

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
 OF THE ADRIAN CITY COUNCIL HELD  
 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL  
 THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Public Hearing were called to order by Mayor Wiese at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated the following present:

Councilmember's: Robert Wiese, Ron Lonneman, Dean Von Holtum, and Don Shorter

Absent: Joe Hornstein

Dept. Heads: Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Bruce A. Heitkamp

Staff: Deputy Richard Bruns

City Attorney: Brian Daiker

Guests: Christale Castaneda, Steven Kellen, Larry Voss, Lori Voss, Patty Reisdorfer, Attorney Reece Almond, Westside Township Supervisor Dan Matthiesen, Sheena (Getzel) Eidhammer, Joan Reisdorfer, & Doug Berning

**PUBLIC HEARING; Annexation of Private Properties that are Presently Served by the Adrian**

**Public Utilities Commission:** Mayor Wiese shared the City of Adrian's intentions to annex the following five (5) Olney Township parcels:

<b><u>Parcel</u></b>	<b><u>Recorded Owner(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Property Address</u></b>
• 14-0114-500	Larry J & Lori J Voss	25518 State Hwy 91, 56110
• 14-0114-250	Sheena K Getzel	826 Maine Av S, 56110
• 14-0115-000	Allen & Rebecca Gengler	820 S. Maine Ave, 56110
• 14-0110-500	Julie Jeffers	500 8 <sup>th</sup> ST E, 56110
• 14-0107-000	Anthony V & Nancy J Konz	16520 250 <sup>th</sup> St, 56110

The City of Adrian also intends to annex four (4) Westside Township parcels:

<b><u>Parcel</u></b>	<b><u>Recorded Owner(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Property Address</u></b>
• 18-0075-100	Jaime Ybarra Castaneda	15474 250 <sup>th</sup> St, 56110
• 18-0135-000	Reisdorfer Family LLLP	west on Sixth Street, 56110
• 18-0138-000	Reisdorfer Family LLLP	west on Sixth Street, 56110
• 18-0131-000	Reisdorfer Family LLLP	15501 250 <sup>th</sup> Street, 56110

Wiese stated the City is seeking an Orderly Annexation Process with the cooperation and assistance of Olney Township and Westside Township. Heitkamp was directed to specifically share the Council's intent to annex the afore-mentioned properties. None of the Councilmembers had comments to supplement Wiese's or Heitkamp's comments.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** After Wiese proclaimed the City's annexation intentions, the hearing was opened for public comment.

**Reece Almond; on behalf of his clients: Larry J & Lori J Voss, Reisdorfer Family LLLP, Jaime**

**Ybarra Castaneda, Sheena K (Getzel) Eidhammer, and Olney Township:** Almond introduced himself and who he represented. A letter was offered to Councilmembers that itemized the concerns of Almond's clients. Almond explained each concern:

**Utilities:** Almond's clients already pay for the services they receive from the Adrian Public Utilities. These utility customers aren't allowed to purchase utilities from other providers because the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission has already granted the City of Adrian rights to sell utilities in his client's areas. Missouri River Energy Service's representatives stated that fees being collected by customers were already enough to pay for the City's financial responsibilities.

**Timing and Strings Attached:** All of these parcels and property owners were enticed to purchase utilities from Adrian's Public Utilities Commission some time ago. They signed up not knowing there would be strings attached and a future annexation process were to occur.

**Benefits:** The pending annexation will not offer any additional benefits to the annexed parties. They were already receiving City services.

**Rural Character of these Properties:** Many of these parcels have livestock that reside on them. These parcels are not urban in character. Almond's clients have concerns regarding future land-use controls.

**Contesting the Process:** Almond stated this annexation process was creating bad blood and was tearing the community into parts. Almond stated that litigation was likely if this annexation process was to proceed. Almond also contested the recently-annexed property of the City of Adrian; and the Adrian Industrial Development Corporation's sale of land to the City prior to annexation.

**General Concerns:** There are additional concerns, general in nature, regarding major watersheds or soil conditions within this area, or having consulted the proper authorities regarding this annexation. No information regarding roads or the fiscal impact the proposed housing development will have on Adrian or his clients. Almond concluded his input at this point of the hearing.

**Patty Reisdorfer:** Reisdorfer stated that she had a conversation with Westside Township's Chair, Gene DeBeer, and he said Westside Township was against Adrian's efforts to annex Westside Township parcels.

**Dan Matthiesen:** When asked by Wiese; Matthiesen, a Westside Township Supervisor, could not validate Reisdorfer's claim that Westside Township objected to this annexation effort.

With no remaining public input being offered, motion by Lonneman, second by Shorter, motion carried to close the public input portion of the hearing. RCV 4-yes, 0-no

**ANNEXATION; Directing an Orderly Annexation or an Annexation by Ordinance Process of the Afore-Mentioned Five (5) Olney Township Parcels and Four (4) Westside Township Parcels:** The Councilmember's briefly discussed the intent to annex the afore-mentioned properties. Prior to a vote, Heitkamp requested clarification of the motion. After clarification, motion by Shorter, second by Lonneman, motion carried directing Daiker to seek an orderly annexation process with both Olney Township and/or Westside Township, respectively. If either township does not express interest in pursuing an orderly annexation process for their areas, within a reasonable amount of time, then Daiker is directed to pursue an annexation by ordinance process. Council-approved compensation amounts will be included in the township's joint-resolution offer. RCV 4-yes, 0-no

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business appearing, motion by Shorter, second by Lonneman, motion carried to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:25 P.M. RCV 4-yes, 0-no

/s/ Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Bruce A. Heitkamp

/s/ Mayor Robert Wiese