



City Council Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2022

City of Adams

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Graham Alderson at 6:32 p.m. Councilors Jeff Rost, John Thompson, Stephen Vorhauer, Kristin Schmidtgall and Stephanie Partida were present. Also attending was Donna Grimes, City Recorder, Richard Stoupa, Public Works and Amanda Hespel, Librarian.

Guests at the meeting included Jack Chase, Adams resident and Lori Wyman on ZOOM representing PacifiCorp relating to Ordinance #268. Mr. Chase attended the meeting because of the lottery drawing being held for the Council position #1 seat. He and Katherine Ryder were tied with two write-in votes each. ORS 254.575.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Published Agenda-

- The published Agenda was read by Mayor Alderson with no changes and approved.

The Consent Agenda- Councilor Rost moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the month of December 2022. This includes meeting minutes, the financial statements, and the bills for payment. There was a second by Councilor Vorhauer and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

Lottery Drawing for Council Position #1(1/1/2023-12/31/2026)

- Mayor Alderson drew Katherine Ryders name to fill the position. She will be notified and sent a **CANDIDATE WRITE IN ACCEPTANCE FORM** which must be returned to the Elections Officer/City Recorder by December 21, 2022. If she declines the position, it will be declared vacant upon receipt of a letter stating such or the deadline passing without filing the acceptance form, whichever occurs first.

Maintenance Report-

- Rich Stoupa reported that he had 633.90 water hours as of the end of November. He will need 2080 water hours to get his Water Certification. There was discussion of ways to increase those hours and shorten the time frame.
 - It was suggested that on-call hours could be counted, and it will be investigated further.

Administrative Report-No Additions

Library Report-

- With the resignation of Library Board member Liz Neveau, a position has been opened. A letter of interest has been submitted by Carrie Sparks.
 - A motion to appoint Carrie Sparks to the Library Board was made by Councilor Partida and seconded by Councilor Thompson. The motion passed with all voting in favor. Her term will run until 6/30/2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety Committee Meeting- The Council Meeting was suspended 7:12 p.m. for a safety meeting. Present were staff members Rich Stoupa, Amanda Hespel and Donna Grimes. There were no topics of discussion. Council meeting resumes at 7:15 p.m.

Administrative Committee-No Report

Park Committee-

- The committee consisting of Councilor Schmidtgal-Chair, Councilor Partida and Councilor Vorhauer had a meeting to discuss and finalize their choices for park equipment.
 - They recommended purchasing three round tables, 3 benches and shelter enclosures to be made by C & C Tarps in Athena, Oregon. The total cost would be \$8277.10 without shipping.
 - Councilor Rost moved to authorize the purchase of the equipment and allow up to \$1000.00 for shipping using funds from the Umatilla County Healthy Cities Grant. Councilor Schmidtgal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - The motion was opened for reconsideration as it was felt the amount for shipping may not be enough. Councilor Vorhauer moved to add another \$500.00 to the shipping costs and it was seconded by Councilor Rost. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

Street Committee-

- The Small City Grants were announced, and Adams did not receive a grant.

Water Committee-

- Councilor Rost is still working on the presentation.
- Mayor Alderson reported that there were two parties involved in the waterline breakage at the Little League Field. One has been contacted by a deputy from the Umatilla County Sheriff's office and the other was sent a letter with an invitation to attend the Council Meeting. There has been no response to the letter. Mayor Alderson will send another letter by certified mail with a return receipt.

Planning Commission-No Meeting in December

Budget- Audit will soon be completed.

Code Enforcement-The violation at 220 E. Center Street has been resolved and closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Ordinance Amending #265-** Motion to table by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Vorhauer. Motion carried.
- **Ordinance #266-Business Licenses-Second reading.** A motion to waive the Charter rules on the reading of the ordinance was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Partida. The motion passed
 - **A motion to adopt Ordinance #266 was made by Councilor Vorhauer and seconded by Councilor Schmidtgall.** Vote-Councilor Rost-yes, Councilor Vorhauer-yes, Councilor Partida-yes, Councilor Schmidtgall-yes, Councilor Thompson-no. Motion to adopt passed.
- **Ordinance #267-Franchise Agreement-Charter** A motion to suspend Charter Rules on the second reading of the ordinance was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Vorhauer. Motion carried.
 - **A motion to adopt Ordinance #267 was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Thompson.** Vote: Councilor Rost-no, Councilor Partida-no, Councilor Vorhauer-no, Councilor Schmidtgall-no, Councilor Thompson-no. Motion failed. Charter/Spectrum will be notified.
- **Ordinance #268-PacifiCorp Franchise**
 - Councilor Rost moved to suspend the Charter rules on the second reading requirement with a second by Councilor Schmidtgall. Motion carried.
 - **A motion to adopt Ordinance #268 was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Vorhauer.** Vote: Councilor Rost-yes, Councilor Schmidtgall-yes, Councilor Vorhauer-yes, Councilor Partida-yes, Councilor Thompson-yes. Motion to adopt passed.
- **Ordinance #269-ATV**
 - A motion to table was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Schmidtgall. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

The entire Council wishes to thank Councilor Schmidtgall for her service to the City of Adams as she retires on December 31, 2022.

Action Items-

- Inform Charter of the vote.
- Contact Walla Walla Electric about security cameras.
- Contact Gina Miller from Code Enforcement and see if there is a need for any more additions for enforcement in Livestock Ordinance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Vorhauer. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is set for January 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Frank Alderson Mayor

Donna Recorder