

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 10th, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 6:00 PM on the 10th day of February 2026.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve January 27th and meeting minutes as presented with a correction to the Fire Board Meeting minutes. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Approval of Timecards:

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

Old Business:

Ella Adams attended the council meeting to speak with the council about the Social Media Coordinator position that for the time being will fill the position of the recently eliminated Community Center Activities Coordinator position. The council asked if Mrs. Adams would continue to post on the City of Adams Facebook page, update the City of Adams website, and to create and update a Adams Community Center Facebook page. Mrs. Adams agreed to continue as the City of Adams' Social Media Coordinator for \$250.00 per month.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve paying Ella Adams \$250.00 to be the Social Media Coordinator for the City of Adams. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Police Report:

No business to report.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief Heimer reported that the Adams Fire Department responded to 1 dryer fire in January. He also reported that the 6 radios he was trying to purchase on MN Bid went for \$10,000.00 per radio which was well over the amount that the council agreed to spend. He said that another lot of 5 radios were coming up for bid again and the council agreed to give Chief Heimer permission to spend \$1000.00 per radio if he could purchase them for that price. The fire chief also reported that the tanker trucks were going to taken to LK Welding to have necessary repairs completed

and he also wondered about putting an advertisement on Facebook to sell the old tanker truck for \$5000.00. The clerk said that he would work on getting an ad put together to post.

Maintenance Department Report:

The maintenance department reported that Werhner Schlicter was hired to fill the vacant maintenance position and he started work on 2/9/2026. Lights were installed on the crosswalk signs near the Sacred Heart Church and School at the intersection of Hwy 56 and 5th Street. Traffic cones were purchased at Graves Auction and the quarterly water samples were turned into the state. The maintenance department received quotes from Conratt Tree Service in regards to cutting down six dead trees in the park for \$800.00, cutting down a dead tree at he Adams Community Center \$700.00, and cutting down and removing a dead tree near the city's water tower \$1600.00.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve the quoted prices for cutting down trees at the park and Adams Community Center and to cut down and remove a tree at the city's water tower. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Prairie Visions Report:

There was a discussion about letters from the DNR regarding repairs that will be made on the Shooting Star Bike Trail between Taopi and LeRoy. There has not been any new information regarding the connection of the Shooting Star Bike Trail to the Wapsi Great Western Line bike trail.

Approval of Bills:

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

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

Financial Report:

The city clerk presented the December 31st, 2025 financial statements.

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

Community Center Rental Application:

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the rental application to hold an event on February 14th at the Adams Community Center conditional upon the clerk receiving the proper insurance documentation. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Dairy Days Request:

The Adams Booster Club has requested that the City provide garbage receptacles and portable restrooms and hand wash stations for the 2026 Dairy Days Celebration to be held June 12th-14th.

Motion made by Karen Ruechel, seconded by Christopher Quale, to approve the Adams Booster Club's requests to provide garbage receptacles and portable restrooms and hand wash stations for the 2026 Dairy Days Celebration. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

North Side Park 2nd Addition Lot Question:

The city's listing agent was asked by a potential buyer if they would be able to purchase two lots and combine them at the North Side Park 2nd Addition? The council discussed the question and concluded that they would not allow the purchase of two lots to be combined into one.

Well #5 Financing:

The clerk received some information from the city's auditor regarding, Mike Bubany, a financing professional with David Drown Associates Inc. out of Spring Valley, MN. The city's auditor informed the clerk that Mr. Bubany is helping the City of Dexter to finance a water project that they are trying to complete. The council asked the clerk to get into contact with Mr. Bubany to try and help with the financing situation the city is facing with the well project that is currently underway. Patricia Mueller, who was attending the meeting, informed the council that she would be willing to speak to Senator Gene Dornink about our situation as well.

Resolution No. 04-2026:

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve Resolution 04-2026 a resolution to accept donations to the Adams Library from the Adams Lions Club (\$300.00) and the Lyle & Connie Hoff Charitable Fund (\$100.00) Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Resolution No. 05-2026:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve Resolution 05-2026 a resolution to adopt the 2025 Mowe County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Votes in favor: Christopher Quale, Michael Cherney, Nick Anderson and Karen Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Burning Permit:

Michael McCabe is asking the city to be approved for a burning permit to burn a tree in the field behind his house at 12 Bergen Street. The council will agree to the permit once Mr. McCabe get written approval from both the land owner and the person currently renting the land.

Tax Abatement Policy:

Motion made by Michael Cherney, seconded by Nick Anderson, to approve the extension of the City of Adam's current tax abatement policy from February 10th 2026 to December 31st 2027. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Building Permit:

Motion made by Nick Anderson, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to approve a building permit to Lita Smith for the construction of a new home to be located at 608 Main Street. Votes in favor: Karen Ruechel, Michael Cherney, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Patricia Mueller:

Representative, Patricia Mueller, attended the meeting. She spoke to the council about the Town Hall that she just hosted in Rose Creek where approximately 40 people attended. She said she will also be hosting another one in Austin. She told the council that the upcoming state session begins on February 17, and noted that this year is designated for bonding and policy matters. She talked about the fraud problem that was recently discovered in the State of Minnesota. She said that there has verifiably been \$700,000,000.00 of fraud detected and that there has to be a

plan of action to get it under control. She also spoke about the newly implemented Minnesota Paid Family Leave benefit for Minnesota employees. She reported that the state has received about 38,000 Paid Family Leave applications so far and noted some fraud has already been detected in the program. She finally talked about the ICE presence in the state of Minnesota, which has been frustrating for both sides of the political aisle.

No further business.

Motion made by Christopher Quale, seconded by Karen Ruechel, to adjourn at 7:37 PM. Votes in favor: Michael Cherney, Karen Ruechel, Christopher Quale and Nick Anderson. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jake Goodale

Clerk/ Treasurer