

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 14th day of January 2025.

Council present: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson.

Council absent: None

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

### **Agenda:**

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the City Council meeting agenda. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Approval of Timecards:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the December timecards. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

The clerk informed the council that so far approximately \$57,000.00 has be raised for the Veterans Memorial through the sale of plaques and donations. The clerk also presented the council with the draft and drawing plans for the new Veterans Memorial. The council liked everything that was presented except for a correction to the Pledge of Allegiance. The clerk said he would talk to the representative from Owatonna Granite about getting the correction made.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the draft and drawing plans for the Veterans Memorial with a correction to the Pledge of Allegiance. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The clerk informed the council that the closing date for the purchase of the Adams Clinic Building will be January 28<sup>th</sup>. The clerk also presented the council with Resolution #01-2025 a resolution giving the Mayor, Brian Anderson, and the Clerk, Jake Goodale, authorization to execute any and all documents required in connection with the purchase of the property located at 908 West Main Street.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve Resolution #01-2025. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The clerk also informed the council that Brynn Sathre has completed the “Welcome To Adams Sign” on the South side of town with only some minor landscaping left to be completed in the Spring.

**Police Report:**

The Mower County Sheriff's Department patrolled the City of Adams for a total of 253 hours in December. There were 58 Calls for service in the City with 16 traffic stops and 22 medical calls being the main focus.

**Fire Department Report:**

Fire report will be made at biannual Fire Board meeting on 1/28/2025.

**Maintenance Department Report:**

Cover for the primary tank at the treatment plant was repaired. Garage doors at the Emergency Services Building and at the shop at City Hall were inspected and the necessary repairs were made. The new sampler that was purchased in October arrived and has been installed at the treatment plant and is functioning properly. Cleaned up tree debris from the streets that was left after Mower County trimmed up trees on boulevards. Replaced a 2 old water meters and inspected 3 sewers.

**Prairie Visions Report:**

No business to report

**Approval of Bills:**

The bills payable for December were reviewed by the City Council.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the payment of December bills. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Financial Report:**

The city clerk presented the November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 financial statements.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the financial report as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**City Business Licenses:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, approving Bing's Liquor, Corkys Corner and the Adams Liquor Store with licenses to sell cigarettes and to approve The Adams American Legion with licenses to operate 4 E-Tab games and a license to hold dances.

**Clifton Larson Allen Audit Statement of Work:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve Clifton Larson Allen to commence with the 2024 Audit for the City of Adams not to exceed \$19,500.00. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Karen Ruechel, Nick Anderson and Michael Cherney. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**2025 Mayoral Appointments:**

Mayor Brian Anderson announced the following 2025 appointments:

Assistant Mayor: Karen Ruechel

Official Depositories: United Farmers State Bank / Northland Securities

Official Newspaper: Mower County Independent

Ambulance Joint Powers Board: Brian Anderson and Michael Cherney

Emergency Management Director: Dillon Heimer  
Fire Chief: Dillon Heimer, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant – Ryan Sathre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant – Eric Wiste  
Planning Commission: Charles Gilles, Dean Kiefer, Rick Hinz, Karen Ruechel, and Barry Kurtz  
Prairie Visions Representative: Christopher Quale  
Police Commissioner: Karen Ruechel  
Street Commissioner: Nick Anderson  
EDA Board: Brian Anderson, Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale, Nick Anderson  
Personnel Committee: Brian Anderson, Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale, Nick Anderson and Jake Goodale

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the 2025 Mayoral Appointments. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**2025 Burning Permits:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve 2025 burning permits to Anna Smith at 66650 140<sup>th</sup> St, Robert Smith at 208 4<sup>th</sup> St SW, Lynn Sathre at 204 4<sup>th</sup> St SW, David Sathre at 206 4<sup>th</sup> St SW, the City of Adams at 703 West Main Street, John Smith at PID #21.009.0240 and Rick Hinz at 413 1<sup>st</sup> St. NW. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Elected Oaths To Office:**

The clerk presented newly elected Mayor Brian Anderson and newly elected council members Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson with oaths to be signed so that they can commence their duties as newly elected city officials.

**Alysha Drees:**

Alysha Drees attended the council meeting with an idea involving Christmas light display contests in the City Park which would begin at the end of the year in 2025. The council was enthused with the idea as long as the maintenance department thought that it was feasible. The clerk was asked to see if the group sponsoring the event would need to provide the City of Adams a form of liability insurance or not.

**Gambling Permits:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve gambling permits to the Southland Public Education Foundation, Inc. for raffles that will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> as well as February 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Southland School District – Gym 1 and for a raffle that will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Southland School District Auditorium. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer