

Story City, Iowa

October 6, 2025

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Monday, October 6, 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: Mike Wright, Story City Street Superintendent; Randy Martindale, Story City Water/Wastewater Superintendent; Nicole Engelhardt, ACT Insurance; Shanon McKinley, Story City GCC; Eric Cannon, Snyder Associates; Alex Watson

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 September 15, 2025 regular meeting minutes and September 25, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

LEGAL ITEMS

- A) **Ordinance No. 364** – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fireworks, Second Reading

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by Ostrem, to approve Ordinance No. 364

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

- B) **Ordinance No. 365** – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Conflict of Interest, Second Reading

Motion by Phillips, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Ordinance No. 365

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

- C) **Ordinance No. 366** – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Liquor Licenses and Wine and Beer Permits, Second Reading

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Sporleder, to approve Ordinance No. 366

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

- D) **Ordinance No. 367** – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Cigarette and Tobacco Permits, Second Reading
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve Ordinance No. 367
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- E) **Ordinance No. 368** – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Adding A New Section Prohibiting False Representation of Service Animal, Second Reading
Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Sporleder, to approve Ordinance No. 368
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- F) **Ordinance No. 369** – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Public Hearing Requirements, Second Reading
Motion by Phillips, seconded by Ostrem, to approve Ordinance No. 369
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- G) **Resolution No. 25-51** – Accepting Work of Contractor on 2024 Water Main Improvement Project
Motion by Sporleder, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Resolution No. 25-51
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- H) **Resolution No. 25-52** – Approving an Application of American Packaging Corporation to the Iowa Economic Development Authority High Quality Jobs Program
Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Sporleder, to approve Resolution 25-52
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- I) **Resolution No. 25-53** – A Proposal for the Disposition of the City's Interest in Certain Real Property and Scheduling a Public Hearing for October 15, 2025 at 6:00 in City Hall on Such Proposal
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution 25-53.
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. 15 for \$545,065.35
 2. 2024 Water Main Project Change Order No. 4 for \$4,539.75
 3. 2024 Water Main Project Pay Application No.4/Final for \$34,705.84
 4. North Park Restroom Building Project Pay Application No. 1 for \$16,249.44
 5. Rich Olive Street Improvements Project Pay Application No. 3 for \$ 280,169.95
 6. 2025 Broad Street Water Main Replacement Project Pay Application No. 1 for \$101,107.95

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by O'Connor, to approve the pay applications as presented.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

- B) Approve American Packaging Corporation 2025 Addition Site Plan
Eric Cannon, American Packaging Sneider Associates presented information and was present to answer questions. Administrator Jackson reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission met today and is recommending approval. Motion by Phillips, seconded by Ostrem, to approve.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

- C) Request Authorization to Purchase Cloudpermit Software
Motion by Sporleder, seconded by Solberg to approve purchase.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

- D) Preliminary Discussion on FY 2025-26 Budget: Water & Wastewater and Streets

Randy Martindale, Water & Wastewater Superintendent presented a summary of budget items from the previous and current fiscal year, as well as 26/27 budget expectations.

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fiscal year, as well as 26/27 budget expectations.

PERMITS

- A) Tobacco:
 - 1. TFL Inc – 527 Park Ave.

- B) Liquor:
 - 1. TFL Inc – 527 Park Ave.
 - 2. Norse Nest – 301 Washington St.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Sporleder, to approve Permits as presented.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

- A) Sidewalk Improvement Application:
 - 1. Trent and Tosha Whipple – 124 Hazel Ave.
- B) Tax Abatement Application:
 - 1. Blama Properties LLC – 1811 Rich Olive St.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Sporleder, to approve Sidewalk Application and Tax Abatement Application as presented.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Sporleder
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

- C) Scandinavian Days Update
Nicole Engelhardt presented an update about the upcoming Scandinavian Days plans and a request that council increase their support for fireworks. Council agreed that an increase to \$8, 500 in financial support of fireworks is acceptable. No action taken.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

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

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

- Clerk Slifka reported that the Blocktoberfest was a successful event with very positive feedback from the community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heather Slifka, City Clerk

Mike Jensen, Mayor