

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 11<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 11th day of February 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 Christopher Quale, 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 Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve January 28<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 Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the January timecards. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

The clerk presented the council with the deed restriction that was agreed upon in the signing of the purchase agreement in December of 2024 which needed to be signed by the mayor in order to completely finalize the sale of the Adam's Clinic Building located at 908 West Main Street. Nancy Thalberg and Paula Schmitz, members from the community center committee, attended the meeting to talk about the purchase of the new clinic building and how it would be utilized by the City as a Community Center. The council informed the ladies that as of right now the City is in the process of trying to make the space a functional community center while at the same time trying to keep the costs of renovation feasible, but the city is open to ideas and feedback from the public during this process. The ladies informed the council that the community center committee received a grant for tables and chairs that are to be placed in the newly purchased community center.

### **Police Report:**

Katelyn Fisher from the Mower County Sheriff's Department attended the meeting. She reported that they patrolled the City of Adams for a total of 177 hours in the month of January. There were 39 Calls for service in the City with traffic stops and medical calls being the main focus. Sargeant Fisher then asked about the deputies using the Adams Emergency Services building for lunch breaks. The city is fine with the deputies using the bathrooms, meeting area and kitchen, but did ask that they please stay out of the truck bay area.

**Fire Department Report:**

Fire Chief Dillon Heimer reported that the department responded to a grass fire and fire alarm in January. The new tanker trucks were utilized at the grass fire and Chief Heimer reported that they worked well.

**Maintenance Department Report:**

The maintenance department reported that the estimated delivery time for the new skid loader has been moved back to March. The John Deere maintenance machine's PTO is still not working. It is at the shop right now to be repaired. The Christmas lights were taken down. Some electrical work will need to be done before next Christmas to prevent the lights from out. Eight dead trees, mostly ashes, were cut down in the park.

**Prairie Visions Report:**

No new business to report

**Approval of Bills:**

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

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the payment of January 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 December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 financial statements.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, 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.

**Farm Animals Ordinance Review:**

Tim Hornbacher, a resident of Adams, spoke to the council about raising chickens in the city limits. As of right now Ordinance No. 137 states that the keeping of farm animals, poultry, and non-domestic animals is prohibited in the City of Adams. The council asked the clerk to gather more information from other cities that have allowed the rearing of chickens within their communities. The clerk will gather information and write up an ordinance which would allow chickens in the City of Adams for the council to consider for approval at the next meeting.

**Greenhouse Space:**

Trisha Smith attended the council meeting to seek a space for a mobile greenhouse that would be run from the first of May to the middle of June. The council considered a few different spots including the parking lot of the newly procured clinic, the park, and the green space the city owns behind the clinic building. The clerk mentioned that he would talk to Curt Sheely about insurance needs, and then once a definite spot was settled, he would get back to Ms. Smith to let her know.

**Resolution No. 02-2025:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve Resolution No. 02-2025 a resolution authorizing the mayor and the city clerk to obtain the necessary funding, \$84,000.00, from UFSB to complete the purchase of the two 2018 International Tanker Trucks acquired by the Adams Fire Department. 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 Christopher Quale, to adjourn at 7:18 PM.

Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer