



## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

February 13, 2023

### *City of Adams*

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Graham Alderson at 6:35 p.m. Councilors John Thompson, Stephen Vorhauer, Jeff Rost and Stephanie Partida were present. Also attending was Donna Grimes, City Recorder, Richard Stoupa, Public Works and Amanda Hespel, Librarian.

Umatilla County Commissioner Dan Dorran was a guest for the meeting. He came to touch base with the City Council and ask if there was anything the City would like to pass on to the County.

#### **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

#### **The Published Agenda-**

- The published Agenda was read by Mayor Alderson with three additions-
  - Set a DRC stipend for Kelly Brady
  - Budget discussion for future projects/expenditures.
  - Adams Friends Association Request

**The Consent Agenda-** Councilor Partida moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the month of February 2023. This includes meeting minutes, the financial statements, and the bills for payment. There was a second by Councilor Thompson and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

#### **Maintenance Report-**

- Rich Stoupa is scheduled to attend water operator training in April. He is currently an “operator in training”. When ready he can schedule the test and get his certification as soon as he has the required hours.
- 4 signs will be replaced.
- Rich built a static water pressure device to test pressure at the meters.
- Test results from the RFPD Station came back positive for coliform bacteria so the lines were flushed and re-tested. The samples came back clean. Lack of water usage at the station may have accounted for the problem. Periodic flushing of the lines should prevent a recurrence.

#### **Administrative Report-No Additions**

#### **Library Report-**

- Librarian Amanda Hespel will be attending a conference in April.

- The library is looking to apply for a summer intern grant.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Safety Committee Meeting-** The Council Meeting was suspended 7:15 p.m. for a safety meeting. Present were staff members Rich Stoupa, Amanda Hespel and Donna Grimes. There were no topics for discussion, so the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

### **Administrative Committee-**

- Public Works employee evaluation is set for March.

**Park Committee-** Chair Stephanie Partida will schedule a committee meeting to get recommendations for projects using the remaining grant funds.

### **Street Committee-**

- Councilor Thompson suggested the city could use a new vehicle with a snowplow and 4-wheel drive.
- A spending request was presented by Public Works for \$641.33 to purchase some new signs and posts.
  - Councilor Rost moved to authorize the expenditure with a second by Councilor Vorhauer. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Water Committee-**

- Councilor Rost has submitted the water project proposal to the Umatilla County Commissioner for their review before it is sent off to the legislature in Salem. Commissioner Dorran said they had received the proposal and suggested the City keep in contact with Representative Bobby Levy and State Senator Bill Hansell to make sure our project stays on their radar.
- Councilor Rost suggested that Kelly Brady, who serves as the city's DRC, be given a yearly stipend to come out of Contractual Services in the Water Fund.
  - Councilor Partida moved to pay Kelly Brady \$3000.00 a year stipend for serving as DRC. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Planning Commission-No Meeting in February**

- Two livestock permit renewals went out in January.

**Budget-** The Audit is complete. Auditors are scheduled for the next Council Meeting.

- The budget workshop gave councilors and staff the opportunity to do some strategic planning for possible future projects and set some budget priorities.
- **Resolution #23-03-Transfer**
  - Councilor Rost moved to approve the transfer of \$70.83 from Lawyer/Court line item to Miscellaneous and \$2452.76 from Code Enforcement to Office in the Administrative Fund. Councilor Vorhauer gave a second to the motion.
    - Councilor Thompson-yes, Councilor Vorhauer-yes, Councilor Partida-yes, Councilor Rost-yes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Code Enforcement**-There are no outstanding violations currently. Draft Ordinance #265 is still waiting approval by Doug Olsen, Umatilla County Attorney.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Ordinance Amending #265-** Motion to table by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Vorhauer. Motion carried.
- **Ordinance #269 ATV-** A motion to table was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Vorhauer. The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Budget Committee-** Councilor Rost moved to appoint Stan Beach to another term on the Budget Committee ending 12/31/2026. Councilor Partida gave a second and the vote passed unanimously.
- **Adams Friend Association-** AFA sent a letter requesting \$250.00 to help with the Easter Egg Hunt.
  - Councilor Rost moved to approve the expenditure of \$250.00 from the Community Outreach line item of the State Revenue Sharing Fund. Councilor Thompson gave a second and the motion to approve passed unanimously.


**Action Items-**

- Contact Walla Walla Electric again about security cameras.
- Follow up with the County about Livestock Ordinance.
- Contact Budget Committee members about dates for Joint Budget Workshop.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Thompson. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is set for March 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

  
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