REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 12th, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 12th day of August 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 Christopher Quale, seconded by Michael Cherney, 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 Christopher Quale, to approve July 28th 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 Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the July timecards. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:
Vertical Bridge returned a fully executed agreement to purchase the easement rights from the City of Adams for the property where the cell tower is located and is arranging to send the City a $1,000.00 earnest money check. Vertical Bridge also provided a draft easement for review and signature. The council agreed it would be prudent to have City Attorney Marty Helle review the draft before signing.

The clerk informed the council that he had received several concerns about motorized scooters over the past week. He located Minnesota Statute 169.225, which outlines the legal operation of motorized foot scooters in the state. The council asked the clerk to post the statute on the City's Facebook page, along with a message encouraging parents of children who use motorized scooters to discuss safe operation with them.

Police Report:
The clerk contacted Dave Pike about renewing the policing contract between the Mower County Sheriff's Department and the City of Adams. Mr. Pike said the contract would likely increase by 8%, bringing the 2027 amount to $101,287.00 if the City chooses to renew.

Maintenance Department Report:
The maintenance department reported replacing an electric motor on a pump at the wastewater treatment plant for $1,750.00. It also received an estimate of approximately $9,500.00 to replace an electrical board at the plant. Maintenance staff attended a mandatory safety meeting in Grand Meadow, have been busy mowing due to recent rain, and planted several trees at the park to replace the dead ones which have been cut down.

Prairie Visions Report:
Flood damage was discussed at the last meeting.

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

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve the payment of July 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 June 30th, 2026 financial statements.

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

502 Bergen Street:
The clerk was asked about the City's plans for the run-down property at 502 Bergen Street. The owner was first asked to repair the home in 2015, and the council now considers the structure a hazard. The clerk explained that, before a hazardous structure can be demolished in Minnesota, statutory due process must be followed. This includes inspecting the property, notifying the owner, obtaining a council order or court judgment, completing environmental and utility clearances, carrying out the demolition, and assessing the demolition costs to the property's taxes. The clerk also noted that, after the process is complete, the property owner may stop paying taxes, leaving the City to recover only what it can from the sale of the vacant lot. The council decided to table this issue to discuss the matter in the future.

Well #5 Update:
The clerk informed the council that builders encountered soil issues while constructing the road/driveway for Wellhouse #5. The builders indicated that because the soil is so wet the driveway approach will need to be moved approximately 30 to 40 feet East. They will prepare a change order outlining the additional cost for council review and approval.

No further business.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel seconded by Christopher Quale, to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer