City Council Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2025

City of Adams

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Mayor Charles Vickery with Councilors Justin Stewart, John Thompson, Ethan Colvard and Jeff Rost present. Also attending was Donna Grimes, City Recorder, Amanda Hespel, Librarian and Richard Stoupa, Public Works Director.

Wendy Chase was sworn in as Councilor Position #1.

Guests were-

- Rob VandeVere-Adams Resident
- Eliot Ottmar-Adams Resident-Ordinance #273
- Stephanie Partida, Katherine Ryder, Eliani Partida-Adams Friends Association

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Published Agenda-

- Mayor Vickery read the published Agenda.

The Consent Agenda- Councilor Thompson moved to approve the October 13, 2025, meeting minutes, financial statements, and bills. There was a second by Councilor Colvard and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

Maintenance Report-

- Rich Stoupa passed his Back-flow exam and will be applying for certification.
- SA 25/26-08 for Motel-Backflow repair training was approved.
- Councilor Rost moved to add the corner park light pole in the park to the City's insurance policy. Councilor Colvard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- There was an online meeting with H.D. Fowler and city staff to discuss the QuickBooks integration with the meter software.

Administrative Report- No Additions

Library Report-

- Two new assistants have been hired for fill-in positions.
- SA 25/26-09-Playaway Products
    - Councilor Rost moved to approve the authorization and Councilor Colvard gave a second to the motion. It passed with all voting in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 Council meeting resumed at 7:23 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Administrative Committee-

- A Staff Meeting was scheduled for December 1, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.
- Assigning advocates for each employee was discussed but no changes were made. Employees should take their concerns to the Employee Supervisor.

Park Committee- No Report

Street Committee- No Report.

Water Committee- No Report.

Planning Commission -There was no meeting last month due to lack of business.

- Terms Expiring at the end of 2025 are Jack Chase, Dwayne Dunaway, and Travis Ludwig.
  - Jack Chase has submitted a letter of interest for re-appointment.
    - Councilor Colvard moved to re-appoint Jack Chase to the Planning Commission. Councilor Stewart gave a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Budget-No Report

Code Enforcement-No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ordinance #273-Storage Containers
  - Eliot Otmar Spoke to the Council of his concerns relating to the requirement in Section 4, e concerning the requirement of a fire extinguisher at the storage container. He felt it was extremely dangerous as it may encourage homeowners to open a storage container on fire to try and put it out.
  - Motion to table The City Charter, Council Rules, and Ordinance #273 was made by Councilor Rost and seconded by Councilor Colvard. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS-

- Adams Friends Association- Representatives from the group, Katherine Ryder and Stephanie Partida discussed the events they had hosted this last year and some changes for next year.
- Volunteer Policies & Handbook-There was discussion and it will be discussed again later.

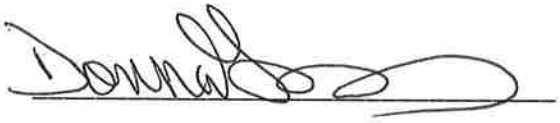
- Special Events Policies
    - There was discussion on liability insurance requirements and participant releases.

Action Items-Contacted Insurance agent about volunteer coverage.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Thompson and seconded by Councilor Stewart. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Approve: Mayor



Attest: City Recorder