



**Special Joint Meeting of the Adrian City Council
and Adrian Public Utilities Commission
Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 7:00 am**

Adrian Government Center, Council Chambers, 209 Maine Avenue, Suite 106, Adrian, MN

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Edwards called a special meeting of the Adrian City Council to order at 7:04 a.m. By quorum the PUC portion of the meeting is acknowledged.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

Roll Call indicated the following present:

City Council Members: Mayor David Edwards, Tracy Kunkel, Steve Kellen, and Dean Von Holtum

Absent; Dylan Carlberg

Commissioners: Al Cox, Chad Loosbrock, and Tannar Heronimus

Absent; Jared Henriksen, Brent Henning

Department Heads: Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer – Sheri Platt, PW Crew Leader- Kendal Kane

Staff: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer - Rita Boltjes, Community Assistant – Sarah Lenz

Guests: Fire Dept – Dallas Sieve

4. **Financing and purchasing of equipment for the City and PUC**

Fire Truck: The Mayor explained that the Fire Department approached the council at their regular meeting in June regarding the need for a new pumper truck. After the council meeting, the Fire Department had a meeting with the sales representative and the truck that was available at that time had been sold. The cost of the truck that was now available was more than they were quoted for the previous one available. The Mayor attended the July PUC meeting to ask for funding for the fire truck. With 3 out of the 5 members in attendance at the PUC meeting, the Mayor asked if they would be open to the special meeting to discuss. The current financial synopsis was reviewed, noting the total cost of the new truck approved at the July city council meeting. Fire ER funds would fall short by approximately \$147,961.95. The PUC members addressed the following concerns; current interest rates, the city infrastructure is failing, and the transformer. Advice given from PUC to Fire Department would be to seek grants and look into fundraisers. After PUC discussion, motion by Heronimus, second by Cox to approve the transfer of \$73,981 which represents half of the shortfall.

Side by Side: The PUC members in attendance were informed the council approved the request for a side-by-side purchase. Seeking approval for this to be a 75% city, 25% PUC purchase. After discussion, the consensus of the PUC was to not approve funding for a side-by-side at this time. Motion by Von Holtum, second by Kunkel to approve the funding for the side-by-side, 100% from the city. 4/0

Other: Utility Commissioner Loosbrock expressed his concern with communication among administration, city council, and PUC. After discussion, consensus that PUC will receive an unofficial copy of the city council minutes with their agenda packet moving forward. If an issue arises that needs to be resolved, a joint meeting of the city council and PUC will be requested.

5. **Adjournment** With no further City Council business, motion by Kunkel, second by Von Holtum, carried to adjourn at 7:54 a.m. 4/0.