

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 10th, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting was duly held at Adams City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 10th day of December 2024.

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

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, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING:

Mayor Anderson and the City Council reviewed the budget for 2025, as presented by the City Clerk. The budget shows a \$11,400.00 (1.25%) increase in expenses, and a \$7,000.00 (1.56%) increase in property taxes. Upon no concerns from any residents or council members a motion was made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve the 2025 budget and Resolution #16-2024, a resolution setting the 2025 tax levy at \$455,500.00. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Nick Anderson, Christopher Quale and Michael Cherney. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve November 26th meeting minutes as presented. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Timecards:

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

Old Business:

The council along with the City's attorney, reviewed the revised purchase agreement from Mayo Clinic Health Systems for the Adams Clinic Building. Mayo Clinic removed the \$4,776.97 estimate for sewer line repairs from Eric Boe & Sons from the \$190,000.00 offer previously made by the City of Adams. The new purchase price now totals \$185,225.03.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Christopher Quale, to agree to the price of \$185,225.03 for the purchase of the vacant clinic building to eventually be turned into a community center. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The clerk was asked to look into a locking mechanism for the clinic building that would use codes for entry into the building. The clerk was also asked to look into a sign for the community center.

Dave Fasbender attended the meeting to see if the City of Adams would be willing to be the fiscal agent for the Freedom Veterans Memorial in order to apply for a Freeborn Mower grant. Motion was made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve the City of Adams acts as the Fiscal agent for the Freedom Veterans Memorial in order to apply for a grant. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Nick Anderson 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 208 hours from November 12th to December 9th. There were 63 calls for service in the city, with traffic stops being the main focus.

Fire Department Report:

The Adams Fire Department responded to one call in November. Fire Chief Heimer reported that the new air compressor works good at the fire hall, and therefore, the clerk was directed to terminate the lease with Air Gas.

Maintenance Department Report:

The maintenance department repaired a leak at the pump house, installed a new (used) coolant tank on the dump truck, took the flags along the streets down for the winter and put up the Christmas lights, moved the Garden Club's planters off the street and changed oil in both pickups. The furnace in the shop behind City Hall will need to be replaced sometime in 2025. Wind is making its way through the furnaces exhaust vent and is blowing out the pilot light. The maintenance department will get estimates from two contractors and report back. Plastic bags were put over some of the fire hydrants to protect them from being splashed with road salt.

Prairie Visions Report:

Prairie Visions held a dinner at Sweets Hotel in Leroy where discussions were held about how the Shooting Star Bike Trail would be managed in 2025 as well as the progress being made with connecting the Shooting Star Bike Trail with the Wapsi Great Western Line Bike Trail in Iowa.

Approval of Bills:

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

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

Financial Report:

The city clerk presented the October 31st, 2024 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, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

2024 Year End Transfers:

The City clerk requested a motion on financial year-end transfers that were included in the 2024 budget. Sending \$18,000.00 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, \$20,000.00 from the General Fund to the Street Maintenance Fund, \$2,300.00 from the sewer fund to the Sewer Replacement fund, and \$23,526.00 from the General Fund to the Fire Department Fund.

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

2025 Permits & License Fees:

The following list of license and permit fees were discussed for approval moving forward into the year 2025.

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 Christopher Quale, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve increasing the fee for building permits to \$25.00 from \$20.00 and leaving the rest of the fees the same. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

No further business.

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to adjourn at 7:56 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer