

City of Ada, MN
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
October 8, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Mayor Dennis K. Roux, Vice-Mayor Rodney Erickson and Council Members James Austinson, Richard Pinsonneault, James Hansen, Candy Robertson, Craig Edwards and Cindy Peterson.

Members absent: None

Others present: City Administrator Paul H. Poczobut Jr., City Attorney Joshua Heggem, Public Works Superintendents Brian Rasmusson, Todd Sawry, Joel Smith of Arvig, Debra Roesch, Butch Johnson and Valerie Thom.

III. Citizen Forum – None.

IV. Consent Agenda. Listed on the consent agenda was: September 3, 9 and Citizen/Business Forum 24th, 2013 Council Meeting minutes, City Pre-paid checks in the amount of \$700,752.35 and City Accounts payable in the amount of \$76,808.77.

Motion made by Councilwoman Candy Robertson and seconded by Councilwoman Cindy Peterson to approve the Consent Agenda. Members voting for: Vice-Mayor Erickson, Councilwomen Robertson and Peterson, Councilmen Hansen, Pinsonneault, and Austinson. Members against: None. Motion passed.

V. Approve Agenda. Mayor Roux requested additions to the agenda, update on City Administrators Financial Update training, Ada Promotions presentation by Mark Potucek, discussion on an exit interview of Dekko Director. Vice-Mayor Erickson requested discussion on legal fees. City Attorney requested to add Closed Session for preliminary consideration of allegations or complaint of an individual subject to the council's authority.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Erickson and seconded by Councilwomen Peterson to approve the agenda with modifications. Members voting for: Vice-Mayor Erickson, Councilmen Austinson, Hansen and Pinsonneault, Councilwomen Peterson and Robertson. Members Against: None. Motion passed.

VI. External Presentations with possible discussion and decision.

- A. Elliott Myers Eagle Scout Project update. Presented his completed Eagle Scout project at the gazebo at the cemetery. He requested funding assistance from the council.

Motion made by Councilman Pinsonneault and seconded by Candy Robertson to donate \$500. Members voting for: Vice-Mayor Erickson, Councilmen Austinson, Hansen and Pinsonneault, Councilwomen Peterson and Robertson. Members Against: None. Motion passed.

B. Brandon Stene requested donation from the City Council to assist in funding a People to People Student Ambassador to Europe trip next summer.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Erickson and seconded by Councilman Austinson to provide \$500 towards the trip. Members voting for: Vice-Mayor Erickson, Councilmen Austinson, Hansen and Pinsonneault, Councilwomen Peterson and Robertson. Members Against: None. Motion passed.

C. Valerie Thom requested to purchase real property from the City of Ada.

Motion made by Councilman Pinsonneault and was seconded by Councilman Hansen to approve Resolution 2013-10-1 The Sale of Property to Steven and Valerie Thom. Members voting for: Vice-Mayor Erickson, Councilmen Austinson, Hansen and Pinsonneault, Councilwomen Peterson and Robertson. Members Against: None. Motion passed.

D. Presentation made by Delores Adkins, CEO of AI's Garbage for a request to renew the garbage collection for five years.

Motion made by Councilman Pinsonneault and seconded by Vice-Mayor Erickson to approve the AI's Refuse Collection Agreement as presented. Members voting for: Vice-Mayor Erickson, Councilmen Austinson, Hansen and Pinsonneault, Councilwomen Peterson and Robertson. Members Against: None. Motion passed.

E. Franchise Agreement with Arvig. Joel Smith discussed the contract with the City Council and proposed changes provided by the City Attorney. The consensus was that the Vice-Mayor, Mayor and City Attorney work with Joel Smith of Arvig to negotiate an agreement that could be brought back to the council for a vote.

F. Butch Johnson, Debra Roesch and Kevin Roesch discussed their sewer issue with the city council to determine action they could take to receive any assistance from the city. The council discussed changing the sewer ordinance. The City Attorney presented the idea of having the ordinance leave the responsibility with the property owner but allow the flexibility to assess the repairs to the taxes as an assessment if petitioned by the property owner.

G. Mark Potucek, President of Ada Promotions – Mr. Potucek spoke of Ada Promotions preliminary stages of dealing with Red River Coop of Halstead on a loan program to

build a speculation building. The need for a grant writer to write the grant request. They would also like to see Cougar Addition Phase II get started.

- H. Todd Sawry of Ada EDA – He spoke of the businesses of the North Dakota oil field coalition are looking east into opening businesses and that maybe Ada should be looking at the west for attracting businesses. He also made a proposal to the City Council to fund \$60,000 a year for the next three or four years to grants and 0% interest loans for a 50/50 grant to loan, EDA would have proposals brought to them about three to four per year to dress up their storefronts. Mark Potucek support Mr. Sawry's idea for the storefront loans because he took advantage of it previously and really help establish his business. Mr. Sawry also spoke of having a marketing strategy funded for 2015.

VII. Reports of Department Heads and Committees

A. Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Report

1. Reviewed financials for August 2013. The profit and loss summary was presented. Additionally, an analysis of August revenues and expenditures were explained.
2. The consensus of the City Council was that the Citizen/Business Forum was a success and should be held annually.
3. The Mayor spoke of the wireless versus wired microphone system. Mayor Roux indicated that he will bring this issue back with a better recommendation.

B. Public Works Board

1. Brian Rasmusson, Public Works Director and Tyson Hajicek, City Engineer discussed Well #3 as the casing is the problem and therefore it is not operational. Mr. Hajicek discussed how he would determine an estimate for a new well with several test holes to drill. Councilman Edwards asked if it was possible to put it in near Well #3. Mr. Rasmusson indicated that the Creamery well produced really good water but that it is in the same vein as the current wells and we may want to try to find a different vein so that if something goes bad with Well #4 and the vein is bad that we have another Well not in the same vein.

Motion was made by Councilman Pinsonneault and seconded by Vice-Mayor Erickson to have Mr. Hajicek come back with cost estimates for a new Well. Members voting for: Vice-Mayor Erickson, Councilmen Austinson, Hansen and Pinsonneault, Councilwomen Peterson and Robertson. Members Against: None. Motion passed.

