SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 28th, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special meeting was duly held at Adams City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 28th day of July 2026.

Council present: Karen Ruecel, Michael Cherney via Phone, Christopher Quale, Nick Anderson

Council absent: None

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes:
Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the July 14th council minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Mower County Flood Meeting:
The clerk attended a meeting at Mower County on July 22nd about public infrastructure losses and spoke with a Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) representative. The City of Adams reported minor damage to gravel alleys and roads, a damaged electrical control board at the wastewater treatment plant, and the loss of an Adams Fire Department radio in floodwaters. The representative advised the clerk that the radio and damaged electrical control board must first be reported to the city's insurance company before the State of Minnesota could provide any financial assistance.

Resolution No. 21-2026:
Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Nick anderson, to approve Resolution No. 21-2026, a resolution adopting the increase in water charges for the fourth quarter of 2026 and thereafter, until such time a change is made, shall be charged as follows:
Minimum charge per quarter for the first 1,000 gallons of water usage is $117.00. Each additional 1,000 gallons used shall be charged at the rate of $10.00. Rates shall be applied to all user classes. Failure of the property owner not returning their meter reading card within 10 days, the city staff will read the meter and the property owner will be charged a fee of $25.00. New connections to the water service system shall be charged a one-time connection fee of $150.00. Meter deposits will be $300.00 for ¾" meter, and $375.00 for 1" meter. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Christopher Quale. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Resolution No. 22-2026:
Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve Resolution No. 22-2026, a resolution adopting the increase in sewer service charges for the fourth quarter of 2026 and thereafter, until such time a change is made, shall be charged as follows:
Minimum charge per quarter for the first 1,000 gallons of water usage is $15.00. Each additional 1,000 gallons shall be charged at the rate of $10.00. Rates shall be applied to all user classes. Six cents per 1,000 gallons from the rate shall be used to fund the Sewer Replacement Fund. New connections to the sewer service system shall be charged a one-time connection fee of $150.00. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Christopher Quale. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Liability Coverage Waiver Form:
Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve and sign the annual liability waiver form through the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) which states the City of Adams does not waive the monetary limits on municipality tort liability established by MN Statute 466.04. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Christopher Quale. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Community Center Rental Application:
Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to accept Martin Schaefer's rental application for the Adams Community Center on 12/19/2026. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Resolution No. 23-2026:
Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve Resolution No. 23-2026 a resolution to approve a donation from Randy Kramer in memorial of his father Kenneth Kramer in the amount of $10,000.00 dollars to the Adams Fire Department. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

2027 Salary Negotiations:
The clerk negotiated a 3.0% salary increase for the city workers for 2027.
Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve a 3.0% salary increase to the City Maintenance Department and City Clerk for the coming year in 2027. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Karen Ruechel and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Land Purchase:
Lynn Sathre asked about purchasing some land behind his property from the City which used to be the old park. The council asked the clerk to look into the land that was sold to Jeff Smith back in 2025 to come up with a price. The clerk will report his findings at the next meeting.

TJ Lynch:
TJ Lynch, a 2026 candidate for Mower County Sheriff, attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Adams Council. He stated that he has 12 years of law enforcement experience, beginning in Lyle and currently with Mower County. He invited questions from the City and answered them to the best of his ability.

No further business.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer