SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 26th, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special meeting was duly held at Adams City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 26th day of May 2026.

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

Council absent: None

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

Agenda:
Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, 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 Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the May 12th council minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:
Marty Helle responded to the City's question about whether residents may use a city-owned utility easement for property access when the easement crosses land not owned by the City. Mr. Helle stated that "the City cannot take a utility easement and unilaterally turn it into an access easement," and explained that access rights would belong to the property owners, not the City. The clerk then raised the question about whether the City should use eminent domain to acquire property from other landowners to provide access to one or possibly two lots through the City's utility easement. The Council determined that pursuing eminent domain over the other properties would not be appropriate for that purpose.

Community Center Rental Applications:
Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney to approve rental applications from Kris Hamilton, who will be hosting a private event at the Community Center on Sunday June 7th, from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM, and to approve an application from LeAnn Emanuel to hold a private event at the Community Center on Sunday August 2nd, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Davy Engineering / Well House #5 & Connecting Mains:
Alex Cronk, The lead engineer of the Well House #5 and Connecting Mains project, from Davy engineering was at the meeting to talk to the council about the progress. We have contracts signed and now we are waiting to get the funding through the PFA. He was present to have resolutions passed and certifications signed to apply for the PFA loan.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale to approve Resolution No. 15-2026 a resolution stating the City of Adams is applying for $1,879,247.00 loan from the MPFA for its Well House #5 project. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale to approve Resolution No. 16-2026 a resolution stating the City of Adams is applying for $560,672.00 loan from the MPFA for its Water Main Loop & Connecting project. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel to adjourn at 6:20 PM. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer