



## **City Council Meeting Minutes**

April 16, 2024

### *City of Adams*

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

Guests included Charles Vickery who submitted a letter of interest for the open council position #4. Also present were Adams Library Board members Sarah Hoffman, Lori Beach, Kaylan Sloan, and Carrie Sparks. Mande Adams and Jesus Cavillo were present for their Livestock Permit Hearing. Katherine Ryder attended on behalf of the Library. Umatilla County Special Library District Director Heather Estrada attended via ZOOM. Former Adams resident, Councilor and Librarian Stephanie Partida spoke using ZOOM.

#### **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 Thompson and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

#### **Maintenance Report-**

- Rich Stoupa, Public Works Director reported that the water tank has been inspected.
- He received training for confined spaces at the Water Operators Conference preparing for the replacement of the cracked air valve.
- He looked at recent technology concerning water circulators that come with a longer warranty.
- He addressed concerns over low water pressure on 'the hill.' The City is only required to provide 20 PSI and those with a low water pressure issue in that area have installed booster pumps.

#### **Administrative Report-**

- The legislature has temporarily dealt with "Recreational Immunity" and will address the issue further during upcoming legislative sessions.

### **Library Report-**

- No Additions.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

- Adams/Cavillo-Discussed the need for Livestock permits in the City.
- Members of the Adams Library Board-All were in support of the Library and wanted to know what changes to the contract the City was considering.
- Home schoolers stressed the importance and value of the Library.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Safety Committee Meeting-** The Council Meeting was suspended at 7:14 p.m. for a safety meeting. Present were staff members Rich Stoupa, Amanda Hespel and Donna Grimes. There were no topics for discussion.

The Council meeting resumed at 7:16 p.m.

### **Administrative Committee-**

- Evaluations are due for Public Works position, Recorder and Librarian.
- The Consumer Price Index has been released and the new Oregon Minimum Wage for our area will be \$13.70 per hour starting July 1, 2024. Librarian wage is set by contract at 150% of minimum wage and will be \$20.55 per hour starting July 1, 2024

### **Park Committee-**

- The Hodgen Memorial Rose Garden will be removed with family members of those with memorial roses given first choice. The remaining roses will be given away on a first come basis.
- Adams Days is set for April 20, 2024.
- Dumpster Days is set for April 25-May 6, 2024.

### **Street Committee-**

- Public Works will be applying for a Small City Allotment Grant to grade and gravel roads in town.

### **Water Committee-**

- Another Capital Funding request will be submitted through local State Representatives to fund the Well #4 Project.

### **Planning Commission-**

- Permit #2024-08LP had its first hearing and letters were sent out to neighbors within 300 feet. The Commission recommended the permit be moved on to the Council for approval.

### Budget-

- The first Budget Committee meeting was held on April 15, 2024. They approved the Revenue Sharing, Water System Replacement, and Water Loan Reserve Funds.
- They recommended to the Council that the City elect to receive State Revenue Funds.

### Code Enforcement-

- No updates currently.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ordinance #269 ATV-
  - Councilor Solis made a motion to table Draft Ordinance #269. Councilor Rost seconded the motion and it passed with all voting in favor.

### NEW BUSINESS


- **Permit #2024-08LP CUP-Mandee Adams & Jesus Cavillo**
  - The Planning Commission recommended this permit application to Council for approval with the following conditions-
    - As the pig ages out or is sold, it is not to be replaced. One Large animal only.
  - Councilor Thompson moved to approve Permit #2024-08LP Type III CUP for 275 High Street. Councilor Vorhauer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- **Library Contract with the UCSLD**
  - Councilor Rost reported that a meeting had been scheduled by Librarian Amanda Hespel which included Director Heather Estrada, Mayor Alderson, and himself without notice of the subject matter to be discussed at the meeting. It was brought to Mayor Alderson and Councilor Rosts attention by Director Estrada that the City was not following the contract by having the library pay for electricity and other “pooled “costs/services. These are costs that the Library has traditionally paid.
    - The question before the Council-Should the City give notice to the UCSLD that the City wishes to re-negotiate the contract which is up for renewal in 2025?
      - Councilor Solis moved to table the discussion. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.
- **Letter of Interest for Council Position #4-Charles Vickery**
  - Councilor Rost moved to accept the Letter of Interest from Charles Vickery and appoint him to the open Council Position #4 at the May 13, 2024, meeting. Councilor Vorhauer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Action Items-

- Set up a meeting with District Attorney/County Council about ATV Ordinance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Thompson and seconded by Councilor Rost. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is set for May 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Recorder