

**CITY OF ADA  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2023**

**The Ada City Council met in a special called meeting, Monday, April 17, 2023 at 4:00 p.m., at Ada City Hall, in the Dr. Ray L. Stout City Council Chamber, 231 S. Townsend. Notice of the special called meeting filed with the City Clerk on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 12:54 p.m. Advanced public notice provided by posting the agenda on the City Hall bulletin board on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 1:02 p.m., and posting on the City of Ada web site Tuesday, April 11, 2023.**

**Council Members Present:** Karen Hudson, Bryan Morris  
Randy McFarlin, Yoli Vazquez  
(Council Member Morris arrived at 4:20 p.m.)

**Council Members Absent:** John Hargrave

**Discussion of contract and work plans with the Ada Jobs Foundation**

Mayor McFarlin called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

The special called meeting of the Ada City Council and Ada Jobs Foundation was to discuss their current contract, expiring June 30, 2023, and to also discuss what their future work plans were for the future of Ada Jobs Foundation.

Mr. Jim Eldridge, President and CEO of Ada Jobs Foundation began discussion with the Council Members, introducing the Board Members of Ada Jobs Foundation in attendance. Mr. Eldridge discussed how strategies of Ada Jobs has changed over the years since the beginning of the Foundation. The Description of Services of Ada Jobs Foundation is to conduct economic development services for the Ada community and greater-Ada region.

The main goal is to create economic opportunity in this region by supporting companies in primary industries to create quality jobs, with this goal organized into three strategic areas: Business Development, Retention and Expansion, Rural Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Community Development. Mr. Eldridge explained these programs benefit the City of Ada by helping companies have resources and community support to create quality jobs, which in turn, helps increase the City of Ada's tax base.

Council Members reviewed the Ada Jobs Foundation Plan of Work Overview for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and the presented Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m. by Mayor McFarlin.

Attest: Sally Pool, City Clerk Randy McFarlin, Mayor