

CITY OF ADA

REGULAR MEETING

Date: June 16th, 2025 5:45 p.m. Location: 231 S. Townsend, Ada Ok

The Ada City Council met in the Dr. Ray L. Stout City Council Chamber.

Advanced public notice was given by posting the agenda on the City Hall bulletin board and posting on the City of Ada web site on Friday, June 13th, 2025 at 11:53 a.m.

1. The meeting of the Ada City Council was called to order by Mayor Hudson
2. Roll call, declaration of a quorum being present.

Council Member- Holly Johnson	X	Vice Mayor- Yoli Vazquez	X
Council Member- Don Griffith	X	Mayor- Karen Hudson	X
Council Member- Doug Dow	X		

3. The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Hudson
4. The audience was asked to observe a moment of silence by Mayor Hudson

5. Discussion of and action on Consent Agenda.

- a. Consideration of the Minutes (June 2, 2025, minutes and June 11, 2025 4:00pm Special Called minutes).
- b. Consideration of supplemental appropriations or transfer of appropriations within the General Fund budget.
- c. Consideration of supplemental appropriations or transfer of appropriations within the Sub-Funds to the General Fund budget.
- d. Consideration of supplemental appropriations or transfer of appropriations within the Special Revenue Funds budget.
- e. Consideration of supplemental appropriations or transfer of appropriations within the Other Funds budget.
- f. Consideration of Service Agreement with DBT Transportation for the Airport.
- g. Consideration of Intergovernmental Service Agreement with Pontotoc County regarding use of Pontotoc County Justice Center.

Motion made by council member Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by council member Griffith. Mayor Hudson called for a vote. City Clerk, Heather Heard called roll, and the result was as follows:

Aye:	Johnson, Dow, Griffith, Vazquez, Hudson	Motion Carried:	5-0
Nay:			

6. Discussion of and action on items removed from the Consent Agenda.

No items removed from the consent agenda.

7. Public hearing and consideration of and action on an Ordinance extending the corporate limits of the City of Ada, Oklahoma, annexing an area adjacent to the City of Ada into and as a part of the corporate limits of said City of Ada, as said annexation is more particularly described in this ordinance; providing for zoning of the annexed area; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency.

City Attorney Frank Stout advised the council that all appropriate notices had been mailed to individuals in the area, published in the newspaper as required, consent of at least 50% or more received those impacted in the area. If passed, all the area in the green on the attached exhibits would become part of the city limits and will be zoned appropriately. Pontotoc County and the State of Oklahoma have consented which allows the city to improve the roads.

Rick Carson, 328 E. 22nd, Ada Oklahoma addressed the council on this item. He lives and owns additional property in this area and spoke in favor of this annexation and the potential improvements to the roads.

Zac Christian, 1820 E. 13th Ada Oklahoma with Grace Chrisitan Fellowship Church located in the proposed annexation area addressed the council on the plans the church has for extending the lobby and additional parking to the west that would be gravel. If the annexation is approved, according to code, the church would be required to use concrete or asphalt for the parking area. The church requested exemptions for this reason. Mr. Christian addressed the council on the current zoning of the church as C-2 and requested that it be changed to A-2. City Attorney, Frank Stout advised the council that he can make that change because it is a down zone from C-2.

Wade Golden, 12450 CR 3550, Ada Ok addressed the council on the road to the church and if the city had plans to make that city street in the future. He discussed the sewer for the church located under the new school's car parking lot and if any future issues would be taken care of by the city. City Attorney, Frank Stout addressed the council and Mr. Golden on this issue. The city is not responsible for private sewer lines on private property. If the church experienced an issue, it would be between the church and the school to resolve that issue.

Motion made by council member Johnson to approve ordinance 25-08 extending the corporate limits of the City of Ada, Oklahoma, annexing an area adjacent to the City of Ada into and as a part of the corporate limits of said City of Ada, as said annexation is more particularly described in this ordinance; providing for zoning of the annexed area; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency, with the change from C-2 to A-2 in exhibit B1. Motion seconded by Mayor Hudson. Mayor Hudson called for a vote. City Clerk, Heather Heard called roll, and the result was as follows:

Aye:	Johnson, Dow, Griffith, Vazquez, Hudson	Motion Carried:	5-0
Nay:			

(If passed, must consider Emergency Clause.)

Motion made by council member Vazquez to approve the emergency clause. Motion seconded by council member Griffith. Mayor Hudson called for a vote. City Clerk, Heather Heard called roll, and the result was as follows:			
Aye:	Johnson, Dow, Griffith, Vazquez, Hudson	Motion Carried:	5-0
Nay:			

8. Discussion of and action on approval of Engagement Letter with Finley and Cook, PLLC, to audit the City of Ada's June 30, 2025, financial statements.

Finance Director, Carl Turner addressed the council for approval of the auditing firm for the annual audit of the City financial statements. This audit is part of the responsibility for transparency and accountability for the city to have an outside, independent audit.

Motion made by council member Johnson to approve the Engagement Letter with Finley and Cook, PLLC, to audit the City of Ada's June 30, 2025, financial statements. Motion seconded by council member Vazquez. Mayor Hudson called for a vote. City Clerk, Heather Heard called roll, and the result was as follows:			
Aye:	Johnson, Dow, Griffith, Vazquez, Hudson	Motion Carried:	5-0
Nay:			

5. Discussion of and action on approval of Engagement Letter with Finley and Cook, PLLC, to provide the State required annual financial assurance test.

Finance Director, Carl Turner addressed the council on the State required annual financial assurance test as part of the independent audit conducted each year of the City's financial capacity to meet financial obligations.

Motion made by council member Johnson to approve the Engagement Letter with Finley and Cook, PLLC, to provide the State required annual financial assurance test. Motion seconded by Mayor Hudson. Mayor Hudson called for a vote. City Clerk, Heather Heard called roll, and the result was as follows:			
Aye:	Johnson, Dow, Griffith, Vazquez, Hudson	Motion Carried:	5-0
Nay:			

5. Discussion of and action on contract with Grow Ada.

Interim City Manager, Tommy Eaton addressed the council by thanking Carol Ervin with Grow Ada/Ada Jobs Foundation and her willingness to seek and find solutions to work together for the community.

Mayor Hudson also stated her appreciation with Ms. Ervin for the willingness to work with the City.

Carol Ervin, Executive Director for Grow Ada (Ada Jobs Foundation) addressed the council to answer questions on the budget request and the strategic plan for the organization and moving Ada forward.

Council Member Johnson addressed the group on the strategic plan and her appreciation for quarterly reporting. Ms. Ervin stated that quarterly reporting would be provided to communicate with the council the status of projects and other activities for Grow Ada. Council Member Johnson did inquire about the position changes noted in the budget requests. Ms. Ervin advised that when the build-to-scale grant is complete, they would be looking at a hybrid position to continue some of the programs that have proved successful.

Ms. Ervin stated that in the past years they have not had a building lease, but in lieu of the lease, Ada Jobs provided AIDC with a board member. Going forward, they will now budget for a lease payment and then bill hours back to AIDC for the board member function.

Council Member Vazquez also thanked Ms. Ervin for the recent progress they have made. Council Member Vazquez has not voted yes for this contract in a couple of years and with PROP 2 coming back on the ballot in a few years, she questioned what Grow Ada can do now to prepare for that to be passed.

Mr. Ervin stated that she feels they need to get in front of site selectors to increase the chances Ada has for development to come this direction. She would like to target Airport expansion as an industry to explore in the future.

Ms. Ervin is also working with the Finance Director, Carl Turner, to ensure the return of BIG funding that was owed back to the city per the terms of the grant.

Saba Tahmassebi with Kerr Lab addressed the council as a member of the Grow Ada Board and his honor to serve in this role. He spoke in favor of working with Ms. Ervin, the Grow Ada organization and the city to make Ada more appealing for incoming scientists.

Motion made by council member Vazquez to approve a contract with Grow Ada, Ada Jobs Foundation option 2 for \$307,274.00. Motion was seconded by council member Johnson. Mayor Hudson called for a vote. City Clerk, Heather Heard called roll, and the result was as follows:

Aye:	Johnson, Dow, Griffith, Vazquez, Hudson	Motion Carried:	5-0
Nay:			

6. Executive Session for discussion of employment of the City Manager [as provided in Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 307(B)(1)].

Motion made by council member Johnson to enter executive session. Motion seconded by council member Griffith. Mayor Hudson called for a vote. City Clerk, Heather Heard called roll, and the result was as follows:

Aye:	Johnson, Dow, Griffith, Vazquez, Hudson	Motion Carried:	5-0
Nay:			

The Ada City Council entered executive session at 6:37 P.M

Motion made by council member Johnson to reconvene from executive session. Motion seconded by council member Griffith. Mayor Hudson called for a vote. City Clerk, Heather Heard called roll, and the result was as follows:

Aye:	Johnson, Dow, Griffith, Vazquez, Hudson	Motion Carried:	5-0
Nay:			

The meeting of the Ada City Council reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

7. Discussion of and action on employment of Tommy Eaton as city manager and approval of city manager contract.

Motion made by council member Johnson to approve the contract of employment for Tommy Eaton as the City Manager. Motion seconded by Mayor Hudson. Mayor Hudson called for a vote. City Clerk, Heather Heard called roll, and the result was as follows:

Aye:	Johnson, Dow, Griffith, Vazquez, Hudson	Motion Carried:	5-0
Nay:			

8. Reports by City Manager and/or City Staff.

No reports by City Manager and/or City Staff.

9. Persons to be heard on any matter not on the agenda.

No persons to be heard on any matter, not on the agenda.

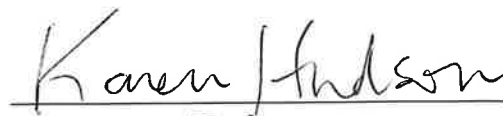
10. Adjournment.

The meeting of the Ada City Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Attest:


Heather Heard, City Clerk


Karen Hudson, Mayor