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CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The City Council held their regular monthly meeting at City Hall on November 10, 2025.

Attending the meeting were Councilor Justin Stewart, Councilor Ethan Colvard, Councilor Jeff Rost, and Councilor John Thompson. Mayor Charles Vickery presided over the meeting.

Also present were Public Works Director Rich Stoupa, Amanda Hespel, Librarian and City Recorder Donna Grimes. Guests included Rob VandeVere and Wendy Chase both Adams residents.

Wendy Chase was sworn in at the November 10, 2025, meeting. The City now has a full Council. She was named to the Administrative Committee and the Water Committee.

The Council will be reviewing the City Charter and Council Rules. Mayor Vickery and Rob VandeVere will work on this task.

Adams Library Awarded Wildhorse Grant

The Adams Library has received word from the Wildhorse Foundation that they are to be the recipient of a $25,922.00 grant to be used to purchase all new bookshelves. They will be special ordered from Oregon Correction Connections of Salem, Oregon.

COMING EVENTS

December 1-Staff Meeting 12:30 p.m.

December 4-Planning Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. City Hall

December 5-Santa Meet & Greet 4-6:00 pm

December 8-City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

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SEPTEMBER 1, 1885, A TRIP TO ADAMS

Saturday afternoon Dr. Fred Vincent invited an E.O. reporter to take a ride with him to Adams, and the following items were picked up on the way. The objective point was P.H. Ferguson's, whose child was very sick and needed the Doctor's care.

The road on the reservation is still travelable but all roads leading to shipping points are badly cut up and very dusty.

Everybody liked to take the windward side of the road when meeting everybody else, nobody wants to be passed by anybody else, as everyone wants to drive the fastest team. We found several just such and got our dust share of dust and dusted the others just as much.

Caslvert's butcher shop has been rebuilt, as has the building just east of it.

The issue of the "Umatilla Times" has been delayed by the loss of a portion of the press while in transit.

Trade seems to be always good at the several stores in town, but more especially at Reese and Redman's. A kiln of brick has been burned and a portion hauled on the ground for their new store, to be erected on the corner west of the old store. The roads leading north are nothing but dust heaps.

The Doctor informed me that there was a great deal of sickness in the country at present. We got back to town in time for supper after an enjoyable trip.

The Adams Library and City Hall will close at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed for Christmas Day.

Divinity

4 C sugar

1 C Light corn syrup

1 C Water

½ C egg whites

2 C walnuts

2 tsp vanilla

Combine sugar, corn syrup, and water. Boil to a firm ball (245-248 degrees).

Beat egg whites and have ready when syrup is cooked. Add syrup gradually to beaten whites. Beat until it forms stiff peaks. Add vanilla and walnuts.

"I've used this recipe since the 1940's. It was given to me by my aunt Gladys Springston."

Marge Bruck

Marge and her husband Lowell owned and operated the Adams Store for many years.

Dump Cake

1 can crushed pineapple (#2 size can)

1 can cherry pie filling

1 package yellow or white cake mix.

1 stick margarine or butter cut into small squares

Spread each ingredient evenly in the order listed in a 9 x 13 pan. Do not mix.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Cool and serve plain or with whipped topping.

Editor's Note: I thought this sounded simple-too simple so I went home and tried it just as written. It was great!