

Adel Adel City Council
November 8, 2022 - Meeting Minutes

The Adel City Council met in regular session at Adel City Hall, 301 S. 10th Street, Adel, Iowa on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Peters called the meeting to order. The following answered roll: Christensen, McAdon, Miller, Selby, and Ockerman.

Staff Present: City Administrator Brown, Finance Director Sandquist, City Attorney Stone, City Clerk Erickson, Public Works Director Overton, Police Officer Delaney, Parks & Recreation Director Schenck, and Police Chief Shepherd.

MAYORAL RECOGNITION

- 1.a. Police Officer Joel Delaney - 5 Years of Service
- 1.b. Parks and Recreation Director Nicholas Schenck - 15 Years of Service

PUBLIC HEARING

- 2.a. An Ordinance Amending the Flood Plain Regulations and Adopting A New Flood Map
Motion by Christensen, seconded by Ockerman, to open the public hearing.
Roll: Ayes - Unanimous. Motion Carried.

No written or oral comments were received.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Selby, to close the public hearing.
Roll: Ayes - Unanimous. Motion Carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- 3.a. Carmen Schwalen, Run Without Reservation Presentation
Carmen Schwalen, a sophomore at ADM High School, shared her efforts in starting a non-profit organization, Run Without Reservation (RwR), after being harrassed on the Raccoon River Valley Trail (RRVT) last November. Schwalen's initial goal is to put blue light safety communication towers along the RRVT. She is working with local organizations (e.g., Dallas County Conservation Board, Dallas County Sheriff Department, Adel Police Department, 911 Commission, Raccoon River Valley Trail Board) to raise funding. The Council agreed that this is a worthy project and commended Schwalen for turning a tragedy she experienced into a positive cause. The Mayor asked City Staff to draft a letter of support.
- 3.b. Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce Update on December 10 T-Mobile Lite-Brite Event - Deb Bengtson, President
Deb Bengtson shared background on the Chamber's and Adel Rotary's Rotary Plaza project, T-Mobile's \$41,566 grant for that project, and T-Mobile's desire to continue partnering with Adel. On Saturday, December 10 in Adel, T-Mobile will display the world's largest Lite Brite display. The Adel Fire Department and the Adel Boy Scouts will have a pancake breakfast and pictures with Santa that morning. Then, residents are encouraged to go over to City Hall & the Library to view the display that will be lit around 10:15 a.m. T-Mobile will be giving out 250 Lite Brites to celebrate.
- 3.c. Robert Fisher – The Lack of Handicap Automatic Doors at the Adel Post Office
Robert Fisher, a resident of Adel, talked about the need for a handicap automatic door at the Adel Post Office. He shared that it is demeaning to have to call the employees to open the doors for him. Mayor Peters stated that the Council hears his frustration over this situation, but unfortunately the City does not have jurisdiction

because the owner of the building is abiding by the federal building accessibility requirements. City Attorney Stone confirmed that Fisher is taking all the right steps to create change by reaching out to the Iowa Civil Rights Commission. Council Member Christensen asked Stone whether the City could file an amicus brief if this issue goes to trial. Stone responded that yes, the City could show support during litigation. Mayor Peters commended Fisher for sharing his firsthand experiences concerning accessibility in the City and he has led the City to make changes to sidewalks and streets because of his input.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.a. Consider Approval of City Minutes Dated October 11, 2022
- 4.b. Consider Approval of October Bills and October 31, 2022 Treasurer's Report
- 4.c. Consider Approval of Alcohol Beverages Division Ownership Amendment for Patrick's Restaurant
- 4.d. Consider Approval of Special Class C Liquor License and Class B Wine Permit for The Morning Grind, LLC (*Pending Dramshop*)
- 4.e. Consider Approval of Ratification of Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Service for Brickyard Burgers & Brews
- 4.f. Consider Approval of Special Class C Liquor License for China Village (*Pending Dramshop*)
- 4.g. Consider Approval of Appointing Bob Ockerman (Primary Member) and James F. Peters (Alternate) as the City's 2023 Representatives on the Dallas County E911 Board
- 4.h. Consider Approval to Ratify Granting Permission to the Family of Bill Kimber to Discharge Fireworks on Friday, October 28, 2022 in Honor of Kimber's Funeral
- 4.i. Consider Approval of Special Event – Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce, T-Mobile Lite Brite – December 10, 2022
- 4.j. Consider Approval of Sound Permit – Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce, T-Mobile Lite Brite – December 10, 2022, S 10th St in front of the Adel Library
- 4.k. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 22-73, Approving Road Closure for a Special Event Known as T-Mobile Lite Brite Event
- 4.l. Consider Approval of Change Order No. 2 for the Adel Water Systems Improvements 2020 – High Service Pump Building
- 4.m. Consider Approval of Pay Application No. 13 (Sub-Final) for the Adel Water System Improvements 2020 – High Service Pump Building
- 4.n. Consider Approval of Pay Application No. 26 for the Adel Wastewater System Improvements 2019 – Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 4.o. Consider Approval of Pay Application No. 10 for the Southbridge Lift Station Improvements – Lift Station
- 4.p. Consider Approval of FY 2021-2022 Annual Finance Report
**Motion by Miller, seconded by McAdon, to approve the Consent Agenda.
Roll: Ayes - Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

- 5.a. FY23-24 Budget Council Meeting - Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
The City Staff is evaluating the requests of all the City departments which include asks for additional staff from most departments.
- 5.b. Update on Island Park
The issues concerning Island Park between RCM Campground Investments, LLC and the Adel Soccer Club go back to July, but Mayor Peters has stepped in to mediate between both parties. RCM has signed their lease agreement and made payments for

three months. During the recent Shoot the Moon soccer tournament, most of the parties involved were satisfied with the outcome.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6.a. Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 387, Amending Chapter 160, Flood Plain Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Adel and Adopting a New Flood Map - First Reading

Motion by Ockerman, seconded by Selby, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 387.

Roll: Ayes - Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ockerman, seconded by Selby, to waive the second and third readings and adopt Ordinance No. 387.

Roll: Ayes - Unanimous. Motion Carried.

- 6.b. Consider Approval of Committee of the Whole's Recommendation to Prepare Revisions to the Chapter 151 Trees Ordinance to Prohibit Street Trees

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Ockerman, to approve City Staff and City Attorney to Complete a Comprehensive Review and Prepare Revisions to Chapter 151 Trees Ordinance.

Roll: Ayes - Christensen, McAdon, Selby and Ockerman. Nays - Miller.

- 6.c. Discussion / Possible Action Regarding the Implementation of Vision Insurance for Calendar Year 2023

City Administrator Brown gave a review of the vision insurance options that were obtained to meet the request of some of the City Staff when reviewing the employee retention efforts. City Staff is recommending Delta Vision Option One, but with the caveat that there may be other employee benefits that could be more incentivizing for employee retention and more cost effective.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Miller, to approve Delta Vision Option One for 2023 with a review to be taken to see how many use this benefit before renewing for 2024.

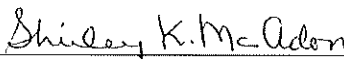
Roll: Ayes - Unanimous. Motion Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Mayor Peters mentioned that an email was received from a concerned citizen about the dangerous traffic situation on Highway 169. Peters responded with a thorough explanation of the efforts that they City has made over the years to appeal with the Iowa Department of Transportation to place speed reducing apparatuses throughout the section of the Highway 169 that goes through Adel. This is an ongoing concern for the City of Adel and efforts to work with the Iowa DOT will be ongoing.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



~~James F. Peters, Mayor~~
Shirley K. McAdon, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: 

Carrie Erickson, City Clerk