

Story City, Iowa

September 2, 2025

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Tuesday September 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Present: Mayor Jensen, Administrator Jackson

Council Members: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder

Absent: None

Also Present: Shanon McKinley, GCC; Nicole Engelhardt, ACT Insurance

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by O'Connor, to approve the agenda

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve the August 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

### **LEGAL ITEMS**

- A) **Resolution No. 25-49** – Approving Contract and Performance and/or Payment Bonds for the North Park Restroom Building Project  
Motion by Phillips, seconded by Sporleder, to approve Resolution No. 25-49.  
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder  
Nay: None  
Motion Carried.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- A) Approve Construction Pay Applications and Change Orders:
1. Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Pay Application No. 14 for \$363,324.65
  2. Rich Olive Street Improvements Project Pay Application No. 2 for \$91,752.27
  3. Bertha Bartlett Public Library Addition and Renovation Project Pay Application No. 14 for \$30,371.27
- Motion by Solberg, seconded by Ostrem, to approve Construction Pay Apps and Change Orders.  
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder  
Nay: None  
Motion Carried.

- B) Approve Construction Administration Services Agreement with ISG for North Park Restrooms Project  
Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Sporleder, to approve.  
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder  
Nay: None  
Motion Carried.
- C) Review Preliminary Draft of Financial Forecast Plan and Capital Improvement Priorities  
Administrator Jackson presented the Financial Forecast Plan and Capital Improvement Priorities. Mayor and Council discussed the information presented and asked questions. No action taken.

### **PERMITS**

- A) Liquor:  
1. Carousel Lanes  
2. Cloud Wine LLC  
3. River Bend Golf Course  
Motion by Sporleder, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Liquor Permits as presented.  
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder  
Nay: None  
Motion Carried.

### **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS**

- A) Request for Fran Kinne Mini-Grant Funds  
Motion by Phillips, seconded by O'Connor, to approve \$2,380 to the GCC for new Christmas Decorations.  
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder  
Nay: None  
Motion Carried.
- B) Approve Street Closure Requests  
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Sporleder to approve requests as presented.  
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder  
Nay: None  
Motion Carried.
- C) Approve Short-term Occupancy Agreement with Dawn Thompson Cloud Wine LLC  
Motion by Solberg, seconded by O'Connor, to approve request.  
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder  
Nay: None  
Motion Carried.

- D) Approve Tax Abatement – TNL Development (M.H. Eby, Inc),  
1808 Rich Olive St.  
Motion by Solberg, seconded by Sporleder, to approve Tax Abatement.  
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder  
Nay: None  
Motion Carried.
- E) Discussion on Ballot Language Regarding Library Board  
Mayor and Council discussed the ballot language. No action taken.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Ostrem, to approve payment of bills and claims.  
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder  
Nay: None  
Motion Carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING NON AGENDA ITEMS**

- Nicole Engelhardt reported that this past Friday there was a group of 7 and 8 year old children who were flipping breakers at buildings in the alleys down town. The police responded to the incident.

### **MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY STAFF COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Clerk Slifka explained that Blocktoberfest will be a community gathering aimed at spending time connecting with neighbors and friends for a fun evening. The City is hosting the event with the support of several donors in the community.
- CM Phillips asked for more information on the missed test from the water department as presented to the public.
  - Administrator Jackson reported that this was an annual test that was missed at the time of switching to a new lab company.
- CM Ostrem requested status update on the Rich Olive Street extension project.
  - Administrator Jackson reported that the contractor has been doing underground work

There being no further business before council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Heather Slifka, City Clerk

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Mike Jensen, Mayor