

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special meeting was duly held at City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

Council present: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Christopher Quale

Council absent: None

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: Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Nick Anderson votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Curt Sheely attended the meeting to answer some questions in regard to the city's insurance requirements for renting out the Adams Community Center. The council's initial inquiry concerned why groups utilizing the Community Center on weekdays are not required to obtain insurance, unlike those who rent the facility. Mr. Sheely explained that the groups who use the center on weekdays during the normal operating hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM are essentially attending community sanctioned events where anyone is welcomed. He stated that those events can be monitored by the city clerk and/or any city employee to make sure things run smoothly and nothing goes awry. He added that groups that wish to rent the Community Center typically hold private events, usually on weekday evenings or weekends, with invited guests only. These events often occur outside working hours and cannot be monitored by city staff. He stated that liability insurance for private events provides financial protection for the city against accidents, injuries and property damage that may occur as a direct result of the event. Mr. Sheely clarified that no law mandates insurance for venue rentals; it's up to the City to decide if insurance is required. He explained that if an accident, causing injury or property damage, happens at a private event without required liability insurance, the only recourse is to pursue legal action against the renter; otherwise, the City's insurance would have to cover the costs.

Mr. Sheely subsequently addressed insurance considerations regarding the proposed outdoor ice rink. He indicated that, should the City construct an ice rink within the park, the park's liability insurance would extend to cover the rink in a manner consistent with coverage for existing playground equipment. Mr. Sheely noted that rink users, similar to playground equipment users, would be expected to assume a degree of personal liability. Additionally, he recommended the installation of a temporary fence around the rink and the posting of signage clearly communicating that the rink is minimally maintained and that use is at one's own risk.

The Community Center Committee asked about repairs to the handicap door and a non-working outlet. The clerk reported Schmitz Electric assessed the outlet and found repairs could be expensive, while the clerk and maintenance supervisor were still seeking someone to fix the

door. The council decided to postpone both issues until they could address them in the 2026 budget.

The Historical Society installed an alarm system at 322 Main Street and hired a painting restoration expert to assess the lobby portrait. They received a cleaning and restoration quote, which they agreed to fund with the City's approval.

Motion made by Nick Anderson, seconded by Michael Cherney, to approve the cleaning and restoration of the painting owned by the City at the building located at 322 Main Street to be paid for by the Historical Society. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Nick Anderson votes against: None Motion carried.

Coty Kirtz put together a contract to become the listing agent for the City of Adams to list and sell the lots at the North Side Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve the contract naming Coty Kirtz the listing agent for the City of Adams' North Side Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney and Nick Anderson votes against: None Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 16-2025:**

A resolution to collect delinquent water, sewer and garbage charges which are to be levied against the delinquent property owner's 2026 taxes.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve Resolution #16-2025, a resolution to collect delinquent water, sewer and garbage charges. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Nick Anderson, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Building Permit:**

Motion made by Nick Anderson, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve a building permit to United Farmers State Bank to install water intake drains in the grassed area South of the bank and in the bank parking lot which will be horizontally bored into the storm sewer. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Nick Anderson, Michael Cherney and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Community Center Applications:**

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve Sacred Heart School's application to hold an event at the Adams Community Center on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2026 from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Computer For Community Ed Supervisor:**

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale to approve the purchase of computer to be used by the newly hired Community Ed Supervisor: Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

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Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale to approve the purchase of computer to be used by the newly hired Community Ed Supervisor: Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel to adjourn at 7:04 PM. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Meeting reopened at 7:10 PM.

**Veterans Memorial Committee Recognition:**

Dave Fasbender brought the clerk information to present to the council regarding a bronze plaque recognizing the Freedom Veterans Memorial Committee members which would cost approximately \$350.00. Dave proposed that it be placed on one of the pillars holding the archway. The council agreed that it should go on one of the pillars but on the North side facing towards the memorial to preserve the overall look of the memorial.

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Nick Anderson to approve the purchase of a bronze plaque for \$350.00 to recognize the Freedom Veterans Memorial Committee to be placed on the North side of one of the pillars holding up the archway. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Nick Anderson to adjourn at 7:19 PM. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer