

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ADRIAN CITY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY
HALL MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Faber at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated the following present:

Mayor/Councilmember's: John Faber, Robert Wiese, Denny Kruger, Ron Lonneman

Absent: Don Shorter

Dept. Heads: Admin/Clerk-Treasurer Bruce A. Heitkamp, Utilities Superintendent Terry Miller, Police Chief Shawn Langseth

City Staff: Deputy Clerk/Administrator Rita Boltjes (arrived at 8:13 P.M.)

Guests: Argonne Post 32 Commander Bob Wolf, Jeri Kruger, Monty Reker, Cindy Wolf, Orvin Green, Anne LeBrun, Vicky Croat, Rhonda Schmidt, Dave Edwards, Etta Schroeder, Dave Eickhoff, Jim & Mary Kraft, Steve Kellen, Kay Cox, Kathy Burzlaff, Kristine Kern, Patty Thier, Jolene Wieneke, Lezlee Roemeling, Elaine & Steve Ashby, Karen Sachen, Cindy Heitkamp, Connie Kunkel, Suzi Lonneman, Francis Lonneman, Lorie Weiss, Linda Reese, Dorothy Hector, Cheryl Dinsmore, Terri Taylor, James Ruppert, June Ailts, Sandy Demuth, and Gary & Melody Ailts

ARGONNE POST #32; Construction of a New Legion Building: Wolf reported that Argonne Post #32 was ready to build a new Legion Building on the Legions property and the former Fodness property; which is presently owned by the City. Wolf shared the goal of, once again, having all of the Legion's assets under one roof. Wolf requested the Fodness land be transferred to Argonne Post #32. Wolf shared the building's blue prints with the Council. Faber stated that City Permits would need to be filled out and ADA inspector Bill Boltjes would have to be consulted prior to construction. With the discussion complete; Wiese moved, second by Lonneman, motion carried to begin the preparation to the abstract of the property and to waive any City permit fees during the construction process (other than ADA). It was noted that ADA inspection was obtained through a third-party inspector. There will be ADA inspection fees for the Legion to pay. RCV 4-yes, 0-no

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Kruger, second by Wiese, motion carried to approve the following consent agenda items. RCV 4-yes, 0-no

FINANCES; Accounts Payable/Pledge Securities: The above motion carried to approve all the financial data provided. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ADRIAN THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AND THAT THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK-TREAS. ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE FUNDS ARE SUFFICIENTLY PROTECTED BY FDIC AND PLEDGE SECURITIES: Total Expenditures: \$134,692.33 (Res #756 AP Bk 7)

Fire Relief Assn Investments: Merrill Lynch 7/29/11

MINUTES: The above motion carried to approve/acknowledge receipt of the minutes/reports.

PERMITS/LICENSES: The previous motion, which carried to approve finances and minutes, also approves the permit/licenses, as submitted, contingent upon the Utilities Superintendent, Police Chief, and ADA Inspector Boltjes' approval, as necessary, and submission of all pertinent information and documents, as required: Zoning, Sidewalk Removal.

Sidewalk Removal; 217 Delaware Avenue: Ruppert stated that he wasn't aware that prior permission was needed for removal of a sidewalk. Ruppert shared that he removed his sidewalk along 3rd Street West because it was in poor condition and dangerous to be traveled upon. Ruppert reported that very few people used the sidewalk. The adjoining properties either didn't have a sidewalk or the neighbor's sidewalks were in poor condition. Faber explained why the sidewalk ordinance was adopted. The Council then held discussion regarding this mutually-exclusive sidewalk-removal event. After discussion, motion by Lonneman, second by Kruger, motion carried to allow the removal of the Ruppert's sidewalk at 217 Delaware Avenue without the replacement of a new sidewalk. RCV 4-yes, 0-no

ADRIAN COUNTRY LIVING; Public Input: Mayor Faber addressed the meeting guests as he requested time to share some excerpts from a "Letter to the Editor" that appeared in the August 17, 2011 Nobles County Review newspaper. Faber noted the inaccuracies of the letter regarding the Adrian Country Living Nursing Home. After Faber stated his points, the Council allowed a 30-minute period in which the guests could address the Council. Guests independently stood up and shared some concerns and some compliments regarding the provider, ElderCare of Minnesota. After the guests had an opportunity to speak, the Councilmember's addressed the crowd's concerns. The Council posed the question of whether some members of the crowd's concerns were the provider's fault or whether they were industry concerns stemming from the economy, legislative mandates, and nursing home reimbursements. Faber stated that State agencies have audited the nursing home and gave very few citations. The City Council addressed the need for the nursing home sale and requested that everyone keep an open mind in regards to the nursing home sale. The Council ended the discussion by stating the City would always be a stakeholder in all of Adrian's health-care related properties and businesses.

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2012 BUDGET; Wage Increases: The Council discussed a cost-of-living increase for staff in 2012. After discussion, Kruger moved to offer a 2% increase to off-the-chart staff, there was no second to that motion. Wiese moved to offer a 1.5% increase to off-the-chart staff, there was also no second to that motion either. The Council held more discussion regarding the wages. After discussion, Lonneman moved, Wiese second, the motion carried to not offer a cost of living increase to employees in 2012 and to continue the wage chart and longevity activity as it is normally scheduled. RCV 3-yes (Lonneman, Wiese, Faber), 1-no (Kruger)

14.4% Health Insurance Increase: Heitkamp explained the 14.4% health insurance increase that was offered by the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative (SW/WC). The preliminary budget reflected an estimate of a 17% increase. Therefore, the 14.4% increase offered a decrease in the overall expenses within the budget.

Resolution #448-2011; 2012 Preliminary Budget/Levy: Lonneman moved, second by Kruger, motion carried to approve Resolution #448-2011. Resolution #448-2011 approves the following preliminary City of Adrian levy and its corresponding preliminary budget: RCV 4-yes, 0-no

General Purpose Levy	\$334,034.00
Bond Indebtedness	<u>\$136,859.00</u>
Total Preliminary Levy	\$470,893.00

The Resolution also approved the following meetings in conjunction with the levy and budget process:

Public Input Meeting	November 28, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.
Final Levy/Budget Adoption	December 21, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Heitkamp was directed to forward Resolution #448-2011 and the corresponding levy sheet to Nobles County Auditor/Treasurer Sharon Balster prior to the September 15, 2011 deadline.

CITY ANNEXATION: Faber explained that documentation regarding city boundary changes was included in the agenda packet. The Council discussed this document and the potential for possible annexation action. The Council discussed the procedures and the various methods of annexation. The Council will discuss this further as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority continues to investigate a housing development.

SMALL CITIES GRANT: Heitkamp explained that community meetings will be advertised in conjunction with the application process for the Small Cities Grant. The Elementary School's cafeteria will be used for the meetings; which will take place on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. The owner-occupied housing resident meeting will be at 6:30 P.M. and the renter-occupied residents/land lord meeting will be at 7:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business appearing, Lonneman moved, second by Wiese, motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:47 P.M. RCV 4-yes, 0-no

Admin/Clerk-Treas; Bruce A. Heitkamp

Mayor; John W. Faber