



City Council Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2025

City of Adams

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Rost with Councilors Justin Stewart, Ethan Colvard, John Thompson, and Mayor Charles Vickery (by ZOOM) present. Absent was Councilor Lacy Solis Also attending was Donna Grimes, City Recorder, Richard Stoupa, Public Works and Amanda Hespel, Librarian.

The guests in attendance were Rob Vandevere, Stephanie Partida, Kathryn Ryder, Lori Beach, and Gary Kobasa.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Published Agenda-

- Councilor Rost read the published Agenda.
 - Swear-in Mayor
 - Appointments to the Planning Commission

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

Swear In Mayor- Mayor Charles Vickery was sworn in by City Recorder Donna Grimes. Upon being sworn-in, Mayor Vickery took over the meeting as presiding officer.

Maintenance Report-

- One chair for the conference room was ordered but has not arrived yet.
- Painting is underway in City Hall with cabinets rearranged.
- A grant application is being filled out to trim the trees in the park.

Administrative Report- No Additions

Library Report- Librarian Amanda Hespel will be taking a medical leave of absence and it has been moved up to February 18, 2025.

- New hires Carrie Sparks and Alyssa Berdahl have each had a week of training.
 - There will be a couple of nearby Librarians they can contact for help if needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No Comments**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Safety Committee Meeting- The Council Meeting was suspended at 7:03 p.m. for a safety meeting. Present were staff members Rich Stoupa, Amanda Hespel and Donna Grimes

- There were no topics of discussion during the meeting.

The Council meeting resumed at 7:05 p.m.

Administrative Committee-

- Evaluations are due for the Recorder and Librarian.
- Councilor Rost informed the Council that the updated Employees handbook has been forwarded to CIS for review.
 - A motion to table the Employee Handbook until next month's meeting was made by Councilor Stewart and seconded by Councilor Colvard and it passed unanimously.

Park Committee- No report

Street Committee- No report

Water Committee-

- Councilor Rost moved to table discussion of new water rates until the March meeting. Councilor Colvard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. A Water Rate Workshop was scheduled for March 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Planning Commission-Liaison Colvard reported that a Medical Hardship had been granted for 230 Cleveland Street.

Budget- Meetings of the Budget Committee will start in April.

- Three new members are needed for the Budget Committee.
 - The number of committee members from the electors should be equal to the number from the governing body.

Code Enforcement-

- A sewage leak and burning household garbage complaints were forwarded to Officer Estes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- De-annexing of Thompson Property
 - A motion to table was made by Councilor Colvard and seconded by Councilor Stewart. Motion passed unanimously.
- Update of the Emergency Response Plan.
 - Motion to table was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

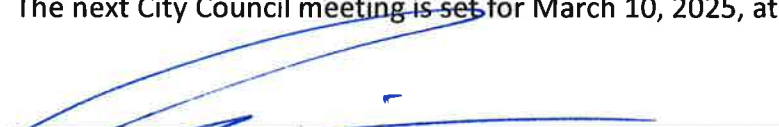
- Appointments-
 - Councilor Colvard moved to appoint Gary Kobasa to the Planning Commission until 12/31/2027. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stewart and all voted in favor.
 - Councilor Rost moved to grant a one year extension on Permit #23-07DEV.
 - Councilor Colvard seconded the motion, and it passed.
- Resolution# 25-01-Banking Signatures
 - Councilor Stewart moved to adopt Resolution #25-01 updating the banking signatures at Banner Bank. Councilor Colvard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Action Items-

- Update Council emails after swearing in.
- Contact CIS about conflicting information in the Handbook.
 - Set up ZOOM Meeting.
- Give ACBP application to Public Works for tree trimming.
- Continue revision of Emergency Response Plan.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Thompson and seconded by Councilor Stewart. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is set for March 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.


 _____ Mayor


 _____ Recorder



City Council Water Rates Workshop

March 3, 2025

City of Adams

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Water Master/Councilor Jeff Rost with Councilors Justin Stewart, Ethan Colvard, and Mayor Charles Vickery present. Absent were Councilors Lacy Solis and John Thompson. Also attending was Donna Grimes, City Recorder


Graham Alderson attended the meeting as a guest.


Water Committee-

- Councilor Rost discussed the history of water rates in Adams using graphs and other visual aids.
- Several options for increasing revenues were discussed,
 - Raising the water rates and/or
 - Adjusting the percentages paid out of the water fund for wages following a review of the actual hours spent by public works and/or
 - Adjusting the previously adopted wage scale.
- There were discussions on a basic rate increase of \$3.00 and increasing the overage rates to \$.0025 per gallon over 10,000 gallons.
- It was suggested that we find the original engineering specs for the current well given to USDA and to contact Anderson-Perry if needed.
- Send out gallons pumped by well and gallons metered.
- Send out SAIF hours for the last 5 months.

The meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.

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