

Minutes of the City Council Meeting called to order by Mayor Rodriguez on February 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Present council members Mary Moore, Sean Roman, Jesse Leonard, Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, and Trent Adams. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel (excused), Police Chief TJ Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, Attorney William McCullough and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

Motion by R. Teel-Vanderpool and seconded by T. Adams to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input -

Andrew Fitzgerald introduced himself stating that he is running for State House District 98, for the seat currently held by Monica Kurth (she is retiring). He said he would be available after the meeting for any questions.

Mayor Rodriguez stated the following for public input:

Thanked the Blue Grass Lions Club for their donation for Shop with a Cop in December.

Thanked all that participated and assisted with the Fire Department Chili Contest.

Discussion & decision:

Easter Egg Hunt – T. Harland asked for financial support of \$1,000 from the city, as in the past. Supporting this event serves a clear public purpose by promoting community welfare, encouraging park use, and fostering positive community engagement. This will be the 31st year and last year they had over 11,000 eggs for the kids. Motion by R. Teel-Vanderpool, seconded by M. Moore for the \$1,000 for the Easter egg hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

Street Improvement Updates Bid Results – M. Janecek discussed the bid results for the Buffalo Streets Improvement project and recommended CDMI, \$1,268,029.75 for the project. He will also look into the price of the additive to the asphalt (to make it last longer) for the next council meeting. S. Roman motioned, seconded by J. Leonard, to go with CDMI for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Property Purchase – W. McCullough stated that he is still waiting for the assessment for the property. M. Moore motioned, seconded by S. Roman, to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.

Liquor License Boondocks – T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman, to approve the liquor license for Boondocks. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Center Usage J. Mizer – Per resolution 2025-6, J. Mizer is eligible for a free usage of the Community center for her volunteer hours. M. Moore motioned to authorize J. Mizer use of the Community Center, seconded by T. Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Pavement markings – Scott County secondary road requests participation in road markings for \$498.89 per mile for solid line and \$124.72 per mile for broken line. Per Josh's E-mail, we would only be responsible for the secondary roads inside our city limits and it is in his budget. S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

CIPP Proposal (Sewer Lining)- Per Josh's E-mail, previous council decision to annually line the sewer system at \$40,000 per year to reduce I&I. The quote is from VisuSewer for 713 linear ft of 8" to be lined on Dodge Street for \$36,363, which will complete the lining of Dodge Street. T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman, to approve the \$36,363 and use the GO Bond (if necessary). Motion carried unanimously.

Manhole grouting proposal – Per Josh’s E-mail when inspecting catch basins for sewer lining project water was found flowing into the catch basins required grouting to prevent I&I. Mayor Rodriguez explained that there was no estimate as it would not be identified how much was needed until the manhole covers were removed. S. Roman motioned, seconded by J. Leonard to table this item until more information can be provided. Motion carried unanimously.

Fireworks – Chief Anderson stated that the price for the regular fireworks was increased by \$1,500. He asked if the council wanted to spend another \$2,000, since it is the 250th anniversary for the US. T. Adams motioned, seconded by M. Moore, to spend an additional \$3,500, on fireworks. Motion carried unanimously.

Air Packs – Chief Anderson stated that the air packs expire in Dec 2026, however, he would like to order them, as the price will increase on April 1, 2026 from 6-10 percent. Chief Anderson stated he wanted to go with Ed M. Feld Equipment company for \$158,327. T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman, to approve the purchase of the airpacks. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rodriguez noted that, prior to August 2025, city employees (except police, who receive a paid lunch) had not been required to clock in or out for their 30-minute unpaid lunch period. She stated that employees should be trusted to take their allotted lunch without punching in and out. Adams moved, and S. Roman seconded, to discontinue the requirement for city employees to clock in and out for their lunch break. Motion carried unanimously.

Extrication tools – Fire Department – Chief Anderson stated that their older hydraulic tools need to be upgraded and he can get a trade-in value of \$6,400. The cost of the tools would be \$40,615 and \$6,435.80. This device assists with car crashes and other scenarios and one of the fire trucks have the device, but not the other fire truck. T. Adams motioned, seconded by M. Moore to approve. R. Teel-Vanderpool voted yes, J. Leonard voted yes, and S. Roman voted no.

Sweet Delite Vending Machine Agreements – Discussed the agreement and was approved by W. McCullough. S. Roman motioned, seconded by J. Leonard to approve the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement – Mayor Rodriguez stated that she went to a meeting for the Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (non-partisan) where they discussed the school voucher program, how if you fund the schools then property taxes will go down, potential for budget issues for the school years 2028-2029. Buffalo school is very important to our community and we need to start looking at budget issues now to prevent any issues in the next several years.

Tabled Items – None.

Resolutions -

Resolution – 2026-08 – Outdoor Service Order – Boondocks – T. Adams motioned, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution – 2026-09 – Easter Egg hunt support public purpose – S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution – 2026-10 – Add Judy Hammons to Community Development Committee - T. Adams motioned, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution – 2026-11 – Wage Increase Officer Anderson – S. Roman motioned, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports –

Mayor Rodriguez stated that she started requiring the Department heads to submit a report on Monday on their goals for the week and what they accomplished on Friday. She wanted to show everyone what she had worked on for the month.

Ordinances – None

Future Meetings –

Community Development – February 25, 5:00 pm.


Council Meeting – March 9, 6:00 pm.

Budget Meeting February 18, 2026

Motion by M. Moore and seconded T. Adams to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously.



Sally Rodriguez, Mayor

Attest: 

Tanna Leonard, City Clerk

IPERS	12,303.53
AFLAC	291.50
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	50.00
Certasite	443.00
WEX Bank	2,596.62
Verizon	432.46
Humane Society of Scott	200.00
Kirby Water Conditioning	15.50
Alex Air Apparatus Inc	876.00
Sinclair Tractor	370.57
Arnold Motor Supply	84.95
Martin & Whitacre	8,399.43
Iowa One Call	11.70
Menards - Muscatine	402.63
SJ Smith	31.40
Menards-Davenport	39.94
IA IL Termite & Pest Conl	178.00
Meghan Martin	605.00
Rock Island Electric Motor	186.89
City of Buffalo	337.02
Paychex of New York LLC	1,404.20
McCullough, William	1,912.50
Column Software PBC	260.60

IMFOA	70.00
ADVANCED Business Systems	51.24
Davenport Printing Co.	65.00
A & A Air Cond & Refrig	105.00
Ryan & Associates	302.00
Test Inc	2,064.00
Hawkins Inc	70.00
Hometown Mechanical	2,404.00
Zimmer & Francescon Inc	207.00
Quad City Safety	25.00
Winsor Group Consulting	625.98
City of Davenport	80.00

General Fund	22,540.43
Com Cent Fund	144.84
Capital Fund	7,891.18
Water Fund	5,207.08
Sewer Fund	648.99
Electric Fund	1,069.84