally safe thing to produce. There are three different companies that make the solar panels that we would be using for our floating solar. What makes the floating solar different than the land based solar is being on the water, having the cooling that goes with it and having the constant exposure to the sun. A floating solar is no less than twice as efficient as land based. Even though the floating panels will not be made in Adams, what will be made are things along the line of the floating barge structure itself. It may seem rather a simplistic type of structure, but we would have the workforce here that would be building the floating barges themselves that the floating system goes on. That is where a good share of the jobs will come from when the plant is up and running. The plant would also be building the vertical wind turbines and other renewable energy products that have the unique advantage for rural and urban installation. The floating solar installation on the WWTP pond, to my knowledge, would be the first in the nation. At this point, Administrator Ellisor and President Kierstyn answered questions from citizens Ken Romell, Bob Goodhue, Robert Eggebrecht, Warren LaQuee, Dennis McFarlin and Julie Roseberry.

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Motion by Scott, second by Jensen to Approve Power Purchase Agreement – Floating Solar System at the WWTP. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne G. Gostomski
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer