

Roll Call: Paul Malm, via zoom, John Parks, Bret Hayworth, Jared Rapp, all present. Mellies is absent. Parks motions to approve agenda, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Rapp motions to approve the minutes from the last meetings, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Rapp motions to approve the Utility Billing Trial Balance, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to approve moving general ledger accounts to correct the books, seconded by Rapp. Ayes motion carries.

No one wishes to speak at Open Forum.

Guests present: Pat Smith, Anna Brever, Jerry Sailer, Gerry Frick, Chad Thompson, Angie Sleezer, Cinda Krause, Nicole Jensen, and Gerri Hunter.

Chief Jerry Sailer presented a Fire Department update. He presented the Annual year end incident report to include breakdowns of services calls, mutual aid, man hours and training. Chief Sailer is having a Fire Prevention Education class for anyone interested **February 8, 2026 at 6:30pm** to learn more about fire science, building construction and why fires burn the way they do. Also, congratulate Jewel Smith for passing and completing all state requirements and 160-classroom hours to become state certified as a fire fighter.

Chief Gerald Frick gave a Police Department update. In December, he responded to 10 calls for service, which include bank alarms, semi on the highway, sexual assault report, child abuse, medical assistance and animal-related calls, 2 parking tickets, 1 vehicle tow, 1 subpoena, and accident reports. Chief Frick is working with Kingsley PD to set up Fraud Prevention education classes for our citizens. These will be held at the Senior Center and Community Center. Chief Frick presented the council with an invoice for 4 body cameras, 2 in-car cameras and a 24-terabyte computer which was approved in this year's budget totaling \$11,099. He will also be attending the Midwest Counterdrug training in February.

Parks motions to appoint Bret Hayworth as a representative for the Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviews Resolution 2026-01 appointing City Clerk. Parks motions to approve the re-appointment of Michaela Peterson as city clerk as stated in the Resolution, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviews Resolution 2026-02 appointing City Attorney. Malm motions to approve the re-appointment of Chad Thompson as stated in the resolution, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Council considers Resolution 2026-03 approving Security National Bank and United Bank of Iowa as banking institutions. Mayor Fisher, City Clerk Peterson and Pro-Tem Mayor Parks are able to sign and deposit into said accounts for 2026. Parks motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviews Resolution 2026-04 appointing records custodians. Malm motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviews Resolution 2026-05 approving investment policy. Rapp motions to approve resolution, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Council considers Resolution 2026-06 appointing 5 planning and zoning board members. Parks motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Council considers Resolution 2026-07 appointing The Record as the official newspaper. Malm motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Council considers Resolution 2026-08 the proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 maximum property tax levy dollars public hearing to be set on March 25, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Hayworth motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Council considers Resolution 2026-09 approving the 2026 IRS Standard Mileage rate of \$.72.5 per mile. Parks motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviews Resolution 2026-10 2026 Committees. Each Council member signed up for two annual sub-committees. These committees consist of council members, city staff, and community representatives to enhance communication between the City Council and City staff to achieve goals, objectives and develop policies that align with the city's strategic priorities. They discuss hot topics, issues, changes or needs where the few can bring before the Council and the public, their valued opinions and answers to gain results for a better understanding of the future. Rapp motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Mayor Fisher recommends the reappointment of John Parks as Mayor Pro-Tem. Rapp motions to approve this appointment Resolution 2026-10, seconded by Hayworth. A roll call vote was made. Ayes, motion carries.

Mayor Fisher Declares January as, "National Human Trafficking Prevention Month."

Council reviews and acknowledges the Proclamation for National Human Trafficking Prevention Month of January. A roll call vote is made, motion carries. Mayor Fisher reads the approved proclamation out loud.

Malm motions to approve Iowa DOT preconstruction agreement no. 2026-4-047 regarding the Portland cement concrete pavement replacement on U.S. 20 from Franklin to Humboldt Avenue, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

The council members reviewed Streets, RUT, Pool and Community Center for the next fiscal year budget 2026-2027 for a better understanding of projected dollars considered.

Mayor and Council concerns and comments were discussed. Next Budget meeting Tuesday, January 13th, 2026 at 6:30pm. With no further business Malm motioned to adjourn around 8:15 pm and Parks seconded. Ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson
City Clerk

James Fisher
Mayor