REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 14th, 2026

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 July 2026.

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 Karen Ruechel, 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 Michael Cherney, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve June 23rd 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 June timecards. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:
A water rate study was conducted by Northland Securities to see where rates would need to be set in order to pay back the loan from PFA for the completion of the Well House #5 and Connecting Mains project. The clerk was presented with updated numbers from the PFA and was going to have Northland Securities run the new inform

Police Report:
Chief Deputy, Dave Pike, presented the police report. He stated that Mower County Deputies patrolled approximately 5.5 hours per day in the month of June and responded to 24 calls for service.

Fire Department Report:
The Adams Fire Department responded to one fire alarm in June. Chief Heimer informed the council that one new tanker truck is being powder coated, and the second will be completed after the first is finished. Chief Heimer commended his crew for their response to the flooding on 7/8/2026 and said they performed well with the manpower and resources available.

Maintenance Department Report:
The maintenance department attended a quarterly safety meeting in June, planted more than ten new trees in the park, and burned the brush pile. Two used pumps were acquired from the City of Austin. The department informed the council that the City of Rose Creek would like to use the City's camera, with assistance from Al Sorenson, to begin inspecting sewer lines in Rose Creek. Al and the clerk agreed on a rate of $100.00 for the camera and $30.00 per hour for Al's time. The council agreed to the terms, and Al was to notify Rose Creek. The maintenance department

also reported that the Fire Department helped sandbag at the treatment plant to prevent flooding on 7/8/2026, and that as of 7/14/2026, the plant was just beginning to operate normally.

Prairie Visions Report:
Flooding on 7/8/2026 washed out a bridge on the Shooting Star Bike Trail between Adams and Rose Creek and caused water damage in other areas along the trail.

Approval of Bills:
The bills payable for June were reviewed by the City Council.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the payment of June 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 May 31st, 2026 financial statements.

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

Resolution No. 19-2026:
Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve Resolution No. 19-2026 a resolution approve a donation from Schmitz Electric from their Dairy Day BBQ Dinner in the amount of $750.00 dollars to the Adams Community Center earmarked for tables. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Resolution No. 20-2026:
Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve Resolution No. 20-2026 a resolution approving the donations made to the Freedom Veterans Memorial from 11/1/2025 to 6/30/2026. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson, Karen Ruechel and Christopher Quale. Votes against: None Motion carried

7/8/2026 Flood:
Amy Bramwell, Mower County Emergency Management Coordinator, and Dave Pike, Mower County Chief Deputy, attended the meeting to discuss the flood events and the next steps to recovery with the council. They thanked the Fire Department for its response during the chaotic event and reported receiving numerous damage assessments, including 14 from Adams. They also said they helped arrange for the Red Cross to come the next day to distribute disaster relief kits and provide information to assist flood victims. Amy Bramwell stated that Mower County would be hosting a meeting for all towns and townships within County that received over $4100.00 of damage towards public infrastructure with representatives from the State of Minnesota, and that a date and time would be set in the near future. An Adams resident who attended the meeting reported volunteering with Operation BBQ at the Adams Community Center from July 9th through July 12th, helping prepare and serve more than 250 free meals to flood victims and emergency responders in the Adams and LeRoy areas. The resident also expressed disappointment that they did not see council members speaking with affected residents after the flooding.

322 Building Repairs:
The clerk presented the council with pictures of some water damage that was occurring at the 322 Building underneath a window. He also presented the council with an estimate of $500.00 from Loecher Construction to repair the damage.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve Loecher Construction's estimate of $500.00 to repair the water damage underneath the window at the 322 Building. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Community Center:
The Republican candidate, Patricia Mueller, will be conducting a town hall at the Adams Community Center on Monday July 27th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM to talk to any Adams residents interested in her policy goals for the future.

Lien Satisfaction:
Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the lien satisfaction in the amount of $316.60 for Daniel E. and Chritine L. Shaw for parcel R21.001.0950. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel seconded by Christopher Quale, to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer