

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 12th, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting was duly held at Adams City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 12th day of November 2024.

Council present: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel.

Council absent: Nick Anderson

Mayor: Brian Anderson presided over the meeting.

Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve October 22nd and November 4th meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Timecards:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the October timecards. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Old Business:

Jan Weness was present to go over the proposal put together by the Community Center Board for the use of the meeting room at City Hall as a community center. A board will be formed to set guidelines and monitor the use of the center. The hours of operation would be the same as the city office and should be open daily. The center would not be open on weekends or holidays. The clerk mentioned that if he were gone for any reason he would notify the community members via social media to alert them that the center would be closed on that day. The vision is that the center could be used for card playing, a puzzle corner, a reading library and other special event ideas that would be brought to the Community Center Board for consideration. The board aims to have the center open and running by January 2nd, 2025.

The City of Adam's offer of \$185,000.00 for the clinic building on the West end of town was countered by Mayo for \$200,000.00.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to counter Mayo's offer of \$200,000.00 with a \$190,000.00 offer.. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to donate \$2500.00 to the Veterans Memorial Fund. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve Brady Stevens at Realty Plus LLC as the realtor to help sell the vacant lots at the North Side Park 2nd Addition.. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Police Report:

The Mower County Sheriff's Department patrolled the City of Adams for a total of 224 hours from October 8th to November 11th. There were 44 calls for service in the city, with traffic stops and medical calls being the main focus.

Fire Department Report:

The Adams Fire Department responded to three calls in October. A deck fire and two gas calls. Fire Chief Heimer reported that the new tankers should be in service by the end of November. The clerk was directed to list the old tanker truck on the League of Minnesota Cities website for \$2800.00.

Motion was made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the resignation of Ryan Tagge from the Adams Volunteer Fire Department. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Maintenance Department Report:

The maintenance department reported that the hydrants were flushed and the water tower was cleaned in October. Water samples were analyzed and were determined to be good. Lights were installed on the new city pickup. A valve was repaired on the West end of town off of Highway 56 and a new sampler was purchased for \$2500.00 to be used at the treatment plant. Leaves were cleaned from catch basins around the streets and the water was shut off at the campgrounds.

Prairie Visions Report:

No new news to report.

Approval of Bills:

The bills payable for October were reviewed by the City Council.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the payment of October bills. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The city clerk presented the September 30th, 2024 financial statements.

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

MNHS Grant Agreement:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve and sign the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant Agreement between the Minnesota Historical Society and the City of Adams in which MHS will grant the city \$212,204.00 for the tuckpointing and roof replacement at the building located at 322 West Main Street. The city will be obligated to match \$53,050.00 of the grant. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

American Legion Sunday Liquor License:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve a Sunday liquor license to the Adams American Legion. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, and Christopher Quale. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Gambling Permit:

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve a gambling permit to the Southland Sportsmens Club for a raffle to be held at the Adams American Legion on 3/15/2025. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

322 Building Grant:

The clerk reported that the City of Adams was awarded a grant for the repairs to the roof and roof hatch as well as masonry rehabilitation at the First National Bank building which it owns at 322 West Main Street from the Minnesota Historical Society. The City of Adams will need to match 20% of the total amount granted.

Sacred Heart Liquor License & Gambling Permit:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve a temporary liquor license and a gambling permit to Sacred Heart School for their Winter auction Banquet to be held on 2/8/2025. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

2024 Election Canvassing:

The city election returns were reviewed for the November 5th, 2024 election. Election results showed a total of 402 people voting, out of 501 registered voters. Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Brian Anderson, to approve the following election totals: Mayor – Brian Anderson 352 votes with 12 write-in votes, four-year term. Council Member –Karen Ruechel 307 votes, Christopher Quale 284 votes, and Nicholas Anderson 292 votes with 9 write-in votes, four-year terms. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

John Smith Land:

A council member inquired about John Smith’s land he owns in the NW portion of the City of Adams. They heard that solar panels might be installed. The clerk informed the council that he spoke to him about this almost two years ago and that he informed Mr. Smith that he would need to approach the council about zoning classifications before he decided to install a solar farm within city limits.

No further business.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to adjourn at 6:59 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer