

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

Present: Mayor Jensen and Administrator Jackson
Council Members: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Absent: None
Also Present: Nicole Engelhardt, GCC; St. Petri Board Members

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve the agenda
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Abrams, to amend the May 18, 2026 regular meeting minutes to change the comments from CM Phillips to say "more" not "less" in reference to dog walking at the cemetery.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

- A) St. Petri Lutheran Church – Proposed New Sign
Members of the board presented a request to council that the ordinance regarding signs be updated to allow them to be electric per their zoning district. Council was in agreement. Administrator Jackson will draft a proposed ordinance for council consideration.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A) Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget
Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing. With no public comment, Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing.

LEGAL ITEMS

- A) Resolution No. 26-46 – Approving and Adopting an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget
Motion by Abrams, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Resolution 26-46.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A) Approve Construction Pay Applications and Change Orders:
1. Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Pay Application No. 23
Motion by Solberg, seconded by Phillips, to approve Pay Application No. 23 \$451,296.56 to Gridor Construction
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- B) Request Authorization to Purchase Sludge Handling Equipment and Mower
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve request, not to exceed \$175,000, as presented by Isaac Rahto, assistant Water/Wastewater Superintendent
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- C) Wastewater Treatment Plant Change Orders
Administrator Jackson reviewed a memo from Isaac Rahto, Assistant Water/Wastewater Superintendent regarding change orders to the project. Council was agreeable to consideration of the change orders at a future meeting.

PERMITS

- A) Tobacco:
1. Casey's – 1625 Broad St.
Motion by Phillips, seconded by Abrams, to approve tobacco permit at Casey's – 1625 Broad St.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- B) Signs:
1. Sunshine Energy – 1554 Broad St.
Administrator Jackson stated that the proposed sign permits did not meet city code and council would need to consider a waiver to the code.
Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Phillips, to approve the sign permit at Sunshine Energy – 1554 Broad St.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- A) RS CityServe – Request to Use Tennis Courts, Park, and Carousel Ball Diamond on August 29th
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Solberg, to approve request as presented.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O’Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- B) Sidewalk Improvement Program:
1. Kent & Lisa Handeland – 205 Lafayette Ave
Motion by Abrams, seconded by O’Connor, to approve request for reimbursement.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O’Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- C) Request for Sewer Bill Reduction – Ryan & Samantha Perras
1507 Prairie Dr. #1
Motion by Abrams, seconded by Ostrem, to approve reduction cost of \$72.20
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O’Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- D) June 16th City Council Meeting – Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m. and Goal Setting Session at 6:00 p.m.
Motion by Phillips, seconded by Ostrem, to approve this schedule.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O’Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Solberg, to approve bills and claims.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O’Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

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- CM Ostrem noted that the netting in the grass next to the new North Park restrooms is a tripping hazard
- CM Abrams requested discussion on the use of cameras in high risk areas be added to the agenda at the first meeting in July
- CM Solberg noted ongoing issues with stray cats in her neighborhood

CLOSED SESSION

- A) Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session
Motion by Solberg, seconded by Ostrem, to enter into closed session at 6:41.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Abrams, to end closed session at 7:05.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the council the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heather Slifka, City Clerk

Mike Jensen, Mayor