



City Council Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

City of Adams

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

Guests included Gina Miller and Rick Estes from Code Enforcement, Katie King representing Humbert Refuse, Ethan Colvard candidate for Planning Commission, Dale Gridley, Jim and Kathy Rohde, Mike, Brandon and Kim Robinson and Robert Pratt-Ordinance #265 and Ord. #269 discussion.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Published Agenda-

- Mayor Alderson read the published Agenda.

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

Maintenance Report-

- Rich Stoupa reported he sent Councilor Rost 20 years of well data.
- He will move the speed sign for the winter.
- His estimate for the new truck will run about \$75,000.00.

Administrative Report- No additions.

Library Report- Correct open days from 8 to 18.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Draft Ordinance #269-ATVs

- Dale Gridley of Adams asked broad questions about the ordinance and the age limit.
- The Robinson family commented on their family experiences and parental supervision of riders.
- There was discussion on liability.

Draft Ordinance #265 Livestock

- Kathy and Jim Rohde felt there were not many 'grandfathered' permits left and the City should let them 'expire' naturally. They are over the limits set by the new ordinance and were afraid they would be forced to sell animals. They were advised that the City Council would look at each case individually.
- Robinson Family-Asked why there was an emergency clause/declaration in the ordinance. It was explained that an emergency clause allows the ordinance to go into effect immediately upon adoption instead of having to wait 30 days. They also wanted to know where the \$200.00 Fee for a permit went. Since a permit will come up for renewal every two years, it will cover the staff and mailing costs for the first and all future renewals. The fee is only paid once.
- Robert Pratt-Dr. Pratt asked if the ordinance would be retro active and wanted to know why the ordinance was being changed.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety Committee Meeting- The Council Meeting was suspended at 8:18 p.m. for a safety meeting. Present were staff members Rich Stoupa, Amanda Hespel and Donna Grimes.

There were no topics of discussion and the meeting resumed at 8:20 p.m.

Administrative Committee-

- There is a staff meeting scheduled for February 23, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall
- The Water Maintenance Line Item will be depleted before the end of the Fiscal Year.
 - How will the Water Maintenance be structured after Rich Stoupa gets his DRC?

Park Committee-

- Public Works will report what is needed in the spring.
- Adams Days is set for April 20, 2024.
- Dumpster Days is set for April 6-15, 2024.

Street Committee-

- New batteries have been installed in the road grader.
- Start parade at the City Lot if approved by Public Works.

Water Committee-

- The Well #4 Project did not make the agenda for the State Emergency Board Meeting. It looks like the project will be submitted again in the 2025 Legislative Session.

Planning Commission-

- Permit #2023-07LP Type III CUP was submitted by Thelma Allen for 5 goats.
 - Letters will be sent to all neighbors within 300 feet.

Code Enforcement-

- Gina Miller and Rich Estes introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their duties and answered questions from the Council and guests.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Ordinance #265 Draft**
 - Motion to amend Ordinances #265, page 2, Section 3,c., for those having a “Non-Conforming Use” to include a onetime variance may be granted by the Planning Commission and the City Council and page 3, Section 5, a. & b. adding the word “or” at the end of the sentence and eliminating the emergency clause was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Partida. Motion carried.
 - The amended ordinance will be re-posted.
- **Ordinance #269 ATV-**
 - Councilor Partida made a motion to table Draft Ordinance #269 until further research could be done into the liability issue. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Humbert Refuse Rate Increases**
 - Katie King from Humbert Refuse presented the Council with a proposed rate increase for garbage services. The last increase was two years ago. She said to plan on annual small increases to avoid big jumps in rates. The rate increases will need to be adopted by resolution at the next meeting.
 - Councilor Rost moved to have a resolution prepared for the next meeting adopting new rates effective 3/1/2024. Councilor Partida seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- **Planning Commission Appointment**
 - Adams resident Ethan Colvard has submitted a Letter of Interest for Position #4 on the Planning Commission.
 - Councilor Partida moved to appoint Ethan Colvard to the open Position #4 on the Planning Commission, term expiring on 12/31/2025. Councilor Rost seconded the motion and it passed with all voting in favor.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem

- Councilor Partida nominated Councilor Rost and moved nominations be closed. A unanimous ballot was cast for Councilor Rost.
- **Committee Appointments**
 - Mayor Alderson appointed Councilor Heidenrich to the Street and Park Committees,

Action Items-

- Check out spending/bid requirements for new truck.

- Ask Accountant about inter-fund transfers.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Thompson. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is set for February 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.


_____ Mayor


_____ Recorder