



## **City Meeting January 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**

The Adams Board of Commissioners met in regular session, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bell School Auditorium. Mayor Evans, Vice Mayor Hall, and Commissioner Baird present by phone due to Covid.

### **Item 1: Open with A Prayer**

The meeting was called to order and Robert Evans lead in prayer. Mayor Evans requested all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Item 2: Minutes**

Minutes of the December meeting were presented. Evans asked if there were any additions or corrections. With the no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. Hall made a motion to approve minutes. Evans seconded it. All in favor, none opposed.

### **Item 3: Financials**

The financials were presented for December. Hall asked where the Volunteer State Bank CDs funds would be moved to. Mayor Evans mentioned they would be transferred into the general fund LGIP account. Hall made a motion to approve the financials. Baird seconded the motion and the financials were approved. All in favor, none opposed.

### **Item 4: Mowing Bid Update**

City Recorder gave an update on placing the mowing contract out for bids into the Robertson County Connection on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Hall asked if mulching, leaves, bushes, and the city limits signs were in placed in the bid. City Recorder mentioned they were not included but the bid packet states that the contractor may be asked to provide separate quotes during the contract period for those services. Hall requested for all landscaping services be included in one bid for next mowing bid cycle.

### **Item 5: Tree Trimming Quotes**

City Recorder received two quotes for the following trees at Bell School; trim maple tree closer to Highway 41 North, trim maple tree between picnic tables, trim maple tree closet to Bell School building, remove dead maple aligned with flag pole, raise elevation on tree beside Moss's Restaurant, raise elevation on maple trees (2) on other side of Bell School beside fence and carport. Highland Tree Service gave an estimate for \$6,705, which included debris removal, hauling away, and clean up. R&D Tree Service Inc gave an estimate for \$7,200, which included debris removal, hauling away, and clean up. Evans made a motion to hire Highland Tree Service for \$6,705. Hall seconded the motion. A rollcall was made; Baird "Aye", Evans "Aye", and Hall "Aye". Passed 3-0.

**Item 6: Resolution 2023-039**

The city's charter requires the City of Adams to have a city manager position. Mayor Evans talked with the city's attorney and Gary Jaeckel, MTAS Management consultant, about what possibilities the city could take. One option is to hire from within or hire a city manager. The second option is to change charters, which involves a referendum. Resolution 2023-039 is a resolution to hire a City Manager for the City of Adams. The board of commissioners decided during the December meeting to keep the same charter and hire from within or hire a city manager. Mayor Evans made a motion to hire City Recorder, Anna Luke, for \$26.50, starting January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Hall seconded it. A rollcall was made; Baird "Aye", Evans "Aye", and Hall "Aye". Passed 3-0.

**Item 7: West Robertson Water Authority Board Appointment**

Becky Gunn's term for the West Robertson Water Authority Board is up. Rebecca (Becky) Gunn is selected to serve on the board of commissioners, is in good standing and reputation in the field of finance and will serve for an initial term of five (5) years. Mayor Evans appointed Rebecca Gunn for a five (5) year term. Hall made a motion to reinstate Rebecca (Becky Gunn) for the West Robertson Water Authority Board. Baird seconded it. All in favor, none opposed.

**Item 7: West Robertson Water Authority Board Appointment**

Timothy (Timmy) Walker stepped down from his position on the West Robertson Water Authority Board in December 2022. His term was for five (5) years, appointed in February 2021. Mayor Evans appointed Perry Fisher to serve on the board of commissioners and will serve for an initial term of three (3) years, for the remainder of Timmy Walker's place on the board. Evans made a motion to replace Timmy Walker with Perry Fisher on the West Robertson Water Authority Board. Hall seconded it. All in favor, none opposed.

**Item 8: 2023 Beer Permits**

Dollar General and Raj Patel have both paid the beer permits of \$100 per location. The board of commissioners signed beer permits for these locations.

**Item 9: Employee on Leave**

Lisa Jernigan, City Clerk, has requested to use her accumulated vacation and sick days for the months of February and March. Her last day, before leave time, is January 31st, 2023. She is possibly retiring in April and would like for the board to know April 4<sup>th</sup>, if she does use all accumulated leave time, could be her last day. Vice Mayor Hall would like to give her the ability to come back if she decides not to retire in April. Mayor Evans agreed. The board agreed to readdress hiring for the position in March.



### **Item 10: Audit Update**

City Recorder gave the board of commissioners a copy of the city's audit, performed by John Poole, CPA, for the fiscal year 2021-2022. General Fund, Street Fund, and Fire Department fund had a positive net change in the fund balances. The Recreation Club fund had a negative net change in fund balances, due to an increase of uniform expenditures.

**Fire Department** – No one present.

**Rec Club** – Scott Bradley gave an update on the baseball and softball sign ups. Will Harris is handling umpires. Chad Curtis is the baseball commissioner and Jacklyn Dunn is the softball commissioner. Scott requested for keys to concession stand, equipment room, bathrooms, and the new storage building. He mentioned there are alarms sounds coming from inside the concession stand but he wasn't sure what alarm, since he did not have a key. Vice Mayor Hall told Scott, the city recorder would supply him with keys and she would check on the alarm. President Bradley plans to have parents run the concession stands for the 2023 ball season to help fund the recreation club, if it does not get contracted out. Vice Mayor Hall and President Bradley would like for concession stands to be open during practice. If it was, the fee to the contractor would possibly be \$20 per team. Sponsorship letters have been mailed out to previous sponsors. Coaches have been informed to complete a coach's application, background check, abusive training, and concussion training.

### **Other Business:**

Ryan Sneed, resident at 7849 Highway 41 North, had some concerns about the property adjacent, 7851 Highway 41 North, to his. The board approved a concept plan in October 2021 for the property to be improved by Josh Justice, the new property owner. Mr. Sneed asked because the city's attorney is the brother-in-law to the new property owner, Josh Justice, why isn't that a conflict of interest. The board members informed Mr. Sneed that the attorney's name is not on the property and he was temporarily handling legal regulations, specified in the Adams Zoning Ordinance, while the current property owner is in Memphis. Mr. Sneed is concerned with the property continuing as a rental property, wanted to inform the board of commissioners that it could be a problem in the future, and he wasn't happy about it. The board stated they understood and would check with the city's attorney about the concerns.

There being no further business, Vice Mayor Hall moved to adjourned. Mayor Evans seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.