

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ADRIAN HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF CITY HALL, TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the public hearing was called to order by Mayor Robert Wiese at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated the following present:

Mayor/Councilmember's: Robert Wiese, Ron Lonneman, Dean Von Holtum, & Joe Hornstein

Absent: Don Shorter

Dept. Head: Administrator/Clerk-Treas. Bruce A. Heitkamp and Police Chief Shawn Langseth

City Attorney: Brian J. Daiker

Township Representatives: Olney Township's Lane Erlandson and Westside Township's Steve Ashby, Karen Cook, and Dan Matthiesen

Members of the Public; Larry & Lori Voss, Steve Kellen, Jaime & Christale Castaneda, Jim LeBrun, David Edwards, Patty Nursday, Tony & Nancy Konz, Doug Berning, and Alan Cox

CITY OF ADRIAN; INTENT OF ORDERLY-ANNEXATION PROCESS: Wiese expressed the City Council's intent to annex the following properties:

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| • 14-0101-500 | City of Adrian | The Adrian Well Field |
| • 14-0114-000 | Adrian Ind. Dev't Corp. (AIDC) | AIDC's new property |
| • 14-0114-500 | Larry J & Lori J Voss | 25518 State HWY 91 56110 |
| • 14-0114-250 | Sheena K Getzel (Eidhammer) | 826 Maine Av S 56110 |
| • 14-0110-500 | James & Anne LeBrun | 500 8 th ST E 56110 |
| • 14-0107-000 | Anthony V & Nancy J Konz | 16520 250 TH ST 56110 |
| • 18-0075-100 | Jaime Ybarra Castaneda | 15474 250 TH ST 56110 |
| • 18-0135-000 | Reisdorfer Family LLLP | East pasture/hay field |
| • 18-0138-000 | Reisdorfer Family LLLP | West pasture/hay field |
| • 18-0131-000 | Reisdorfer Family LLLP | 15501 250 th Street |
| • 18-0075-500 | Village of Adrian | West of Water Tower |

The Adrian Industrial Development Corporation wrote a letter requesting their newly-acquired land be annexed into the City of Adrian. All other proposed properties are either owned by the City or are already receiving services from the City and/or the Adrian Public Utilities Commission. Wiese asked his fellow Councilmembers if they had initial comments. Hornstein, Von Holtum, and Lonneman each confirmed the City's intent to annex the fore-mentioned properties into the City.

ORDERLY ANNEXATION PROCESS: Daiker explained the annexation will commence and an orderly annexation process is desired. An orderly annexation process allows the City and the Townships (Westside and Olney) to manage and plan the proposed boundary adjustment in an orderly and managed approach. Alternative annexation processes, through the courts, often are dictated to local officials by personnel that may not know the area and the events leading to the boundary adjustment. A process through the court system takes longer and is more expensive for everyone involved. After Daiker's comments, Wiese opened the public comment portion of the hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT; Land Owners and Township Representatives: The following is a synopsis of statements made by the members of the public:

- Illustrated general concern regarding City standards for: religious gatherings, noise levels, farm animals, mowing, and whether entire acreages would be annexed.
- Illustrated concern for the loss of tax base in Olney Township.
- As a notice was offered, township representatives were interested in what was proposed.
- Clarification was asked as to why annexation is taking place at this time. Resident doubted anyone wanted to build in Adrian; thus annexation isn't necessary.
- Questioned if additional services would be provided to residents as a part of annexation. Will they lose the ability to host and own farm animals?
- Indicated they built and improved their property believing they would be a part of a less-expensive taxing entity. Now concerned about future tax liability. They have limited utility options to choose from. They do not oppose growth in Adrian; they support it.
- Indicated that housing is in demand in Adrian. The Adrian Industrial Development Corporation is a community entity with a mission of bettering Adrian. Industry isn't knocking on Adrian's doorstep but people do want to build and live in Adrian.
- Concern was voiced about taxes and what the increase in taxes would be. Also; would the street plow maintain the public portion of the road leading to their property as a part of the annexation?
- Complements were offered to everyone in attendance for the demeanor of the public hearing.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSES: The City Council responded to the questions. Councilmember consensus is "this" annexation is something that should have occurred years ago. The people in the audience benefitted from City of Adrian services while paying taxes to their respective townships. Zoning questions can be addressed as the annexation process commences. Living standards wouldn't necessarily have to change. The City of Adrian is happy to offer services. Those services are funded through taxes. The City Council believes taxes should be received from everyone who is served.

FUTURE PROCEDURES AND COMMUNICATION: Wiese asked Daiker's advice regarding a means to proceed. Daiker stated that if an orderly annexation process takes place, the respective township boards and Adrian's City Council will sign joint resolutions. These resolutions will then be sent to the Minnesota Municipal Boundary Adjustments Unit to request the boundary adjustments.

ACTION TO PROCEED: motion by Von Holtum, second by Lonneman motion carried directing Daiker and Heitkamp to draft resolutions, send the resolutions to the Olney and Westside Township Boards (respectively), and to request an orderly annexation process to annex the fore-mentioned properties into the City of Adrian. RCV 4-yes, 0-no

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business appearing, motion by Von Holtum, second by Lonneman, motion carried to adjourn at 8:12 P.M. RCV 4-yes, 0-no

/s/ Administrator/Clerk-Treas; Bruce A. Heitkamp

/s/ Mayor; Robert Wiese