

Story City, Iowa

August 18, 2026

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Tuesday, August 18, 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, ACT Insurance; Jase Rohde, Brian Moore, Jeff Staton, Marty Chitty, Josh Johnson, Roland Story Schools Superintendent

Motion by Abrams, seconded by O'Connor, to approve the agenda

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve the August 4, 2026 regular meeting minutes, and August 6, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

- A) Josh Johnson, Roland Story Superintendent, presented a proposal on improvements to the High School Baseball Field. The mayor and city council had discussion and asked questions. Josh reported that the project could only move forward if the city was willing to gift the High School Baseball diamond to the school. Council will consider this at a future meeting.

LEGAL ITEMS

- A) **Ordinance No. 376** – Amending Section 166.10 of the Code of Ordinances by Adding a Provision Pertaining to Educational and Interpretive Signs, Waive Two Readings a Proceed to Final Reading

Councilperson Ostrem introduced an ordinance entitled “Ordinance No. 376. An Ordinance Amending Section 166.10 of the Code of Ordinances by Adding a Provision Pertaining to Educational and Interpretive Signs

It was moved by Councilperson O'Connor, and seconded by Councilperson Abrams, that the ordinance be adopted.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and declared that the ordinance had been given its initial consideration

It was moved by Councilperson Ostrem that the provision requiring an ordinance to be considered at two meetings prior to passage be suspended. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Solberg, and, upon roll call, was carried by an aye and nay vote of the Council, as follows:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the provision requiring an ordinance to be considered at two meetings prior to passage be suspended.

It was then moved by Councilperson Phillips, that Ordinance No. 376 be passed and the title agreed upon. This motion was seconded by Councilperson O'Connor, and, upon roll call, was carried by an aye and nay vote of the Council, as follows:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared Ordinance No. 376 duly passed and the title agreed upon this 18th day of August, 2026.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A) Request Authorization to Purchase Mower
Motion by Abrams, seconded by Phillips, to approve purchase of mower as requested by letter from Mike Wright, Street Superintendent
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

- B) Discussion, with Possible Action, Fairview Lodge Non-Refundable Policy
Mayor and Council had discussion and asked questions about this policy. They agreed to consider changes to the rental agreement language at the next meeting.

PERMITS

- A) Liquor and Tobacco:
1. Casey's – 1625 Broad St.
Motion by Phillips, seconded by Solberg to approve permit as listed.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- A) Appointment to Planning and Zoning Commission
Jase Rohde and Brian Moore were present to answer questions and present information to the council regarding their applications for Planning and Zoning Board. Council will consider applications at the next meeting.
- B) Approve Street Closure Request for Blocktoberfest
Clerk Slifka answered questions about the event.
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Solberg, to approve.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- C) Approve Short-Term Occupancy Agreement with Dawn Thompson
Cloud Wine LLC
Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Abrams, to approve.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- D) Schedule Next City Council Meeting for September 8th at 6:00 p.m.
Motion by Phillips, seconded by Ostrem, to approve.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Nicole Engelhardt stated a reminder that the duck race and meal are Wednesday August 19.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the council the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heather Slifka, City Clerk

Mike Jensen, Mayor