

**City of Ada**  
**Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting**  
**August 6, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Members absent:** Member Robertson.

**Others present:** Shelley Kappes, Anne Rasmusson, Tim Halle, Eric Robb, Steve Petry, Jody Bueng, John Kappes, Brian Rasmusson, Gerrie Aasland, and others.

**III. Citizens forum.** None.

**IV. Consent agenda.** Listed on the consent agenda was July 10, 26, 31 & August 1, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes, City pre – paid checks, City Accounts Payable in the amount of \$209,502.11.

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

**V. Approve agenda.** Added to the agenda was: Bonfire request, Township contracts, junk cars – blight letters, Liquor liability insurance, website training, Watershed request, salary study, Police Chief questions, Jake brakes, closed session – pending litigation, noise ordinance, Public Works pole, labor negotiations status.

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

**VI. A. 1.** Mayor's report. Attorney updates. Anne will provide her updates as the items come on the agenda.

**B. 1. Public Works.** Beaver Dam removal. Member Edwards stated that with the beavers gone it would be a good time to go in and remove the dams. Visser Trenching stated that they would be able to do this work.

**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Pinsonneault to hire Visser Trenching to remove the beaver dams. Members voting for: Austinson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**2. Moore Engineering.** Not present at meeting.

**3. Electrical pole situation.** John explained what happened when the pole fell over on Highway 9. The insurance company has been notified and a claim has been filed. It appeared the contractor for the Hwy 9 project dug too close to the pole, causing it to be unstable and fall.

**C. 1. Dekko Center.** Library door replacement. The back door to the library is in poor condition. Eric is checking on the costs for replacement.

**2. Bonfire request.** The Library would like to have a contained bonfire at the sand volleyball courts.

**Motion by Member Hansen, second by Member Edwards to approve the request for the Library to have a bonfire in the sand volleyball courts. Members voting for: Austinson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**D. 1. Public Safety. Fire department budget changes.** Steve stated that he would like to move money from training, registrations, and printing to cover equipment purchases and repairs.

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

**2. Township fire contracts.** The townships would like to meet with the council. Shelley will work with the townships to set up a meeting date.

**3. Junk cars – blight letters.** The council questioned where the police department was at with some junk cars around town. Interim Chief Bueng stated he is working on the issues with those vehicles. Shelley is going to go through the letters she sent out to make sure they have all complied with the letters.

**4. Jake brakes.** Shelley stated she is getting a couple of sample ordinances from the League.

**5. Noise ordinance.** Member Pinsonneault questioned if something needs to be changed in the ordinance to allow for the races to go past 10:00 p.m. This will be checked into.

**E. 1. Finance / Labor committee. Clerk / Treasurer report.** Shelley stated that the LGA came in and the bond proceeds will be coming shortly.

**2. Liquor liability insurance.** Shelley stated that this needs to be renewed and the renewal rate is \$7,330.00 with Kappes – Leiran Agency.

**Motion by Member Erickson, second by Member Edwards to approve the Liquor liability insurance with a rate of \$7,330.00. Members voting for: Austinson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**3. Labor negotiations update.** Mayor Ellefson stated that there are several items that need to be addressed and they will be meeting with the labor attorney and then with the union.

**4. Liquor Store Manager report.** Gerrie gave her financial report. She also stated that the walk – in cooler needs replacing. Gerrie is doing some checking on this.

**F. Planning and Zoning.** Nothing for action.

**G. 1. Economic Development Authority. Ride Tek, Inc request.** Ride Tek is requesting to be reimbursed for cleaning that needed to be done before they could occupy the building. Member Edwards stated that there was an assumption from Ride Tek that the building would be cleaned before they would be in there. Anne stated that she went over the lease with them very thoroughly and especially expressed that the council did not have any interest in putting any money into the building and that is one of the reasons the rent is so low.

**Motion by Member Erickson, second by Member Peterson to deny the request from Ride Tek, Inc. Member Erickson withdrew his motion and Member Peterson withdrew her second to the motion.**

**Motion by Member Erickson, second by Member Edwards to have the EDA meet with Ride Tek and come back to the council with a recommendation. Members voting for: Austinson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**2. Website training.** Shelley is setting up a training time and is getting answers on why the ‘contact us’ feature isn’t working.

**VII. A. Old business. Highway 9 financing options – Second reading – Ordinance 450 – establishing water, sewer, electric rates.**

**Motion by Member Erickson, second by Member Hansen to approve the second reading of Ordinance 450. Members voting for: Austinson, Peterson, Erickson, Hansen. Against: Edwards, Pinsonneault. Motion passed.**

**VIII. A. New business. Choose Kaleidoscope reps.** Member Edwards volunteered.

**B. Approve Resolution 2012-08-01 – authorizing the sale of property to Wayne Lee / John Germolus Tenants in Common.**

**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Peterson to approve Resolution 2012-08-01. Members voting for: Austinson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**C. Questions to ask the police chief applicants.** The city attorney will put together a list of questions for the applicants to be turned in before they do the phone interviews. This would insure they at least qualified for the position.

**D. Watershed Request.** The Watershed has asked if the City has any interest in a piece of property just off Highway 9.

**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Pinsonneault stating the City doesn't have any interest in the property as stated by the Watershed. Members voting for: Austinson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**E. Salary study.** Mayor Ellefson stated that there is currently two department heads that are paid hourly and if they would like to pay them salary, there would need to be a salary study done. Each study would take about 3 hours and cost \$600 total.

**Motion by Member Pinsonneault, second by Member Erickson to authorize a salary study to be performed for the two department heads for a cost of \$600.00. Members voting for: Austinson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**F. Closed session.**

**Motion by Member Erickson, second by Member Edwards to close the meeting at 7:35 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Members voting for: Austinson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

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**Motion by Member Edwards, second by Member Erickson to open the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Members voting for: Austinson, Peterson, Erickson, Edwards, Hansen, Pinsonneault. Against: None. Motion passed.**

**IX. Motion by Member Peterson, second by Member Austinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Members voting for: Austinson, 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