

City of Garnavillo

The City of Garnavillo City Council met in a regular session on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center, 106 W Niagara Street, Garnavillo.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles “Chuck” Lawson at 6:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Rachel Wolter, Holly Webb and Lance Kuehl. Council members absent were Bill Rademacher and Chad Schmelzer.

M/S Wolter/Kuehl To approve the consent agenda. Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2
Abstention: 0

Claims

001479E	IPERS	\$2,916.50	RETIREMENT
001480E	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$1,863.04	WITHHOLDINGS
001468E	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$1,413.37	NATURAL GAS
001481E	POSTMASTER	\$261.00	STAMPS
001485E	WELLMARK	\$4,421.12	PREMIUMS
001486E	ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS	\$864.22	UTILITY
001490E	ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS	\$67.66	UTILITY
001488E	COMELEC SERVICES INC	\$10.00	ROUTER RENTAL
001489E	COMELEC SERVICES INC	\$10.00	ROUTER RENTAL
017687	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$164.59	UTILITY
017688	AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS	\$573.75	REPAIRS
017689	BADGER METER	\$42.06	METER READS
017690	BETTER HOMES & GARDENS	\$29.00	LIBRARY
017691	CENGAGE LEARNING INC	\$79.47	LIBRARY
017692	CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	\$100.68	LIBRARY
017693	CLAYTON COUNTY AUDITOR	\$744.63	ELECTION
017694	DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE INS	\$122.40	PREMIUMS
017695	DEMCO	\$76.53	LIBRARY
017696	EDGEWOOD AUTO & TIRE	\$449.09	PLOW REPAIRS
017697	EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING	\$585.04	WASTE WATER
017698	FEHR GRAHAM	\$2,125.00	WATER SYSTEM
017699	GOOD HOUSEKEEPING	\$32.07	LIBRARY

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017700	GUTTENBERG PRESS	\$142.25	PUBLICATIONS
017701	HACH COMPANY	\$724.20	SUPPLIES
017702	HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	\$434.11	TESTING
017703	HPI2 LLC	\$784.39	POLICE BADGES
017704	IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	\$283.92	NEWSLETTERS
017705	KLUESNER SANITATION LLC	\$4,944.00	TRASH/RECYCLE
017706	SCHUMANN REPAIR LLC	\$365.89	WIPERS
017707	SWARTZ & STINN LAW PLLC	\$416.30	LEGAL
017708	THREE RIVERS FS CO	\$1,009.04	FUEL
001487E	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$1,895.76	WITHHOLDINGS
001484E	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$2,226.31	UTILITY
001482E	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$6,343.70	UTILITY

Citizen Comments

GEIDC President Robinson provided council with a list of 2026 events and projects for the commission: Farmers Market, last week of October the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 4 pm – 6 pm, Christmas light upgrades and Gem Park Improvements.

Garnavillo Lions Club President Robinson provided council with a list of 2026 projects: Gem Park and Christmas light upgrades.

Clayton County Development Group Chair Robinson provided a council a brief update on future plans regarding a youth program.

Old Business

None

New Business

Fire Department Skid Steer Sale

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson provided council with an email from Chief Goerdt regarding the Associations request to sell the skid steer they got from the military. Atkinson explained that both Goerdt and herself wanted to make sure that there were no issues and that everyone was aware of the sale and use of money.

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M/S Wolter/Kuehl To approve Resolution 2026-06 A resolution approving the sale of Fire Department Equipment: Skid Steer.

Roll call

Aye: Webb, Kuehl, Wolter

Nay: None

Absent: Rademacher, Schmelzer

Abstention: None

Council Tablets

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson presented council with new tablet options since the current Chromebooks are no longer working. Council will let Atkinson know which one they want.

M/S Kuehl/Wolter To approve Resolution 2026-07 A resolution approving the purchase of city council tablets.

Roll call

Aye: Kuehl, Wolter, Webb

Nay: None

Absent: Rademacher, Schmelzer

Abstention: None

FY27 Budget Requests

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson provided council with the following annual budget requests: Clayton Ridge After Prom, \$50.00, Garnavillo Community Boosters, \$5,000.00, Clayton County Development Group, \$1,600.00

M/S Wolter/Kuehl To approve Resolution 2026-08 A resolution approving support requests for the FY27 Budget.

Roll call

Aye: Wolter, Kuehl, Webb

Nay: None

Absent: Rademacher, Schmelzer

Abstention: None

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Wellmark Health Insurance Renewal

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson provided council with the Wellmark health insurance renewal rates.

M/S Wolter/Webb To approve Resolution 2026-09 A resolution approving Wellmark Policy/Rates.

Roll call

Aye: Kuehl, Webb, Wolter

Nay: None

Absent: Rademacher, Wolter

Abstention: None

Dearborn Life Insurance Company Renewal

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson provided council with the Dearborn Life Insurance renewal rates.

M/S Kuehl/Wolter To approve Resolution 2026-10 A resolution approving Dearborn Life Insurance Company Policy/Rates.

Roll call

Aye: Webb, Wolter, Kuehl

Nay: None

Absent: Rademacher, Schmelzer

Abstention: None

Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 06-1994/Retiring Urban Renewal Area (TIF) – 1st Read

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson explained to council that the county auditor has asked us to repeal the Urban Renewal Area since it has expired and is no longer active, doing this will stop the reporting requirements for the city and county.

M/S Kuehl/Wolter To approve the first reading of Ordinance 01-2026 An ordinance repealing Ordinance 06-1994, formally retiring the 2013 Addition to the Garnavillo Urban Renewal Area.

Roll call

Aye: Wolter, Webb, Kuehl

Nay: None

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Absent: Rademacher, Schmelzer

Abstention: None

Engineer Report

Engineer Sam Ertl provided council a brief update on city projects: Water System/Chlorine Injection Pump Project waiting for DNR permit, Main Street Sidewalk Grant Application has been submitted after receiving a letter of support from the Clayton County Supervisors.

Attorney Report

Attorney Stinn was unable to attend the meeting. City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson explained that the communications have gotten better and that we are working on past due items.

Department Reports

Fire Department, no report.

Police Department, Chief of Police Van Horn provided a written report with the packet.

Administration, City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson, provided a written report with the packet.

Library, Director June Wolter provided a written report with the packet.

Public Works, Superintendent Schroyer provided a verbal report: Old Speede Shop had a couple broken water lines and he had to access the building to get it shut off.

Council Comment

None

Mayor's Report

None

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M/S Webb/Kuehl To adjourn at 6:25 pm. Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 Abstention: 0

Charles 'Chuck' Lawson, Mayor

Attest:

Melissa Atkinson, City Administrator/Clerk