City Council Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2026

City of Adams

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Charles Vickery with Councilors Wendy Chase, Justin Stewart, Ethan Colvard and John Thompson present. Also attending was Donna Grimes, City Recorder, Amanda Hespel, Librarian and Richard Stoupa, Public Works Director.

Councilor Jeff Rost was absent.

Guest attending was Ruth Pratt for Livestock Permit Renewal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Published Agenda-

- Mayor Vickery read the published Agenda.
  - There were no additions.

The Consent Agenda- Councilor Stewart moved to approve the March 9, 2026, 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 reported that he will again be applying for the Small City Allotment Grant.
- He has written letters to go out to those residents with Backflow Devices which will be tested next month.

Administrative Report-

- Election materials have been received from the Umatilla County Elections Department.
  - Filing dates for City offices will be June 3 through August 28, 2026.
- Ethics Filings are due.
- Council members were reminded to complete and return the annual employee evaluations.

Library Report-

- Librarian Amanda Hespel reported on plans for the upcoming book sale during Adams Day. She is also looking into grant writing classes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Safety Committee Meeting- The Council Meeting was suspended at 7:20 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- Employee Evaluations should be sent back to Councilor Rost as soon as possible. A staff meeting will be set for some time in May.

Park Committee- No Report

Street Committee- No Report.

Water Committee

- Backflow testing will be conducted starting in May.
- Councilor Rost will contact GSI Water Solutions to decide when they will begin work on the Water Management Conservation Plan Update.

Planning Commission

- **Permit #2024-08LP Type III-Renewal-1st hearing.**
  - **275 High Street-Letters sent.**
- **Permit #2024-10LPLP Type III Renewal-1st hearing.**
  - **235 E. Center Street-Letters sent.**
- **Permit #2023-02LP Type III Renewal-2nd Hearing.**
  - **380 S. College Street-Approved to be sent to Council.**
- **Permit #2026-26DEV Type II Storage Container**
  - **245 Sammy Lane-Approved**

Budget- Budget Meeting are set for April 21, April 27, and May 4, 2026, if needed.

Code Enforcement- No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- City Charter and Council Rules-
  - Councilor Colvard moved to table until the next Council meeting. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS-

- #2023-02LP Type III-RENEWAL 380 S. College Street-Ruth Pratt
  - Public Hearing on Livestock Permit
    - There were no comments received by letter or in person regarding these permits.

- Councilor Colvard moved to approve Permit #2023-02LP. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- Councilor Colvard moved to have the stump in the park removed and plant a new tree in its place. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.
- Councilor Thompson moved to approve the 2026 Triangle Little League Agreement.
  - Councilor Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- **Action Items**-
  - Send a Notice of Decision for Pratt Livestock Permit.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Thompson and seconded by Councilor Stewart. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Approve: Mayor

Attest: City Recorder