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## CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The October 22, 2024, meeting was called to order by Mayor Graham Alderson with Councilors John Thompson, Stephen Vorhauer, Lacy Solis, and Jeff Rost in attendance. Councilor Charles Vickery was absent.

The Consent Agenda was passed and updated library policies were reviewed. The Council moved to donate Gilberta Lieuallen papers and research to the Umatilla County Historical Society and Museum where they will be cataloged and stored permanently.

The last water rate increase was voted on in August of 2019 and took effect in January of 2020. The council will be studying a rate increase but there is no timetable as yet when it would take effect. The City's Water Utility Fund pays for the system upkeep, electricity to run the main well pump and water circulator in the storage reservoir. This business fund also pays 54% of the public works position salary. It is important for the City to keep up with increased costs and be able to put aside funds for future projects.

## The Adams Ladies Community Club

The first minutes of record were written in 1909. The group was formed at a time when women rarely worked outside the home and most did not know how to drive. They met in the 'parlor room' now attached to the Church.

At one meeting a review was given of the opera Madame Butterfly. Miss Clemmons explained the public school music system and Laura Payne sang two solos. Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Abel were hosts for the social hour. The secretary was Mrs. L. Lieuallen.

May 25, 1909, the regular meeting was held in the club room as usual with the president presiding. Scripture reading and prayer preceded the business meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Carl Christenson paid dues. The business meeting was adjourned, and a social afternoon was spent with a potluck luncheon-Secretary Alice Lieuallen.

## REMEMBER TO PACK YOUR WATER METERS

With the installation of the new ultrasonic water meters, readings will be taken all year round. Since the meters are read electronically, they can still be 'packed' for winter.

Meters should be packed with packing peanuts or batt insulation placed in plastic bags. It is the property owner's responsibility to pack their meter to prevent winter damage. If a meter freezes and must be replaced, it will be the homeowner's responsibility to pay for the new meter.

Do not use anything metal or foil backed in the meter box as it will prevent the meter reader from working properly.

Many leaks happen during the winter months when it freezes and thaws. With the new system, a leak can be detected early before there is a lot of damage. The new systems will allow the meters to be read year-round.

**PLEASE VOTE-BALLOTS ARE DUE BY 8:00 PM ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AT THE UMATILLA COUNTY COURT HOUSE. THERE IS A DROP BOX At ATHENA CITY HALL AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE.**

# HISTORY OF ADAMS

## VOLUME I 1883-1893

VOLUME I IS THE HISTORY OF ADAMS WHICH UNFOLDS THE EVENTS OF THE AREA AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED THERE FOR THE FIRST TEN YEARS, AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF REPORTERS FOR THE EAST OREGONIAN.-G. LIEUALLEN

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JULY 31, 1883-PENDLETON TO CENTERVILLE

MESARS J.H. IRVINE, T.J. KIRK AND J.M GALLAHER WERE IN TOWN YESTERDAY AND HELD A CONSULTATION WITH A FEW HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE O.R. & N. CO. ENGINEERING THE RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN PENDLETON AND CENTERVILLE (ATHENA). THE CONCLUSION REACHED WAS, THE RAILROAD COMPANY WOULD PROCURE THE RIGHT OF WAY, PAY FOR IT AND THE CENTERVILLE COMMITTEE OBLIGED THEMSELVES TO REIMBURSE THE COMPANY FOR MONEY EXPENDED ON THE RIGHT OF WAY.

AUGUST 14, 1883-THE WALLA WALLA RAILROAD

THE RAILROAD FROM PENDLETON TO WALLA WALLA WILL FOLLOW UP WILD HORSE TO CENTERVILLE, WILL CROSS PINE CREEK ABOUT A MILE BELOW WESTON, ON THE TAYLOR GREEN PLACE, AND WILL PASS NEAR BLUE MOUNTAIN STATION, BUT SOME DISTANCE ABOVE, ON THE HILL.

FOLLOWING THE HILL IT WILL CROSS DRY CREEK AT OR NEAR MR. STEEN'S PLACE, THE ELEVATION, BEING ABOUT 60 FEET ABOVE THE OLD GRADE. THIS WILL NECESSITATE QUITE A STEEP GRADE ON THAT PORTION OF THE ROAD, BUT THE TRAFFIC THERE WILL NEVER BE SO HEAVY AS OVER THIS END OF THE ROUTE.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1883-NEWS FROM ADAMS CITY

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

THE RAILROAD WILL BUILD NO DEPOT BUILDINGS HERE, NOR WILL THEY HAVE ANY DEPOT GROUNDS.

MESARS. REESE & REDMAN WILL BUILD PLATFORMS AND WAREHOUSES TO ACCOMMODATE SHIPPERS AND RECEIVERS OF FREIGHT. THIS IS A VERY ENTERPRISING FIRM.

IT IS SAID MR. REESE WILL SELL OUT HIS BUSINESS IN WESTON TO PORTLAND PARTIES.

THE TRACK OF O.R. & N. LINE WILL RUN WITHIN A FOURTH OF A MILE OF TOWN. A NEAT TWO STORY HOTEL IS IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION HERE AND WILL SOON BE FINISHED.

SHORTLY THE POST OFFICE AND EXPRESS OFFICE WILL BE IN OPERATION, AND THEN THE STAGES WILL STOP HERE.

MR. REDMAN IS HAVING A NEAT RESIDENCE ERECTED IN TOWN. LUMBER FOR BUILDING IN ADAM'S CITY IS PURCHASED IN PENDLETON.

A LARGE NUMBER OF MEN AND TEAMS ARE BUSY AT WORK ON THE RAILROAD GRADE IN FRONT OF TOWN. A LARGE QUANTITY OF WHEAT IS BEING HAULED FROM HERE TO CAYUSE. A NUMBER OF PERSONS HAVE PURCHASED LOTS HERE, AND ARE PREPARING TO BUILD.

TO BE CONTINUED.....

**Upcoming Events for 2024**  
**November 1-Last day to submit permit applications for November Planning Commission Meeting**  
**November 4-Adams Community Benefit Plan Meeting-12:00 noon-Library**  
**NOVEMBER 5-ELECTION DAY VOTE!**  
**November 7 at 6:30 pm-Planning Commission Meeting-Library**  
**November 18-City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm-Library ZOOM Invite**  
**Meeting ID: 886 8144 5574**  
**Passcode: 617236**