

Story City, Iowa

February 2, 2026

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Monday, February 2, 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: Mike Wright, Streets Superintendent; Joe Lucas, Parks and Recreation Superintendent; Matt Sporleder, Chief of Police; Trent Whipple, Chief of Fire Department; Matt Garber, MSA; Richard Ashburn, resident

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

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Abrams, to approve the January 19, 2026 regular meeting minutes

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

Richard Ashburn presented concern that Arends garbage company is picking up garbage at 4:00 a.m. in his neighborhood.

LEGAL ITEMS

- A) Ordinance No. 371 – Changing the Official Zoning Map of the City of Story City, Iowa by Changing the District Boundaries of the “C-1” and “R-3” with a PUD Overlay Districts, Second Reading
Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Abrams, to approve Ordinance 371, second reading.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

- B) Ordinance No. 372 – Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Public Hearing Requirements Zoning and Subdivision, Second Reading
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve Ordinance 372, second reading.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

C) Ordinance No. 373 – Amending Chapter 63 of the Code of Ordinances to Establish Special Speed Zones, First Reading
Motion by Phillips, seconded by Ostrem, to approve Ordinance 373, First Reading
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

D) Resolution No. 26-15 – Provide for Notice of Hearing on Proposed Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Cost for the Culvert Replacement Project, and the Taking of Bids, public hearing to be on March 2 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
Matt Garber presented information about the project.
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution 26-15 and provide for notice of hearing
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

E) Resolution No. 26-16 – Approving an Agreement with Story County Pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa, Concerning Dispatching Services
Motion by Solberg, seconded by Ostrem, to approve Resolution 26-16.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A) Approve Construction Pay Applications and Change Orders:
1. Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Pay Application No. 19
Motion by Abrams, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Pay Application 19 for \$589,610.85 to Gridor Construction.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, and Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

B) Review and Discussion on Proposed Fiscal Year 26-27 Budget
Trent Whipple, Matt Sporleder, Joe Lucas, and Mike Wright presented information pertaining to the Proposed 26/27 FY Budgets for their departments

Administrator Jackson summarized the Proposed 26/27 FY Budget. Mayor and Council asked questions and had discussion .

PERMITS

A) Liquor:

1. Caseys – 1625 Broad Street
2. Kwik Trip – 1704 Broad Street

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Phillips, to approve Liquor Permits as presented.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- CM Abrams presented an idea about an additional access point to the Jacobson park trail
- Administrator Jackson stated a reminder that Saturday is the Dale Henrichs auditorium presentation at the school
- CM Phillips invited everyone to the annual celebration hosted by the GCC this Wednesday morning

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

There being no further business before the council the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heather Slifka, City Clerk

Mike Jensen, Mayor