



## City Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2022

### *City of Adams*

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Graham Alderson at 6:33 p.m. Councilors Jeff Rost, Stephen Vorhauer, Kristin Schmidtgall and Stephanie Partida were present. Councilor John Thompson was excused. Also attending was Donna Grimes, City Recorder, Richard Stoupa, Public Works and Amanda Hespel, Librarian

#### The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### The Published Agenda-

- Councilor Rost moved waive the reading of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Councilor Partida and passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda- Councilor Rost moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the month of June 2022. 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-

- Update on Water Meter installation
- Spray for puncture vine in the city

Administrative Report- No additions

Library Report- Fantastic Summer Reading Program-participation way up. Awards will be given out during the Community Picnic on August 14, 2022.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety Committee Meeting- The Council Meeting was suspended at 7:09 p.m. for a safety meeting. There was no discussion. The meeting ended at 7:10 p.m.

#### Administrative Committee-

- Councilor/Employee Supervisor Rost asked that the Librarian Employee evaluation be returned to him as soon as possible.
- The next staff meeting will be held on September 30, 2022, at noon. A workshop is set for October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to review and suggest changes to the employee handbook. Staff and Council are asked to submit any suggested changes by October 15, 2022, to allow time for research and review.

**Park Committee-** The meeting scheduled for on August 5 was cancelled due to lack of attendance. Park Chairman Kristin Schmidtgall will re-schedule another meeting.

- Councilor Partida moved to authorize the spending of up to \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a new drinking fountain in the park. Councilor Vorhauer seconded the motion. Councilors Partida, Vorhauer and Schmidtgall voted yes, Councilor Rost voted no. Motion carried.

**Street Committee-**

- Council discussed applying for another Small City Allotment grant. Grant awards are up to \$250,000 and the deadline has been extended to August 31. Councilor Schmidtgall will work on submitting another grant.
- \$250,000.00 will pave approximately two thousand linear feet.

**Water Committee-**

- Councilor Rost presented the Council with a draft ROF for Municipal Well #4. He asked the Council to review the document so it can be ready for the next legislative session.

**Planning Commission-**

- August 4, 2022, Planning Commission meeting-
  - Code Enforcement Officer Gina Davis from Umatilla County was present. She discussed several properties with solid waste issues and excess weeds.
    - A letter of complaint from Amos Bechtel was received by the City concerning a property at 440 N. High Street. The letter listed several unlicensed vehicles and alleged that there was someone living in an RV. Officer Davis using the current code book produced a proposal to help the resident operate legally with in the code. She proposed a type C Variance and a Conditional Use Permits with conditions clearly stated.
    - Council asked that Officer Davis and City Planner Carla McLane confer on the issue to see if they reach the same conclusion.
    - Don Hartley has submitted the requested documents and has met the requirements of the Planning Commission for CUP Permit #22-04 to move forward.

**Budget-**

**Code Enforcement-**

- Several properties are being contacted about excessive weeds.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A motion to table the first two items under old business came from Councilor Rost and was seconded by Councilor Vorhauer. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Emergency Response Plan-** Motion to table by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Partida. Motion passed.

- **Community Center Restart-** - Motion to table by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Partida. Motion passed.
- **Eastern Oregon Telecom** -Franchise payments were received but they were calculated at 5% instead of the 7% set in the franchise agreement Ordinance #255. They will be invoiced for the 2% difference.
- **Candidate Filing Dates**-Filing dates for candidates running for Mayor or Council are between June 1 and August 30, 2022, to be on the November 2022 General Election Ballot.
- **Ordinance #264-Permanant Ban on Psylocibin-**
  - Second reading-Councilor Rost read the ordinance. Councilor Rost moved to adopt the ordinance and the motion was seconded by Councilor Vorhauer
    - Vote-Councilor Rost-Yes, Councilor Vorhauer-Yes, Councilor Partida-Yes, Councilor Schmidtgall-Yes, Councilor Thompson-absent. Ordinance #264 adopted.
  - **Ordinance #263-Vacation of College Avenue by Lois Hartley-Kannady and Kevin Dahlen.**
    - Second reading-Councilor Rost read the ordinance. Motion to adopt Ordinance #263 Vacating College Avenue was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Vorhauer.
    - Vote-Councilor Rost-Yes, Councilor, Vorhauer-Yes, Councilor Partida-Yes, Councilor Schmidtgall-Yes, Councilor Thompson-Absent. Ordinance #263 adopted.
- **Ordinance #265-Temporary Ban on Psilocybin**-Councilor Rost moved to withdraw Ordinance #265 and the motion was seconded by Councilor Partida. Motion passed unanimously.
- **City Picnic**-Adams Friends Association is spearheading the planning The date has been changed to August 14, 2022, because of a conflict with another event.

**New Business-** A letter was submitted by the daughter of the late Esther Freeman asking that the \$20.00 late fee be waived on the June 2022 water bill as she had to wait for new checks following her mother's death.

- Councilor Partida moved to waive the fee with Councilor Vorhauer seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items-**

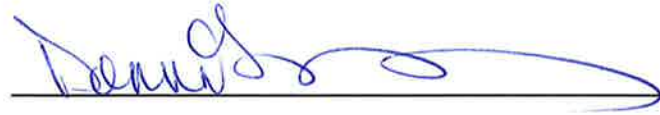
- Finish update on Emergency Plan
- Order power bar for conference room table.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Partida and seconded by Councilor Vorhauer. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is set for September 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Recorder