SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 25th, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special meeting was duly held at Adams City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 25th day of August 2026.

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

Council absent: Nick Anderson

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

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

Biannual Fire Board Meeting:
The Adams City Council met with the Adams Fire Board to review the current Financial Statement for the Adams Fire Department. Fire Board members present were Ted Kiefer (City of Taopi), Dave Weness (Clayton Township), John Kirtz (Lodi Township) and John Kloeckner (Adams Township). Dillon Heimer, the Fire Chief, attended the meeting representing the Adams Fire Department. The City Clerk presented the current statement of revenues and expenditures and the balance sheet for the 2026 Fire Department Fund. The clerk informed the board that 31% of the Fire Department's $115,000.00 budgeted revenue remained to be collected for 2026, while 38% of its $115,000.00 budgeted expenses remained unspent. The clerk also noted that the department had already received $11,000.00 in unexpected donations this year before turning the discussion to the 2026 balance sheet. The Fire Department's current fund balance is $52,116.00. The clerk asked whether the board wanted to make a larger principal payment on one of the department's two outstanding loans. Chief Heimer informed the board that the department would likely need to purchase approximately 15 pairs of turnout gear within the next few years, and that the additional funds would probably be needed for that expense.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the August 12th council minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Building Permits:
Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve a building permit to James Johnson to move 10' x 14' accessory building into the back yard of 406 Lincoln Street. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve Matthew O'Connor's building permit for an 18' x 30' addition to the back of his house and to allow a variance from the 25' rear yard setback at 211 1st St. NW. The neighboring property owners agreed to the rear of the addition being 5 feet from the rear property line. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Brian Anderson. Karen Ruechel abstains. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Well #5 Change Order:
Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve Change Order #1 of the 2nd phase of the Well #5 project that will shift the access road to the east, out of the original alignment, revise the original roadway cross section, replace bottom 6" of Class IV material with 3" minus Riprap, lay fabric and roadway upon existing grade, no cut and add 6" culvert under roadway due to poor soil conditions where the original access was planned to go raising the original bid price of $815,000.00 to $821,236.00. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale to adjourn at 6:53 PM. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer