

Story City, Iowa

August 4, 2026

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

Present: Mayor Jensen and Administrator Jackson

Council Members: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Abrams

Absent: O'Connor

Also Present: Tara Turner, Bertha Bartlett Library Director; Bart Clark; Karin Sevde, Story County Community Foundation; Nicole Engelhardt, ACT Insurance

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Ostrem, to amend the agenda to include Karin Sevde, Story County Community Foundation under Citizen Appearance

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Abrams

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve the July 21, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Abrams

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

CITIZEN APPEARANCE

- A) Karin Sevde, Story County Community Foundation presented an update to council regarding SCCF grants that had been awarded in 2025 and encouraged applications for the 2026 year.

LEGAL ITEMS

- A) **Ordinance No. 375** – Amending Chapter 166 of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Electronic Message Boards, Final Reading
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Abrams, to approve Ordinance No. 375.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A) Approve Construction Pay Applications and Change Orders:
 - 1. Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Pay Application No. 25

Motion by Abrams, seconded by Phillips, to approve Pay Application No. 25 to Gridor for \$585,024.25

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Abrams

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

PERMITS

Tobacco:

1. Now & Forever IA LLC – 527 Park Ave

Alcohol:

1. Carousel Lanes LLC—215 W Broad St
2. River Bend Golf Course LTD—720 Forest Ave
3. Now & Forever IA LLC – 527 Park Ave
4. BW Gas & Convenience—527 Park Ave

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Solberg, to approve permits as listed.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Abrams

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- A) 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. – Tabled from July 21st meeting
Tara Turner, Bertha Bartlett Library Director, was present answer questions and give information about the events. She identified that the library had updated the request and only wanted to close Park Avenue.
Motion by Abrams, seconded by Phillips, to approve closure as presented.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.
- B) Discussion on Ordinance Pertaining to Electric Scooters
Mayor and Council discussed. No action taken.
- C) Schedule Special City Council Meeting for August 6th at 6:00 p.m.
Motion by Abrams, seconded by Phillips, to approve.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Motion by Solberg, seconded by Abrams, to approve bills and claims.

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, Abrams

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

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

- CM Ostrem: requested information on the fence repair at the tennis courts.
 - Administrator Jackson reported that the insurance information had just come in.
- Administrator Jackson reported that the Hillcrest Culvert Project began on Monday, August 3rd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the council the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heather Slifka, City Clerk

Mike Jensen, Mayor