

**CITY OF ADA
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 19, 2021**

The Ada City Council met in a regular meeting, Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:45 p.m., at Ada City Hall, in the Dr. Ray L. Stout City Council Chamber, 231 S. Townsend. Advanced public notice was given by posting the agenda on the City Hall bulletin board on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 1:25 p.m., and posting on the City of Ada web site Friday, April 16, 2021.

Councilmen Present: John Hargrave, Tre' Landrum, Randy McFarlin, Bryan Morris

Councilmen Absent: Guy Sewell

The meeting of the Ada City Council was called to order by Mayor Tre' Landrum.

Mayor Landrum led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Landrum called for a moment of silence.

Discussion of and action on Consent Agenda

- 1. Consideration of the Minutes (April 5, 2021 meeting).**
- 2. Consideration of supplemental appropriations or transfer of appropriations within the General Fund budget.**
- 3. Consideration of supplemental appropriations or transfer of appropriations within the Sub-Funds to the General Fund budget.**
- 4. Consideration of supplemental appropriations or transfer of appropriations within the Special Revenue Funds budget.**
- 5. Consideration of supplemental appropriations or transfer of appropriations within the Other Funds budget.**
- 6. Consideration of receipt of committee/board recommendations and reports:**

Call-A-Ride Amended Minutes for March 8, 2021
- 7. Written reports from departments.**

Motion was made by **Councilman McFarlin**, seconded by **Councilman Morris** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Landrum called for a vote taken with the following result:

AYE: Hargrave, Landrum, McFarlin, Morris

NAY: None

Motion Carried 4-0.

Discussion of and action on items removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

Discussion of and action on approval of Engagement Letter with Crawford and Associates, P.C. to provide consulting services and to prepare financial statements for the annual audit of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the City of Ada and Ada Public Works Authority

Motion was made by **Councilman Morris**, seconded by **Councilman Hargrave** to approve Engagement Letter with Crawford and Associates, P. C. to provide consulting services and to prepare financial statements for the annual audit of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the City of Ada and Ada Public Works Authority. Mayor Landrum called for a vote taken with the following result:

AYE: Hargrave, Landrum, McFarlin, Morris

NAY: None

Motion Carried 4-0.

Discussion of and action on approval of Engagement Letter with Finley and Cook, PLLC, to audit the City of Ada's June 30, 2021 financial statements

Motion was made by **Councilman Hargrave**, seconded by **Councilman Morris** to approve Engagement Letter with Finley and Cook, PLLC, to audit the City of Ada's June 30, 2021 financial statements. Mayor Landrum called for a vote taken with the following result:

AYE: Hargrave, Landrum, McFarlin, Morris

NAY: None

Motion Carried 4-0.

Discussion of and action on Change Order No. 1 to contract with Ramsey Ward Electric, Inc. for Water Treatment Plant Voltage Reduction Project

City Manager Cody Holcomb reported during construction on the Voltage Reduction Project, a void underneath the concrete slab inside the water plant was encountered. The City Manager explained the void was caused by a previous water leak on the City main that exits the plant, with the void located under a slab where the new VFD is to be installed. City Manager Holcomb reported City Crews will be replacing a segment of concrete originally covered by the contract, along with

the additional concrete, creating a Change Order reducing the original contract price by \$3,000.00.

Motion was made by **Councilman Morris**, seconded by **Councilman Hargrave** to approve Change Order No. 1 to contract with Ramsey Ward Electric, Inc., for Water Treatment Plant Voltage Reduction Project. Mayor Landrum called for a vote taken with the following result:

AYE: Hargrave, Landrum, McFarlin, Morris

NAY: None

Motion Carried 4-0.

Discussion of and action on Change Order No. 2 to contract with Crossland Heavy Contractors, Inc. for Main Street Improvements Project in the deduct amount of \$21,054.00

The City Manager presented Change Order No. 2 with Crossland Heavy Contractors for the Main Street Project. Mr. Holcomb advised the banner poles that were to be located at/in the vicinity of Rhynes and Rhodes Furniture Store and the old Train Depot were removed, and the language added to the Changer Order to ensure that the Contractors will only close no more than one block of parking at a time, for the block under current construction. City Manager Holcomb advised efforts had been incorporated into the Contract, so that patrons will still be able to visit the downtown stores while the construction is taking place in their block.

Motion was made by **Councilman McFarlin**, seconded by **Councilman Hargrave** to approve Change Order No. 2 to contract with Crossland Heavy Contractors, Inc., for Main Street Improvements Project in the deduct amount of \$21,054.00. Mayor Landrum called for a vote taken with the following result:

AYE: Hargrave, Landrum, McFarlin, Morris

NAY: None

Motion Carried 4-0.

Discussion of and action on Initiative Petition received and whether to present Initiative Petition to the voters by special election or at the next general election and whether the Council should submit a competing resolution for a charter amendment

The City Manager advised an Initiative Petition had been filed to amend the City Charter to allow only registered voters within a ward to vote for their council candidate for that ward. City Manager Holcomb explained that currently, all councilmen are elected at-large, by qualified electors of the entire City.

City Attorney Frank Stout discussed with the Council Members, the choice the City Council has, to either present the Initiative Petition to the voters by holding a special election, or the Council has the option to present it for consideration at the next general election. The City Attorney also discussed the additional time the Pontotoc County Election Board would also need to prepare if

the initiative petition was approved by the voters to change the Charter, and the changes that would then occur for the Election Board.

Ms. Christine Pappas addressed the Council, stating how the Initiative Petition had gotten started in 2011, explaining it was a school project of determining why voter turn-out was low every year for the municipal election.

Motion was made by **Councilman Hargrave**, seconded by **Councilman McFarlin** to accept the Initiative Petition received and to present the Initiative Petition to the voters at the next general election in 2022. Mayor Landrum called for a vote taken with the following result:

AYE: Hargrave, Landrum, McFarlin, Morris

NAY: None

Motion Carried 4-0.

Reports by City Manager and/or City Staff

Parks & Public Facilities Director, Tommy Eaton, addressed the Council concerning the City of Ada being awarded the a "Tree City, USA" for the 26th year in a row. Mr. Eaton also discussed the awarding of the CDBG Grant in the amount of \$357,677.38 to provide nutrition, medical, and mental health assistance programs for the Senior Citizens at the Irving Community Center.

Persons to be heard on any matter not on the agenda

There were no persons to be heard on any matter not on the agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Ada City Council, Mayor Landrum adjourned the meeting and requested members convene as the governing board of the Ada Public Works Authority.

ATTEST:

Sally Pool, City Clerk

Tre' Landrum, Mayor