

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

Present: Mayor Jensen and Administrator Jackson

Council Members: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams

Attorney: Frank Feilmeyer

Absent: None

Also present: Nicole Engelhardt, Trent Whipple, Story City Fire Department Chief; Matt Sporleder; Story City Police Department Chief; Mike McGuigan, Story City First Responders Chief; Dave Kost, Berry Saunders, Chris Dahl, Story City First Responders

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 September 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### **A) Preliminary Discussion on FY 27-28 Budget: Police, Fire and First Responders**

Preliminary discussion of the 2027/2028 budget and summary of activity from the 2025/2026 fiscal year were presented by Police Chief Matt Sporleder, Fire Chief Trent Whipple; First Responders Chief Mike McGuigan, with supplemental presentations by Chris Dahl and Berry Saunders in the First Responders.

No action taken.

#### **B) Discussion on Proposed Transfer of Baseball Field Property to Roland-Story Community School District**

Frank Feilmeyer was present to answer legal questions.

Mayor and council had discussion. They are favorable to the transfer.

No action taken.

- C) Discussion on Proposed Story City Urban Renewal (TIF) Amendment**  
City Administrator Mark Jackson reviewed the amendment. Mayor and council had discussion  
No action taken.
- D) Discussion on Proposed Recycling**  
City Administrator Mark Jackson reviewed the options and the costs.  
Mayor and council had discussion  
No action taken.

### **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

- A) Request for Sewer Bill Reduction;**  
1. Dan Vangness - 126 Washington  
2. Ryan Johnson – 127 Elm  
Motion by Abrams, seconded by Phillips to approve as presented to council.  
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.

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

- Council Person Phillips:
  - Questions about fundraising for Gilbert Library
    - Council Person Solberg reporting it is essentially a branch of the Story City Library
  - Who is the delegate for the board for the Iowa League of Cities?
    - Administrator Jackson recommended it be Clerk Slifka as she has been nominated to the board. Those attending the conference concurred
  - Can cones be moved to allow parking on Penn for the weekend Junk Jaunt?
    - Administrator Jackson will speak with Street Superintendent

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the council the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Heather Slifka, City Clerk

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Mike Jensen, Mayor