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## ADAMS CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Charles Vickery called the January 12, 2026, meeting to order with Councilors Jeff Rost, Ethan Colvard, and Wendy Chase present. Rich Stoupa from Public Works, Librarian Amanda Hespel and City Recorder Donna Grimes were also present.

Water Committee Chair Jeff Rost reported that another Capital Request has been made to the legislature for funding of a new well for Adams. The off-year session is set to start shortly. Councilor Rost was also elected Council President.

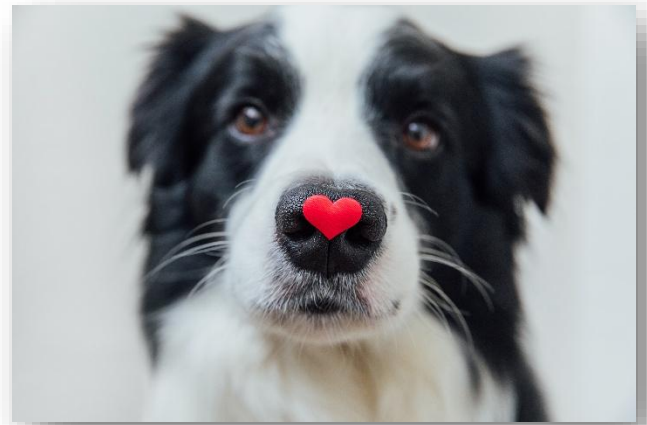
The City Council re-appointed Dwayne Dunaway to the Planning Commission for another 4-year term. There is one position open on the Commission. If anyone is interested, they should submit a letter of interest to City Hall. They meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

It was reported by the City Recorder that the City's annual audit has been completed and results filed with the Oregon Secretary of States Office. There were no problems and the city ended the 2024-2025 fiscal year in good shape.

The second reading of the proposed Ordinance #273 regulating storage containers occurred at the meeting. The Ordinance passed unanimously with a roll call vote of all Councilors present. It will go into effect on February 12, 2026. A copy of the ordinance can be obtained at City Hall or from the City's website [www.cityofadamsoregon.com](http://www.cityofadamsoregon.com) under ordinances #273.

Review of the City Charter and Council Rules continues. Policies for volunteers will also be considered.

The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.



## ADAMS POST OFFICE

“The Adams Post Office was opened July 9, 1883, and William H. McCoy was appointed postmaster. He served five years and was replaced by S.C. Craft.

In 1909, G.O. Richardson became postmaster. Otis Lieuallen recalls that sometime in the next 20 years, ‘Frank Reed constructed the present Post Office building as a saloon. Due to prohibition, he sold soft drinks and near-beer.’ Richardson moved the office to its present location in the early 1930's (Main Street)

## HISTORY OF ADAMS-VOLUME I

1883-1893

### November 3, 1885

Adams is in need of a bank.

Adams Times: Clem. Reese has let the contract for a new house. This looks suspicious and is in the natural order of things.

### November 17, 1885

Adams Times: The vigilantes are doing their usual warning to somebody in Adams. Notices for a party, John Tharp, were put up Wednesday night, giving him thirty-six hours to make himself scarce. He went.

### December 1, 1885

#### THE VIGILANTES AGAIN

George H. Keatch, a supposed horse thief was found hanging beside the Walla Walla Road near Adams.

About 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon Will C. Stimson arrived in town in charge of George Keatch, a supposed horse thief, on his way to Adams, where the prisoner would be given an examination before the justice of the peace of that precinct, for the theft of a horse, the property of John Adams. Quite a crowd collected around the office and his prisoner as soon as he reached town.

Keatch appeared perfectly at his ease, although handcuffed and tied to the pommel of the saddle. He had been overtaken and arrested in the Desolation country, on the other side of Camas Prairie. As he surveyed the crowd who were intently gazing at him, he remarked: "I must be a bad man, don't you think so?"

About an hour after arriving here, Stimson determined to push on with his prisoner toward Adams. They started about 4 o'clock and reached a point about four miles this side of Adams, where they were called to a halt by a crowd of about twenty men on horseback, who demanded the prisoner and took him in charge. The greater portion of them were masked, but acted quietly

and deliberately. Keatch was taken from his horse and the animal turned over to Stimson, who was ordered to leave without further inquiry into the matter. He did so and without further delay returned to town and reported the circumstances to the sheriff.

#### FEBRUARY 2026 EVENTS

**February 2- Library Board meets at 6:00 p.m.**

**February 5- Planning Commission meets at 6:30 p.m.**

**February 9- City Council meets at 6:30 p.m.**

**February 12- Ordinance #273 Regulating Storage Containers goes into effect. Existing containers will have 6 months to comply.**

**February 13- Cookie Decorating at the Library starts at 4:00 p.m.**

**March 5- Planning Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

**March 9- City Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

#### RECIPES AND REMEMBRANCES- Vol. I

##### Adams Ladies Club

BEEF/CARROT Casserole-Suzanne Coppock

1 lb. ground beef                      1 cup sour cream  
1 T Butter or Margarine              1 c cottage cheese  
¼ c minced onion                      ¼ c chopped parsley  
2-8 oz. cans tomato sauce              ¼ t pepper  
1 c cooked, sliced carrots              1 t salt  
1 c shredded cheddar cheese

Brown beef lightly in butter. Add onions, garlic, sauté until tender. Stir in tomato sauce, salt and pepper. Simmer uncovered for 5 minutes.

Combine sour cream, cottage cheese, parsley, carrots with cooked noodles. Mix well.

Alternate layer of meat and noodle mixture. Begin and end with noodle layer. Top with cheese. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes.