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City Council News

At the City Council June 8, 2026, meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Rost called the meeting to order. Mayor Charles Vickery and Councilor Ethan Colvard were absent.

After staff reports and committee reports were given, the meeting was suspended to hold the 2026-2027 Budget Hearing. Every June Council must pass a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Resolution 26-04 was adopted making appropriations, imposing the tax of $4.1176 per thousand of assessed value and categorizing the tax subject to the General Government Limitation. This new budget goes into effect on July 1, 2026.

The Council also adopted Resolution 26-03 which declares the City's election to receive Sate Revenues. They also adopted Resolution 26-06 which approves the transfers between funds in the current budget. Upon completion of the Budget Hearing the Council meeting resumed to finish their regular items of business.

Candidate Filing Period Open

Starting June 3, 2026, anyone wishing to run for City Council positions can file their paperwork. The deadline to file is August 25, 2026. There will be two Council positions and the office of Mayor up for election in November of 2026.

Anyone interested in filing should contact City Hall for more information. The term for Mayor is two years. The term for Councilor is four years.

Flags in the Park

A special thank-you goes out to the Adams Ladies Club for their work on Memorial Day weekend placing the American Flags in the park.

Storage Container Permits

Ordinance #273 SECTION 6 c. All property owners of Pre-Existing Containers will be required to apply for a permit upon adoption of this ordinance to record their location and to ensure adherence to the exemptions listed above.

SECTION 8: EFFECTIVE DATE AND GRACE PERIOD. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption for all new requests.

a. A grace period concerning Pre-Existing Non-Conforming Containers shall be given a six (6) month period starting from the date of adoption to file for a permit. The permit fees for a Pre-Existing Container will be waived during the grace period. Once the period has ended the permit fees will be reinstated. Permits requested after July 12, 2026, grace period will cost$100.00.

HISTORY OF ADAMS

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May 12, 1888

Mr. J.T. Redman, of Adams, passed through town last night on his way to Ashland, having received word that Mrs. I.T. Reese had just died at that place. Mrs. Reese was taken to Los Angeles about six months ago for her health, being afflicted with consumption. She had gradually been growing worse, and it was decided to remove her to Seattle, her future home, and she reached Ashland when death overtook her. Her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Williams, and her son Clem, who went down a few weeks ago, were with her when she died. It is not yet known where she will be interred.

June 23, 1888

Reese & Redman, of Adams will have their stock of goods sold out by next fall and will then depart foot-free to the booming city of the sound-Tacoma.

J.T. Lieuallen was in town today from Adams. Report his town mildly flourishing and has the same cheerful story to tell about "the crops."

September 22, 1888

An Effort Made to Obtain Twelve Acres of the Reservation to be used for Depot Proposed by the O.R. & N. Co.

The following is taken from Thursday's dispatches to the Portland Oregonian: "Today upon the passage of a bill in the senate to grant a railroad company of the State of Minnesota right of way over Indian reservation, Senator Dolph offered and secured an amendment to the bill granting to the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company of Oregon twelve acres of land upon the Umatilla reservation near the town of Adams for depot purposes. A conference was asked of the house on the amendment, and Senator Dolph was appointed one of the conferees. He hopes to secure the adoption of the amendment by that method, and early authority for the acquisition of the land required by the people of the town of Adams.

Coming Events

July 2-Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

July 4-Library and City Hall Closed

July 13-Adams City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

July 18-Adams Library Luau at the Park from 5-7:00 p.m.

July 31-Adams Library end of Summer Reading Program.

Summer reading every Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the park.

Fire Safety-FIREWORKS

Oregon Rules For Fireworks from the State Fire Marshalls Office

Oregon Law prohibits the possession, use, or sale of any fireworks that fly into the air, explodes, or travels more than 12 feet horizontally on the ground WITHOUT A PERMIT. Oregon State Fie Marshall said fireworks, commonly called bottle rockets, Roman candles, and firecrackers, are illegal in the state.

HAPPY 250 AMERICA!