

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on July 18, 2011 in the City Municipal Building.

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

Motion by Suhr, second by Jensen to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2011 meeting as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Report of Standing Committees:

Public Safety Committee:

Discussion/Recommendation Relating to Goggin Street Parking. Kevin Falk objected to this change stating it would impact his business. Kocinski had concerns for his tenants who park on the street. Recommendations were made to refer this back to Council requesting that it be sent back to policy for further review.

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

Motions were made to approve the Police Report.

Approval of future meeting dates. Discussion on cost savings to holding meetings every other month or as requested was discussed. Motions were made to hold meetings every other month or as requested if something needs to be addressed earlier.

Personnel Committee:

Members attending were Scott, Kierstyn and Jensen. Others attending were Mayor Baumgartner, Administrator Ellisor, Terry McConnell and Alderperson Marti.

Motions were made to Adjourn from Open Session and Reconvene in Closed Session for Considering Dismissal, Demotion, Licensing or Discipline, Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of Public Employee – SS 19.85(1)(b) and 19.85(1)(c).

The Closed Session was called to order. On roll call were the members listed above.

No decision to be rendered.

Motions were made to adjourn the closed session.

Public Works Committee:

In Petitions and Communications: Question was raised about the warning siren. Administrator Ellisor stated that a company near Stevens Point has been contacted about repairing the faulty siren. Administrator Ellisor advised that the Public Works Department is extremely short staffed due to health issues and a death in the family.

Sewer Credit – 332 S. Watts St.: A sewer credit request submitted on behalf of Joyce Moore at 332 S. Watts St. was reviewed by Committee. Her outside garden hose was turned on and left running without her knowledge. Motions were made to approve the sewer credit request.

Burt Morris Park Foot Bridge: The foot bridge is nearing completion and turning out very well. The DPW crew was commended for their work on the bridge. It was reminded that progress on the bridge may be held up due to the staffing shortage in the Department.

E.D.A South Business Park Project: Status is the same pending the internal EDA review of right-of-way maps and title information

West Liberty Street/Ann Street Project: Notice of award has been issued to Gasser Construction. Currently awaiting return of project schedule.

Fire District:

Lengthy discussion was held on the district agreement.

Motions were made to approve the Finance Report.

Phone service discussed (some changes to be made). Discussed the storage bays with Friendship.

Chief's Report:

There were 7 calls.

Discussions were held regarding the problems with the siren. The budget was also discussed.

Report of City Officers:

Mayor Baumgartner: Reported that the parking on Goggin Street was referred to the Policy Committee. The City Centennial meeting in conjunction with the Historical Society and the Adams County Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building and she invited anyone that wishes to attend.

Administrator Ellisor: Reported that the short staffing at Public Works has improved as Jeff Moore and Bruce Bain have returned. There has been additional progress on the bridge and all who were involved in it have done an excellent job. The footings for the salt/storage structure have been excavated today. We received a second draw-down from the COPS Grant in the amount of \$15,801 for the previous three months. The EDA project is status quo. He stated that he met with the Disch's at the former "Red Bone" property prior to the meeting. He stated that it was very encouraging and quite a bit to look forward to. They went over a site plan that will go to the planning commission where it will get finalized. He believes you will be quite pleased in what you see, as they (the Disch's) have positive modifications for the property, and now plan to retain the former Beaver Pub building and have future use for that.

Attorney Pollex: Reported that it has been busy the last two weeks. He has processed the abatement actions for perpetual nuisances and improper maintenance. The City has made a lot of headway on cleanup of properties. He would like to make recognition to the Police Department as they have been very involved in the enforcement of the former Lumby property on Kenwood. The department made sure the enforcement kept moving forward, which is a night and day improvement. He and Administrator Ellisor have met on the ongoing dispute with the Railroad; he is waiting for some additional information from the City's Insurance Company.

He updated the Council on the status of the two houses to be razed from the last Council meeting. One property is the old Sigafus property on North Linden and the other was the Bass-Alderman property on Elm Street, which has now changed hands and is owned by the County by tax foreclosure. Both are in the "eighth-inning" of the raze process. After Council authorized the two houses to be razed at the last Council meeting, and the Mayor signed the Notice and Order to Raze documents that instructs the person to tear it down or raze it themselves. Those papers are in the process of being personally served upon the two owners, which has not been easy as one owner is in Southern Wisconsin and the other is possibly incarcerated. If we can't get them to get rid of it, the City will then raze the buildings and place the bill for it on the tax rolls.

Administrator Ellisor will place the demolition project up for bids to various local companies that do that. He asks that if anyone is in the business to do that and is properly licensed and insured, to contact Administrator Ellisor. Hopefully the houses will be gone before September, but if not, September will be when the City will be taking them down.

He has spoke with the County Treasurer about a possible cost share, and then to be applied to the tax base for whoever will eventually become the new owner, when the County puts it up for sale. He feels that he will continue with the raze process, finalize it, then see who pays for what, as they (the County) are technically, the owner. He was at pre-trials from 9:00 a.m. until almost 1:00 p.m. and there are a couple pre-trials this Wednesday regarding liquor licenses. Chief Hanson, as well as the State witness will appear telephonically. He received notice of the semi-annual audit from our insurer that he will be preparing a status report on. He also received a notice of a pending class action that the City may reap the benefit of as an unknown, but an adversely affected municipality. We may be in line for some funds if he can put us in the correct "pigeon whole" as far as the settlement will go.

New and Unfinished Business:

Motion by Marti, second by Kierstyn to waive the park fee for use of Lion's Park to Adams County Chamber of Commerce for the Crazy Days Craft Fair August 6, 2011. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Motion by Marti, second by Jensen to approve issuance of a Class A Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquor License to Donna Disch for Highway 13 Liquor and Cheese Store. Contingent upon the Adams County Board accepting the offer to purchase. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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