

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 11th, 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 March 2025.

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

Council absent: Christopher Quale

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, and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Nick Anderson, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve February 25th meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Timecards:

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

Old Business:

The clerk presented the council with the changes that he made to proposed Ordinance No. 203, an ordinance pertaining to owning chickens in the City of Adams. The clerk added to the ordinance that no eggs could be sold from any residential properties in the City of Adams as well as that all residents who do wish to obtain a permit to own chickens must notify all adjoining property owners of their intentions with a letter provided by the City on the city's website or at City Hall. The clerk also added to the ordinance that the City will have the right to seize any chickens caught running at large or that are being treated inhumanly. Two residents attended the meeting with questions about the ordinance. The Council tried to answer the questions as reasonably as possible and the clerk reminded the residents that some of their questions could be reviewed more closely if the ordinance was passed.

Motion made by Nick Anderson, to approve Ordinance No. 203 an ordinance pertaining to owning chickens in the City of Adams. There was not a second and the motion was not voted upon. The council decided to table this matter until the next meeting and discuss Ordinance No. 203 when all council members would be present.

The clerk and the mayor then discussed their meeting with the Community Center Committee and the potential plans discussed with them to turn the old Adams Clinic building into a Community Center. After a long discussion about which walls should be removed and which areas should be reserved for food, storage, and a community library, a comment was made about the building being inspected for fire codes and safety regulations, specifically fire exits, alarms and fire suppression. All these could pose significant costs which in turn may cause the council

to change construction plans. The council agreed a plan needs to be drawn out and finalized before any construction happens.

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 192 hours in the month of February. There were 45 Calls for service in the City with 12 traffic stops and 9 medical calls being the main focus. There was a discussion about ATV's and UTV's driving around the City. The clerk informed the council and Sargeant Fisher that the City did not have any specific ordinance to monitor ATV's and UTV's and that Adams relied on the State of Minnesota and the Minnesota DNR's laws and statutes for the enforcement of those types of vehicles.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief Dillon Heimer reported that there were no Fires in the Month of February. He stated that the old Pumper Truck purchased from Rose Creek was ready to be listed to be sold and that Engine No. 2 needs some light repairs. Chief Heimer said he would look into the repairs further and find more information to report back to the council at the next meeting.

Maintenance Department Report:

The maintenance department reported that the new skid should be acquired by 3/13/2025. The JD maintenance machine has been repaired and is back in operation. They have been painting and performing maintenance tasks as well as burning the brush piles at the treatment plant. The crew has started the work to renew the wastewater permit. The maintenance department attended Gopher State One Call training and moved a little snow.

Prairie Visions Report:

No new business to report

Approval of Bills:

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

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

Financial Report:

The city clerk presented the January 31st, 2025 financial statements.

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

2024 Audit Review:

Craig Popenhagen of Clifton Larson Allen was present to review the 2024 annual city audit report. Craig stated that the 2024 expenditures were in line with the corresponding budget, and that no significant adjustments were required to the 2024 financial statements. Mr. Popenhagen stated that the 2024 audit proceeded smoothly and that the results turned out good for the City.

Building Permits:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve a building permit to Tom Kiefer at the empty lot on 403 Bergen Street for the construction of a new garage and a permit to Cathy Bennett for the construction of a 14' x 20' utility shed at 205 5th St. NW. Votes

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

Gambling Permit:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve a gambling permit to the Southland Youth Clay Target Team for a raffle and a tip board to be held at the Adams American Legion on 5/17/2025. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to adjourn at 7:38 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer