

Call-In Council Meeting
August 3, 2020

Members Present: Mayor Buddy Duke, members Terry McClain, Greg Paige, Walter Cowart, Vivian Sharpe and Jody Greene.

Others Present: John Flythe, Rhonda Rowe, Tim Tanner, Randy Lane and members of the public and press.

Invocation was given by Councilman McClain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Councilwoman Sharpe made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2020 as presented. Councilman Greene seconded with all in favor.

Res. #20-08 (Electric Service): This resolution, authorizing execution of a 2nd amendment to the intergovernmental agreement related to the provision of electric service among 7 cities to Blockstream, was presented to the council. City Manager John Flythe noted the 1st amendment was presented and approved at the last meeting. Blockstream is reducing load on their S. Hwy 41 site and will be increasing the load at the temporary site on N. Hwy 41 across from AJ's restaurant. According to the current rate tariff, they will be billed the maximum demand or 80% of that demand based on the prior 11 months' demand usage. Since they are reducing load, and will therefore set a new demand, they are requesting to be billed the actual demand rate through the end of the year. Councilman Greene made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilman Cowart seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Mainstreet Board Member Appointment: Following the resignation of Jessica Smith from the board, Nyisha Key and Chris Griffin were nominated to serve as replacements. City Manager John Flythe recommended Ms. Key, who serves as the Cook County Library Director, as the appointee. Councilman Paige made a motion to approve the recommendation of Ms. Key to the board. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

Memorandum of Understanding for BASF: BASF, a local manufacturing facility, is considering the acquisition and installation of additional equipment which will result in an increase in employment in the County and promote trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities in the County. The City and County Parties have offered an economic development incentive package to the company to locate the project in the county. These incentives will impact the City of Adel, Cook County, Adel Industrial Development Authority, Cook County Economic Development Commission, Cook County Tax Commissioner, Cook County Board of Education and the Cook County Board of Tax Assessors. BASF has requested that all related boards approve the proposed MOU. City Manager John Flythe noted this MOU imposes no liability to the City of Adel; it will rest with the Adel Industrial Development Authority. City Attorney Tim Tanner reviewed the MOU and made a couple of recommendations for changes. (1) There are no provisions for any claw-backs provided BASF does not maintain the proposed number of jobs, meet other requirements, etc. and (2) Paragraph 7 waives permitting fees. According to Mr.

Tanner, the city does not have the authority to waive the fees. If the desire is for the fees to be waived, they can be paid by the development authority. There was no further discussion. Councilman Greene made a motion to approve supporting the Memorandum of Understanding with BASF. Councilwoman Sharpe seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Water Line Locates: The council was advised that the last locate machine purchased allows to view structures underground. Typically, the policy of the city is that if somebody is digging and we have electric or gas lines present, we will go locate those on the property because we don't want that primary line or gas main hit. Even though we've never gone on private property officially with water locates, we would like to add this service to our locates. It could save the city or property owner problems to prevent tearing something up. Councilman Cowart made a motion to approve adding water locates to this service line-up. Councilman Greene seconded. All were in favor.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Luther L. Duke III, Mayor
