

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 9th day of December 2025.

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

Council absent: None

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

### **Public Hearing To Finalize 2026 Budget:**

The public hearing was opened at 6:02 PM.

Mayor Anderson and the City Council reviewed the budget for 2026, as presented by the City Clerk. The budget shows a \$200.00 (0.02%) increase in expenses, and a \$12,500.00 (2.74%) increase in property taxes. Upon no concerns from any residents or council members a motion was made by Nick Anderson, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the 2026 budget and Resolution #17-2025, a resolution setting the 2026 tax levy at \$468,000.00. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Nick Anderson, Christopher Quale and Michael Cherney. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Public hearing closed at 6:15 PM

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Karen Ruechel and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

### **Approval of Timecards:**

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

### **Old Business:**

The clerk informed the council that the City of Adam's Pump House and Connecting Mains project was not listed among the MPFA's eligible projects for funding in 2026. He then asked if he should seek an assessment from Northland Securities, the bonding company that handled the city's last two street projects, regarding possible funding options. The council agreed that the clerk should pursue this potential source of funding.

### **Police Report:**

Sargeant Katelyn Fisher reported that the Mower County Sheriff's Department patrolled the City of Adams for 7.3 hours per day in the month of November There were 24 calls for service in the city, with traffic stops (8) and medical calls (4) being the main focus.

**Fire Department Report:**

The Adams Fire Department responded to a dryer fire and a manure spreader fire, which was cancelled in the month of November.

**Maintenance Department Report:**

The maintenance department hauled away drying bed materials from the WWTP, repaired the community center sewer line, replaced a pump at the WWTP, and completed quarterly water samples. Leaves were cleared from curbs before snowfall, flower pots were moved to prepare sidewalks, and Christmas lights were installed on Highway 56. The City has received positive feedback about the lights that were put up in the park. Snow was removed twice from downtown. Jeremy Bottema will develop design options and produce a sign for the Community Center.

**Prairie Visions Report:**

No new business to report.

**Approval of Bills:**

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

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

**Financial Report:**

The city clerk presented the October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 financial statements.

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

**2025 Year End Transfers:**

The City clerk requested a motion on financial year-end transfers that were included in the 2025 budget. Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Nick Anderson, to send \$13,000.00 from the Water Fund to the Sewer Fund, \$10,000.00 from the General Fund to the 322 Building Fund, \$6,000.00 from the General Fund to the Contingency Fund, \$25,000.00 from the General Fund to the Street Maintenance Fund, \$2,300.00 from the sewer fund to the Sewer Replacement fund, and \$23,813.00 from the General Fund to the Fire Department Fund to complete year end transfers. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Karen Ruechel and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**2026 Permits & License Fees:**

The following list of license and permit fees were discussed for approval moving forward into the year 2026.

Liquor On-Sale License:	\$250.00
Liquor Off-Sale License:	\$150.00
Sunday Liquor Sales:	\$100.00
Dance License:	\$30.00
Cigarette Sales License:	\$50.00
One-Day Sunday Liquor Sales:	\$50.00
Special On-Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor:	\$50.00
Operating Games License:	\$20.00 / Each
Building Permit Fee:	\$25.00

Dog License Fee: \$15.00 / Each

Camping Fee: \$25.00

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve the permits and licensing fees schedule for 2026. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Conditional Use Permit:**

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve a conditional use permit to Hattie Wiste at 111 W Main Street, to install a 120 gallon LP tank to heat her garage with the conditions that it will be installed by a licensed installer and it will only be used to heat an accessory building. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**Gambling / Bingo License:**

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve a gambling permit to the North Star Honor Flight, who will host a bingo event on 3/21/2026 at the Adams American Legion. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Karen Ruechel and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

**City Business Licenses:**

Motion made by Nick Anderson, seconded by Karen Ruechel, approving Bing's Liquor, Corkys Corner and the Adams Liquor Store with licenses to sell cigarettes and to approve The Adams American Legion with licenses to operate 4 E-Tab games and a license to hold dances.

**Social Media / Website Manager:**

Ella Noterman has managed the City of Adams' website and Facebook Page for free since 2020. She now proposes to continue for \$250 per month. The council asked the clerk to discuss with Ms. Noterman whether she could improve the website and expand Facebook content if paid this amount.

No further business.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to adjourn at 7:16 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Karen Ruechel and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer