Story City, Iowa November 2, 2026

Mayor Jensen called the council meeting to order on Monday, November 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
Ex Officio Student Liaison: Joe Stotts
Absent: None

Also present: Tara Turner, Director Bertha Bartlett Public Library; Tyler Frederickson, Story City EDC; Shanon McKinley, Amy Abrams, Marian Olive, Rick Schrier, Sandra Swanson, Todd VanEps, Story City GCC; Kate Feil, Story City Historical Society; Berry Saunders and Chris Dahl, Story City EMS

Motion by Abrams, seconded by O'Connor, to amend the agenda deleting Legal Item L: Resolution 26-60, Authorizing the Use of a Preliminary Official Statement for the Sale of General Obligation Sewer Improvement Bonds, Series 2026B
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Abrams, to approve the October 5, 2026 regular meeting minutes.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) Proposed Designation of Expanded Story City Consolidated Urban Renewal Area and on Proposed Urban Renewal Plan Amendment
Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing.
With no public comment, Mayor Jensen closed the public meeting

LEGAL ITEMS

A) **Ordinance No. 377 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Abandoned Vehicles, First Reading**
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve Ordinance No. 377, first reading.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

B) **Ordinance No. 378 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Alternative Nicotine and Vapor Products, First Reading**
Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Abrams, to approve Ordinance No. 378
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

C) **Ordinance No. 379 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Elections, First Reading**
Motion by Abrams, seconded by O'Connor, to approve Ordinance No. 379
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

D) **Ordinance No. 380 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to the Operating Budget Annual Statement, First Reading**
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Abrams, to approve Ordinance No. 380
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

E) **Ordinance No. 381 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Public Meetings, First Reading**
Motion by Phillips, seconded by Solberg, to approve Ordinance No. 381
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

F) **Ordinance No. 382 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Alcoholic Beverage Control, First Reading**
Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Abrams, to approve Ordinance No. 382
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

G) **Ordinance No. 383 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to ATV and UTV Accident Reports, First Reading**
Motion by Phillips, seconded by Ostrem, to approve Ordinance No. 383
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

H) **Ordinance No. 384 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to General Traffic Regulations, First Reading**
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve Ordinance No. 384

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

I) **Ordinance No. 385 – Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Pedestrian Conveyances, First Reading**
Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Abrams, to approve Ordinance No. 385
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

J) **Resolution No. 26-59 – To Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Expanded Story City Consolidated Urban Renewal Area**
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution No. 26-59.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

K) **Ordinance No. 386 – Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the November, 2026 Addition of the Expanded Story City Consolidated Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa, Waive Two Readings and Proceed to Final Reading**

Councilperson O'Connor introduced an ordinance entitled "Ordinance No. 386. An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the November 2026 Addition to the Story City Consolidated Urban Renewal Area Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa

It was moved by Councilperson Solberg, and seconded by Councilperson Abrams, that the ordinance by 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 Phillips that the provision requiring an ordinance to be considered at two meetings prior to passage be suspended. 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 the provision requiring an ordinance to be considered at two meetings prior to passage be suspended.

It was then moved by Councilperson Solberg, that Ordinance No. 386 be passed and the title agreed upon. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Phillips, 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. 386 duly passed and the title agreed upon this 2nd day of November, 2026.

L) **Deleted**

M) **Resolution No. 26-61 – Approving Second Amendment to Economic Development Agreement with B&L Properties**
Motion by Abrams, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution 26-61.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

N) **Resolution No. 26-62 – Approving an Urban Renewal Joint Agreement with Story County**
Motion by Ostrem, seconded by Phillips, to approve Resolution No. 26-62
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A) **Preliminary Discussion on FY 27-28 Budget: Library, EDC, GCC, and Historical Society**
Preliminary discussion of the 2027/2028 budget and summary of activity from the 2025/2026 fiscal years were presented by Directors: Tara Turner, Tyler Frederickson, Shanon McKinley, Kate Feil
No action taken.

B) **Approve Construction Pay Applications and Change Orders:**
1. Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Pay Application No. 28 to Gridor for $406,299.80
2. Culvert Replacement Project Pay Application No. 2 to Con-Struct for $279,271.69

3. Culvert Replacement Project Change Order No. 1 to Con-Struct for an increase in $10,390.65
Motion by Abrams, seconded by O'Connor, to approve pay applications and change orders as presented.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

C) **Request Approval to Purchase EMS Response Vehicle**
Motion by Solberg, seconded by Abrams, to approve purchase new EMS response vehicle for a total of $93,000.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

D) **Approve the Reallocation of Parks Capital Improvement Funds for Fiscal Year 2026-27**
Motion by Solberg, 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 Solberg, to approve bills and claims.
Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, O'Connor, Abrams
Nay: None
Motion Carried.

Mayor, City Council, and City Staff Comments

- CM Ostrem requesting update on culvert grading project
- CM O'Connor reporting that Black Hills Energy had contacted him about the size of the gas line to the new Wastewater Treatment Plant

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the council the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Heather Slifka, City Clerk

Mike Jensen, Mayor