

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special meeting was duly held at City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 25th day of February 2025.

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

Council absent: None

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

The council had a discussion regarding the new clinic building transitioning into a community center. The clerk was asked to get into contact with contractors and see who might be available to work on remodeling the inside of the building as well as contacting Eric Boe and Sons about getting the sewer line repaired. The council discussed reserving one office space as a community library and utilizing the old lab as a food area. The council also discussed the need for cameras to be installed outside and inside the building.

The clerk looked into the price of speed signs to be placed on the East and West ends of Hwy 56 to encourage traffic to slow down while entering town. The clerk reported that the cost of two signs would come in around \$7,000.00. The clerk also mentioned that the City would need to contact the State of Minnesota for permission to place signs on State Hwy 56. The clerk did not have any updates from Mower County on the speed signs that would be placed on the North and South sides of County Road 7.

The asked the council about a spot that could be used by Trisha Smith to sell plants in the City of Adams this spring. The council decided to let her set up in the park on the basketball court this year.

Councilman Quale reported that Prairie Visions would be holding a bike ride the weekend of June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ordinance No. 203:**

The clerk drafted Ordinance No. 203 and ordinance amending ordinance No. 137 pertaining to the ownership of farm animals, specifically owning chickens within the City of Adams. The ordinance would permit residents a chance to own up to 4 hen chickens (no roosters) under certain conditions concerning construction requirements for chicken coops and runs, the way coops and runs should be maintained, and the enforcement and penalties associated with the ordinance. After reviewing the ordinance the council wanted some items added and tabled the

discussion until the next meeting so the clerk could make the proposed updates for another review.

**Gambling Permit:**

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve a gambling permit to the Adams Town & Country Recreation Corp. for paddlewheels and a raffle to be held on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Adams American Legion. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Park/Playground Equipment:**

The playground equipment at the park has become outdated and it has been mentioned to the City from certain state officials that none of the equipment at the park meets ADA compliancy standards. The clerk received a quote from Safety First Playground Maintenance for the purchase and installation of large jungle gym playground system along with new surfacing and borders. The quote came in at \$95,000.00. The council thought that we should look for grants to help alleviate some of the costs and asked the clerk to talk to the City's grant writer about looking into it.

**Park/Playground Equipment:**

The clerk mentioned to the council that the lettering on the face of the building at City Hall is starting to deteriorate. He asked if he could look into getting some quotes to replace and install new lettering. The council agreed and told the clerk to move forward by getting a quote.

No further business.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer