

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on March 17, 2014 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Baumgartner. On roll call were Alderpersons Hilson, Jensen, Kierstyn, Marti, Scott, Suhr, Administrator Ellisor and Chief Anderson. Several citizens were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Motion by Jensen, second by Suhr to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 3, 2014 as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Petitions and Communications: Mayor Baumgartner stated that as published in the Adams-Friendship Times Reporter, she has resigned from GEITS Corporation.

Administrator Ellisor gave an update for the GEITS Development in the South Business Park. There were a number of areas that needed to be followed up with and those were outlined by the Attorney that was brought on board by the City. He said it is fair to say that that development is at an impasse right now and he does not see it going forward right now or at least in the near future. A form of correspondence was prepared and issued under the signature of the Council President. The correspondence acknowledges the development is at a standstill and in essence to rewind the clock back to when we started this whole thing, back to April of last year. Looking at dismantling the development agreement from the top down and starting over to see what can be formulated from there. That correspondence was issued the last part of last week and certainly they would need an opportunity to respond to that. Basically, it is how do we look at this and start over, if there is a form of starting over. We will keep everyone apprised as we proceed.

Ken Romell addressed the Council. He stated when you are elected to a political body, such as City Council, you are not expected to be knowledgeable of things such as law or finances so you hire Attorneys and Financial experts and use them when the occasions arise. So why didn't you have your City Attorney and your Financial Experts go over very important things like contracts before you take action and pass them. The Council should have people who raise questions and not their heads. He questions the Mayor and City Administrator why did you wait six months before you contacted Ehlers & Company on the GEITS master contract? He still thinks it's a crazy idea to bring garbage near your well site. With cement pads, even in this climate cement cracks. How do you handle the seepage? We process three semi loads a week from the landfill as it is. Let's give some consideration to the people living here after us.

Report of Standing Committees:

Policy & Procedure Committee:

Recommendations were made to Approve Ordinance 01-2014 - Theft of Library Materials Ordinance.

Recommendations were made to Approve Ordinance 02-2014 – Bow and Arrows and Crossbow Hunting.

Recommendations were made to Approve Ordinance 03-2014 – Park Regulations – Camping for special events at Burt Morris Park.

Recommendations were made to Approve the Park Camping Application.

Recommendations were made to Approve the Police Department Policy Handbook.

Motions were made to Table the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

Recommendations were made to Approve Resolution 2014-01R for Temporary Closing of Hazel Street - Main Street to Alley.

Recommendations were made to Approve Ordinance 04-2014 – Water Utility Regulations – Thawing Frozen Services.

Recommendations were made to Approve Resolution 2014-02R Authorizing Fees to be Charged.

**Public Works Committee:**

Report on Public Works Department Activity: A discussion was held regarding frozen water lines and mains. There were around 3 dozen water freeze ups, some storm water freeze ups and a dozen or so sewer freeze ups. Status of Water Utility System: A discussion was held regarding the new thaw machine and that it is up and running.

**Fire District:**

No news regarding Easton Pond Fill Site and confined spaces.

Discussion was held regarding Strongs Prairie's reluctance to enforce false alarm policy.

**Report of City Officers:**

**Mayor Baumgartner:** Reported we are moving ahead on getting the calendar ready for the summer for Park activities at Burt Morris and Lions Park. She hopes spring is going to be here and that our water run can be shut off in April.

**Administrator Ellisor:** Reported the water let runs still need to be kept in place for some time yet. Proper notice will go out to the public to discontinue. The phenomenon of the frost lines going deeper when it gets warmer is an actual occurrence. He is cautiously optimistic but hopeful there might be some kind of support or help to all the communities that had to deal with the frozen lines and the exceptional cost burden that has been put on to the Utilities as a result of the weather conditions. Right now we are not aware of any programs or emergency funding available. We are still trying to keep on pulse of that and what might develop. We look forward to reenergizing the Downtown Development Commission and getting ideas together for activities and other ways to enhance the appeal of Downtown as we start to get the tourists going through Main Street.

**Police Chief Anderson:** Reported that April 1<sup>st</sup> the Police Department will launch a Communication System using the internet and text messaging. Through the system, we can inform residents of any changes such as snow emergencies, run water issues, all types of things. On the City Website, there is a link to go to and you can enter your email address or telephone number. That will allow us to communicate any special emergencies or announcements that we need to make from the Police Department or from the City to our residence. Last Friday, he and Administrator Ellisor went to pick up the new squad car. It is a black and white Ford Utility Explorer and it is up in the Rapids right now being lettered. He hopes to get it back by the end of the week, get the vehicle outfitted and get it on the road by the first week or so of April.

**New and Unfinished Business:**

**Motion by Kierstyn, second by Scott to waive the initial reading and adopt Ordinance 01-2014** (see appendix A of Minutes Book) **relating to Theft of Library Materials Ordinance. All voted aye.**

**Motion by Suhr, second by Hilson to waive the initial reading and adopt Ordinance 02-2014** (see appendix A of Minutes Book) **relating to Bow and Arrows and Crossbow Hunting. All voted aye.**

**Motion by Kierstyn, second by Suhr to waive the initial reading and adopt Ordinance 03-2014** (see appendix A of Minutes Book) **relating to Park Regulations – Camping for special events at Burt Morris Park. Roll call vote, Hilson, Jensen, Kierstyn, Scott, Suhr-voted aye; Marti-no. Motion passed.**

**Motion by Scott, second by Jensen to Approve the Park Camping Application. Roll call vote, Hilson, Jensen, Kierstyn, Scott, Suhr-voted aye; Marti-no. Motion passed.**

**Motion by Scott, second by Jensen to Approve the Police Department Policy Handbook. All voted aye.**

**Motion by Suhr, second by Scott to Approve Resolution 2014-01R for Temporary Closing of Hazel Street - Main Street to Alley. All voted aye.**

**Motion by Kierstyn, second by Jensen to waive the initial reading and adopt Ordinance 04-2014 (see appendix A of Minutes Book) relating to Water Utility Regulations – Thawing Frozen Services. All voted aye.**

**Motion by Scott, second by Hilson to Approve Resolution 2014-02R Authorizing Fees to be Charged for Burt Morris Park Camping and Thawing of Services. All voted aye.**

**Motion by Jensen, second by Hilson to Approve Payment of Bills. 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