

Story City, Iowa

January 5, 2026

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

Present: Mayor Jensen and Administrator Jackson

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Tyler Fredericksen and Nicole Engelhardt (EDC), Shanon McKinley (GCC), and Bart Clark

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Abrams, to approve the agenda

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Solberg, to approve the December 15, 2025 regular meeting and special meetings of December 12, 2025 and December 23, 2025 minutes

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

None

LEGAL ITEMS

A) **Resolution No. 26-1 – Designating Official Depositories and Setting Limit of Funds**

Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Abrams, to approve Resolution No. 26-1 Designating Official Depositories and Setting Limit of Funds.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

B) **Resolution No. 26-2 – Designate Date, Time, and Place of Regular Council Meetings**

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution No. 26-2 Designate Date, Time, and Place of Regular Council Meetings.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

C) **Resolution No. 26-3 – Designate Official Newspapers**

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution No. 26-3 Designate Official Newspapers

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

D) **Resolution No. 26-4 – Appoint City Attorney**

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Ostrem, to approve Resolution No. 26-4 Appointing Frank Feilmeyer as City Attorney

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

E) **Resolution No. 26-5 – Appointment of City Clerk and Treasurer**

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Resolution No. 26-5 Appointing Heather Slifka as City Clerk and Treasurer

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

F) **Resolution No. 26-6 – Appointment of Building Inspectors**

Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Abrams, to approve Resolution No. 26-6 appointing Safe Building as building inspectors.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

G) **Resolution No. 26-7 – Appointing Representatives to the Story County Economic Development Group**

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution No. 26-7 Appointing City Administrator Mark Jackson as the City representative to the Story County Economic Development Group and Tyler Fredericksen and Shanon McKinley as alternates.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

H) **Resolution No. 26-8 – Approving Minimum Assessment Agreement with Blama Properties, LLC**

Motion by Solberg, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Resolution No. 26-8 Approving Minimum Assessment Agreement with Blama Properties, LLC.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

I) **Resolution No. 26-9 – Setting a Public Hearing on a Request for Rezoning**

The City has received a request from Greg Voga (current owner) and John Cronin/North Arrow Partners (option holder) to rezone Voga's Subdivision, Lots 7, 8, & 9 from C-1 to R-3 with a PUD Overlay.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution No. 26-9 Setting a Public Hearing for January 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall on the Rezoning Request.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

D) **Approve Construction Pay Applications and Change Orders:**

Motion by Abrams, and seconded by O'Connor, to approve Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Pay Application No. 18 (\$508,880.80), Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Change Order No. 2 (\$20,365.85), And 2024 Water Main Project Pay Application No. 5/Final (\$16,775.84).

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

PERMITS

None

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

A) **Residential Tax Abatement**

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Abrams, to approve a Residential Tax Abatement for Lynn Swett – 710 Broad Street.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

B) **Appoint Mark Jackson to CIRTPA Policy and Technical Committees**

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Solberg, to appoint City Administrator Mark Jackson to the CIRTPA Policy and Technical Committees

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

C) **Request from Story City EDC for Additional Funding**

Tyler Fredericksen, Story City EDC, requested an additional \$2,500 in funding from the city for the Ames Regional Economic Alliance. The Story

City EDC would match the \$2,500. Fredericksen highlighted to current funding amount provided by the city and EDC and services provided.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Phillips, to allocate an additional \$2,500 for the Ames Regional Economic Alliance.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg O'Connor, and Abrams.

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

D) **Discussion on Contract and Agreement for Use and Support of a Solid Waste Reclamation, Recycling, and Disposal System.**

Administrator Jackson reviewed the City of Ames intent to retire their waste-to-energy system (Resource Recovery Plant) and construct a new Resource Recovery and Recycling Campus to receive, process, and transport solid waste for disposal. Administrator Jackson reviewed the proposed new agreement between Story City and Ames. Mayor and City Council discussed the proposed agreement and upcoming changes.

Mayor and Council had discussion on the change with regards to recycling. Currently, there is no need or requirement to recycle. With the closing of the Resource Recovery Plant, communities will now be required to, "encourage citizens to participate in waste reduction and recycling efforts. Recycling can take many forms from curbside to drop off locations. This does not need to be decided at this time.

E) **Mayor Council Committees**

Mayor Jensen reviewed the proposed council committee and board liaison assignments.

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Abrams, to approve Mayor Council Committees and Board Liaison Assignments as Proposed.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

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 Abrams

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

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

Administrator Jackson highlighted two agenda items for the January 19th City Council meeting pertaining to the Broad Street Reconstruction Phase IV Project and review of the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

There being no further business before the council the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mark A. Jackson, City Administrator

Mike Jensen, Mayor