



City Council Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2023

City of Adams

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Graham Alderson at 6:31 p.m. Councilors Stephen Vorhauer, Jeff Rost and Stephanie Partida were present. Councilor John Thompson was absent. Also attending was Donna Grimes, City Recorder, Richard Stoupa, Public Works and Amanda Hespel, Librarian.

Guests attending were Walt Leibenguth and Lola Dickson to discuss the alley vacation in Ordinance #270 and Jackson Malec from Verkada to discuss security cameras.

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 minus the Expense Spreadsheet for the month of June 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-

- There was no opportunity to get a static well reading as the pump is always on.
- The tarps for the shelter are here and installed.
- The Road Grader has a problem with its injector pump. Will call RDO Equipment to diagnose the problem and get repair cost estimates.

Administrative Report-

- Wtechlink has been contacted about paying their franchise fee. They are sending a check for \$86.93.

Library Report-

- The new Library Intern and Library Assistant are on board and have begun their training.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety Committee Meeting- The Council Meeting was suspended at 7:21 p.m. for a safety meeting. Present were staff members Rich Stoupa, Amanda Hespel and Donna Grimes. There were no topics for discussion. The meeting resumed at 7:22 p.m.

Administrative Committee-Nothing to Report

Park Committee-

- The benches and water fountain have been installed but we are waiting on two replacement valves shipped by the company.
- There was also discussion on removing the old bench that has been damaged over the years.
- There was a question about maintaining the flower and rose garden in the Park. It was originally maintained by the Ladies club, but they are no longer able to do it.

Street Committee- This year we would not have any projects ready for the Small City Allotment Grant through ODOT.

Water Committee- Legislative Session ended on June 25 and almost no projects were funded on the East side of the state. The best option is to wait for the 'short session' next year and try again or submit the project to the State Emergency Board.

Planning Commission-

- A Conditional Use Livestock Permit application from Brandon and Kimberly Robinson was received and a letter to surrounding property owners has gone out. No comments have been received.
 - The Planning Commission recommended permit #23-04LP for approval by the City Council.
 - The Council asked that the drawing submitted with the application be drawn to scale to give them a better idea of the size of the property and buildings proposed.
 - They asked for a manure rotation plan for the number of animals Robinsons were requesting. It was felt that the area set aside for the animals was not sufficient for the number proposed.
 - There was concern that the animals, fences and buildings be kept away from the creek a sufficient distance.
- The Council tabled the final approval until these issues could be addressed.

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-**
- **Ordinance #269 ATV-**
 - Motion to table Ordinances #265 and #269 and add enforcement language to each was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Vorhauer. Motion carried.
- At the end of June notices were posted and sent out with the water bills concerning the use of fireworks to make citizens aware of the rules from the State Fire Marshalls Office

on the purchase and display of legal fireworks. A fire was started at 270 N. Old Highway #11 and it burned down the old Drive-In Restaurant and surrounding items. Neighbors using garden hoses tried to protect their adjacent properties until the Fire District personnel arrived.

NEW BUSINESS

Action Items-

- Add line to Spending Authorization form to list line item from which funds will be used.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Partida and seconded by Councilor Vorhauer. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is set for August 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.


_____ Mayor


_____ Recorder