

Story City, Iowa

July 21, 2026

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

Present: Mayor Jensen and Administrator Jackson
Council Members: Ostrem, Phillips, O'Connor, Abrams
Absent: Solberg
Also Present:

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

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Abrams, to approve the July 7, 2026 regular meeting minutes
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

LEGAL ITEMS

- A) **Resolution No. 26-50--** Accepting Work of Contractor on North Park Restroom Building Project
Motion by Phillips, seconded by Abrams, to approve Resolution 26-50.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- B) **Resolution No. 26-51 –** Establishing Strategic Priority Goals
Motion by Abram, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Resolution 26-51.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- C) **Ordinance No. 375 –** Amending Chapter 166 of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Electronic Message Boards, Second Reading
Motion by Phillips, seconded by Ostrem, to approve Ordinance 360.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A) Approve Construction Pay Applications and Change Orders:
1. North Park Restroom Building Project Pay Application No. 6/Final
Motion by Abrams, seconded by O'Connor, to approve.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- B) Review Financial Highlights for Fiscal Year 2025-26
Administrator Jackson presented a review. Mayor and Council discussed.

PERMITS

- A) Liquor:
1. Yesway – 527 Park Ave
2. Norse Nest – 301 Washington St.
Motion by Abrams, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Yesway – 527 Park Ave
And Norse Nest – 301 Washington St.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- A) Sidewalk Improvement Application:
1. Kevin and Peg Patterson – 342 Hillcrest Dr
2. Kallie Weber – 713 Park Ave
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by O'Connor, to approve.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- B) Request from Bertha Bartlett Public Library to Close Broad
Street from Park Ave to Elm Ave on August 18th from 6:30 p.m.
to 7:00 p.m.
Motion by Abrams, seconded by Phillips, to table the request pending further
information.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve bills and claims.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, O'Connor, Abrams

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

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

- Administrator Jackson: What is the council opinion on data centers?
The issue is being discussed in cities across the state.
 - Mayor and Council shared various opinions and perspectives
- CM Phillips: Discussed e-bike and scooter regulations.
 - Administrator Jackson: we can put this on the next agenda for discussion
- CM Ostrem: There are a number of trees that have branches hanging over the sidewalks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the council the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heather Slifka, City Clerk

Mike Jensen, Mayor