

**City of Ada**  
**Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – January 4, 2011**

**Members present:** Mayor Ellefson, Members Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault.

**Others present:** Shelley Kappes, Tom Opheim, Vern Habeck, Wade & Sue Krohmer, Brian Rasmusson, John Kappes, KRJB representative, Gerrie Aasland, Tyson – Moore Engineering, Steve Petry, and others.

**Oath of Office.** Attorney Tom Opheim administered the Oath of Office to Rod Erickson, Jim Austinson, and Cindy Peterson.

**III.** Consent agenda. Listed on the consent agenda was: December 7, 2010 council meeting minutes, City pre – paid checks, City accounts payable in the amount of \$60,690.66.

**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Peterson to approve the consent agenda. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**V.** Approve agenda. Added to the agenda was: approve hiring warming house attendants, gate valve project payment, Sellin claim, approve liquor license request, gambling funds request, and meter reading.

**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Peterson to approve the agenda with changes. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**VI. A.** Mayor's report. Mayor Ellefson read the State of the City statement.

**B.** Dekko Community Center. Approve hiring warming house attendants at the skating rink.

**Motion by Member Robertson, second by Member Austinson to approve hiring Kenny Anderson, Jacob Anderson, and Jeff Petrik as warming house attendants. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**C.** Planning & Zoning. They will be getting the opinion of the City Attorney about the interpretation of the ordinance regarding items in the boulevard.

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**D. Public Safety.** Wade apologized for not being at the previous council meeting. He also expressed his disappointment about what was discussed on the Kaleidoscope program when the council was on the radio.

**E. 3. Public Works Board.** Brian stated that he whole heartedly agreed with what Wade had stated. Meter reading. Member Erickson stated that he had received questions from citizens wondering what the cost savings is to the City to have the automatic meter reading system. Member Pinsonneault went over the potential cost savings to the City that he had researched before bringing the issue up at the council meeting. He stated that although the City wouldn't start seeing savings until a few years down the road, if the City didn't spend the money now to jump start the project, the City wouldn't ever have the potential to save. Mayor Ellefson expressed his concern about this not going through the committee and that the council didn't get to see any quotes.

**Motion by Member Erickson, second by Member Edward to refer the technical side of the automatic meter reading to the Public Works Board for review. Members voting for: Erickson, Edwards. Against: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Motion failed.**

**1. Gate Valve Project.** Tyson had a final partial payment #3 for Key Contracting in the amount of \$20,681.20 which includes a change order for \$3,370.00.

**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Peterson to approve the final partial payment for Key Contracting in the amount of \$20,681.20. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**2. Sellin Brothers claim.** They have filed a claim in regards to the extra costs in relation to the soil conditions. Tom recommended hiring a construction loss specialist to help the City with this claim.

**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Hansen to approve spending up to \$10,000 to hire a construction loss specialist. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**D. 2. Public Safety.** Approve hiring new firefighters.

**Motion by Member Robertson, second by Member Edwards to approve hiring Scott Erickson, Blaine Erickson, Austin Rasmusson, Randy Peterson, Mike Sorenson, Nick**

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**Prethero, and Miguel Macias as firefighters. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

F. Economic Development Authority. Nothing for action.

G. 1. a. Finance & Labor committee. Approve liquor license for TR's PattyShack – Traci Rud.

**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Austinson to approve the liquor license for TR's PattyShack – Traci Rud pending State approval and the proper insurance.**

**Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

b. Approve training at Clerk's Institute. This cross - training would be for Kristi Henderson to attend the Clerk's Institute. This is for one week per year for three years.

**Motion by Member Hansen, second by Member Peterson to allow Kristi Henderson to attend the Clerk's Institute. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

2. Liquor Store. Gerrie presented her report to the council.

VIII. A. New business. Choose Kaleidoscope reps. Members Edwards and Robertson volunteered.

B. Approve Resolution 2011-01-01 – setting garbage collection rates. The change is due to the fuel surcharge.

**Motion by Member Hansen, second by Member Edwards to approve Resolution 2011-01-01. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

C. Accept committee appointments. Mayor Ellefson presented the committee appointments to the council. One change noted was Cindy Peterson will go off the Planning & Zoning committee and go on the Dekko Committee and Jim Hansen will go off the Dekko Committee and go on the Planning & Zoning Committee.

**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Erickson to approve the committee appointments.**

**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Erickson to amend the motion to have Diane Ista on the Dekko Committee instead of Dave Solseng. Members voting for the amendment to the motion: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**Members voting for the original motion as amended: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

D. Designate official city depositories.

**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Austinson to approve Frandsen Bank and Trust, Bank of the West – Ada, American Federal Bank, MBIA (4M Fund), Smith Barney, Bancwest Investment Services (Bank of the West) as the official City depositories. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

E. Designate official newspaper.

**Motion by Member Robertson, second by Member Peterson to designate the Norman County Index as the official newspaper. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

F. Designate City Attorney. Two quotes were received for city attorney. One from Opheim Law Office and one from Rust, Stock, Rasmusson and Knutson, PA. The council discussed and compared both quotes.

**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Erickson to designate Opheim Law Office as the City Attorney. Members voting for: Edwards, Erickson. Against: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Motion failed.**

**Motion by Member Pinsonneault, second by Member Austinson to have a special meeting with the two attorney firms to go over the proposals. Discussion: Anne Rasmusson was contacted to clarify details in her proposal. Members voting for: None. Against: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Motion failed.**

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G. Set date, time and location of meetings for 2011.

**Motion by Member Austinson, second by Member Edwards to set the council meetings as the first Tuesday after the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

H. SHIP Grant. The council would need to authorize signing the grant agreement.

**Motion by Member Hansen, second by Member Edwards to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the SHIP Grant agreement. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

I. Gambling funds request. Member Robertson stated that she received a request from Tonya Kemper – Vocal / Music Specialist at the Ada – Borup School requesting funds to help purchase new risers. The total cost is \$5,408.00 for the risers. Candy mentioned maybe donating about \$1,500 of the gambling funds towards the risers. Shelley stated that there \$4,300 available in the fund.

**Motion by Member Robertson, second by Member Peterson to donate \$1,500 of the gambling funds towards the music risers. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: Erickson. Motion passed.**

**IX. Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Members voting for: Austinson, Robertson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Shelley Kappes  
City Clerk / Treasurer

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Jim Ellefson  
Mayor