



City Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023

City of Adams

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Graham Alderson at 6:31 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.

The guests in attendance were representatives of the Umatilla County Special Library District. Present was Director Heather Estrada and Board members Caty Clifton and Nick Nash.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Published Agenda-

- The published Agenda was read by Mayor Alderson.
 - Councilor Rost moved to approve the agenda with Councilor Partida seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda- Councilor Rost moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the month of March 2023. 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-

- Dumpster Days-City wide clean-up with dumpster delivered April 27th through May 8, 2023.
- Keys have been prepared and labeled for the fill station located at the PGG elevator. A sign-up sheet is at City Hall for those checking out keys.
- Three bids were received for the installation of the water fountain in the park. Councilor Partida moved to accept the bid from KC Industries for \$3165.00 Councilor Vorhauer seconded the motion and it passed with all voting in favor.

Administrative Report-No Additions

Library Report-

- Umatilla County Special Library District Executive Director Heather Estrada gave a short presentation on the history of the Library District. She introduced two members of the Board of Directors that were in attendance with her. They were Caty Clifton and Nick Nash.

- The different Library services provided by the District were explained and how they work with each library.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety Committee Meeting- The Council Meeting was suspended at 7:25 p.m. for a safety meeting. Present were staff members Rich Stoupa, Amanda Hespel and Donna Grimes. There was nothing to report. The meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m.

Administrative Committee-

- The employee evaluation for Public Works is complete.
- Evaluation forms for the Recorder and Librarian have been sent out and awaiting return from all the Council members.

Park Committee- Chair Stephanie Partida reported that installation of the water fountain is next on the schedule.

Street Committee-

- A request was made during the Budget Workshop for an updated vehicle.
- A load of gravel has been delivered.

Water Committee-

- Councilor Rost reported that a Capital Project Funding request has been sent on to the Legislature for Well #4 and will need follow up.
- Public Works submitted a funding request for \$690.00 to repair broken water lines at the Little League Park.
 - Councilor Rost moved to approve the request for \$690 to A-1 Plumbing. Councilor Vorhauer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Planning Commission-

- Two livestock permit renewals went out in January.
 - A Livestock Permit renewal from Carol Mills was received and a letter to surrounding property owners has gone out.
 - The second renewal from Whitney Stahl/Webb has not been returned and the Planning Commission granted her until the next commission meeting on May 4, 2023. If the application for renewal is not received by then, she risks her permit expiring.
 - A new CUP for Livestock was received from Robert and Ruth Platt for 10 goats. They are used for weed control. Since they were not in attendance, their pre-conference was tabled until the next meeting.

Budget-

- After a Council Workshop and a Council/Budget Committee Workshop where budget priorities were discussed it was the consensus the a new wage scale needed to be adopted. What that would look like at 2%, 3% and 5% increases were presented at the

workshops. The hourly wages for City Recorder and Public works were compiled using figures from other Cities of similar size. Councilor Rost reported that at the 2% scale the increases could only be supported for 2-3 years. More will be discussed at the upcoming Budget Meetings.

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 Thompson. Motion carried.
- **Ordinance #269 ATV**- A motion to table was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Thompson. The motion passed.
- **Ordinance #270 Amending #268**- A motion to withdraw the ordinance was made by Councilor Vorhauer and seconded by Councilor Thompson. Ordinance #270 would have amended Ordinance #268 by changing the date signed.

NEW BUSINESS


- **Ordinance #268 (revisited)**
 - Motion to waive the reading per City Charter rules was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Vorhauer. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Second reading will be on May 8, 2023.

Action Items-

- Contact Walla Walla Electric again about security cameras.
- Follow up with the County about Livestock Ordinance.
- Check on authority for regulating stop signs.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Thompson. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is set for May 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.


_____ Mayor


_____ Recorder