



City Council Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2023

City of Adams

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Graham Alderson at 6:30 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 Kim Robinson (Livestock Permit) and Lacy Heidenrich (Letter of Interest-City Council, Position #1).

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 as amended. 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.

- Motion to table the June 2023 Expense Spreadsheet until next month was made by Councilor Partida and seconded by Councilor Rost. Motion Passed unanimously.

Maintenance Report-

- There was a correction. The water level should read July not June.
- The Road Grader will be checked out by RDO Equipment as soon as they have a free serviceman.

Administrative Report-

- Councilor Partida helped with some website changes.

Library Report-

- There may be a possibility that the Library Intern will not be able to work all the hours needed to use up the entire grant. There is the option of the intern planning a program at the end of the year to use the remaining funds, but they have all been budgeted in Personal Services which must be used for salary and benefits.
 - Scheduling adjustment will be used to meet grant requirements.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety Committee Meeting- The Council Meeting was suspended at 7:06 p.m. for a safety meeting. Present were staff members Rich Stoupa, Amanda Hespel and Donna Grimes.

- Kids playing with squirt guns in front of City Hall got carried away and hit the front windows with water. One youngster bumped into the front window before the activity was stopped.

The meeting resumed at 7:15 p.m.

Administrative Committee-September 5, 2023, was set for a Council workshop to formalize a new wage scale for adoption at the next Council meeting. The meeting will be held at City Hall starting at 6:30 p.m.

Park Committee-No Report

Street Committee-No Report

Water Committee-Well #4 project will be submitted to the State Emergency Board for consideration.

Planning Commission-No meeting this month.

Code Enforcement-There are no outstanding violations currently.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Ordinance Amending #265-**
 - Motion to table Ordinances #265 and get legal review was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Partida. Motion carried.
 - Language will be added to further define restrictions on animals grazing in front yards.
- **Ordinance #269 ATV-**
 - Councilor Partida moved to table and send the Ordinance off for legal review. Councilor Vorhauer gave a second and the motion passed.
- **Security Cameras-**
 - Verkada- an estimate after switching from the 5 year license to the 10 year license, adding in the alarms portion (which directly contacts dispatch and the police), and estimating install cost we are looking at more in the \$35,000 range. This \$35,000 cost would be a one-time payment and cover hardware, software, and installation; and most importantly **we would not have to pay any more money for the next 10 years.**
 - Doyle Electric Review-They recommended upgrading the server as did Walla Walla Electric.
- **Ordinance #270-Alley Vacation**
 - Councilor Rost moved to waive the charter rules for reading the Ordinance. Councilor Partida seconded the motion and it passed. The 14 foot wide alley in Block 10 running north/south between tax lots #200, #300, #400, #500 and #600 in the Original Townsite of Adams would be vacated.

- A motion to adopt Ordinance #270 was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Vorhauer.
 - Vote-Councilor Vorhauer-Yes, Councilor Partida-Yes, Councilor Rost-Yes-motion passed.
- CUP Livestock Permit #2023-04LP.
 - Councilor Rost discussed the email response to questions from the Council.
 - He proposed amending the permit with the following conditions attached-
 - What type/species of animal and how many-not to exceed 2.5 cows and/or 3 pigs not to exceed 6 months.
 - How much area is available for the animals-1.5 acres in the rear of the property with an additional 1.0 acres in front-non-permanent pasture.
 - Calf/livestock pens are to be regularly cleaned and waste repurposed in pastures.
 - Councilor Partida moved to approve CUP Livestock Permit #23-04LP with conditions. Councilor Vorhauer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The applicant agreed to amendments to the permit.

NEW BUSINESS


- **Letter of Interest-Council Position #1**
 - Lacy Heidenrich submitted a letter of interest for the vacant council seat-Position #1. She has lived in Adams since May of 2022 and works for the City of Milton-Freewater.
 - Councilor Rost made the motion to appoint Lacy Heidenrich to Council Position #1 term expiring 12/31/2026. Councilor Partida gave a second and the motion passed unanimously. The new Councilor is invited to the Council workshop on September 5 and will be sworn in at the next meeting which will be held on September 18, 2023.
- **Intergovernmental Agreement with Umatilla County for Code Enforcement**
 - Councilor Partida moved to approve the IGA with Umatilla County which runs for a two year period. Councilor Rost seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Action Items-

- Add space for comments and conditions on livestock permit application.
- After edits send Ordinances #265 & #269 to LOC for review
- Mayor Alderson to meet with County District Attorney Dan Primus and County Sheriff's office on how/if security footage would 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 8:42 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is set for September 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.


_____ Mayor


_____ Recorder