

City of Garnavillo

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

The meeting was call 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 Holly Webb, Rachel Wolter, Lance Kuehl, Chad Schmelzer, Bill Rademacher.

M/S Schmelzer/Rademacher To approve the consent agenda. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstention: 0

Claims

001503E	IPERS	RETIREMENT	\$ 4,054.46
001504E	TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$ 228.97
001505E	TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WET	\$ 1,165.01
001506E	ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE	\$ 864.52
001507E	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 1,101.67
001508E	ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS	LIBRARY	\$ 68.95
001509E	ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS	LIBRARY	\$ 0.38
001510E	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 739.40
001511E	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$ 239.92
001512E	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 2,387.16
001513E	US CELLULAR	PHONE	\$ 239.92
001515E	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	\$ 2,791.76
001516E	COMELEC SERVICES INC	ROUTER	\$ 10.00
001517E	IMFOA	CONFERENCE	\$ 200.00
001518E	IPERS	RETIREMENT	\$ 2,802.17
001519E	WELLMARK	PREMIUMS	\$ 4,421.42
001520E	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 2,387.16
001521E	COMELEC SERVICES INC	ROUTER	\$ 10.00
017711	POSTMASTER	STAMPS	\$ 261.00
017731	3E-ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQ	REPAIRS	\$ 1,635.00
017732	AIRGAS USA LLC	OXYGEN	\$ 311.54
017733	ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITY	\$ 851.90
017734	BACKHOE SPECIALISTS	SUPPLIES	\$ 125.00
017735	BADGER METER	READS	\$ 42.06
017736	BIRDS AND BLOOMS	LIBRARY	\$ 20.00
017737	BROWN S SALES & LEASING - GBRG	1GB3K0C82DF188682	\$ 150.00
017738	CENGAGE LEARNING INC	LIBRARY	\$ 229.75

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017739	CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LIBRARY	\$ 100.68
017740	CLAYTON CO DEVELOPMENT GROUP	MARKETING	\$ 315.00
017741	DSG	SAFETY GLASSES	\$ 96.53
017742	ERRTHUM, ROBERT	TRAINING HOTEL	\$ 186.06
017743	ETHAN KOEHN CONSTRUCTION	HYDRANT	\$ 1,205.00
017744	FEHR GRAHAM	GENERAL	\$ 3,614.90
017745	FISK FARM & HOME	SUPPLIES	\$ 231.94
017746	GARNAVILLO FIREMENS ASSOC	TRAINING	\$ 1,600.00
017747	GUTTENBERG PRESS	PUBLICATIONS	\$ 179.45
017748	HACH COMPANY	SUPPLIES	\$ 666.92
017749	HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	AZONE	\$ 137.74
017750	IHDE S	FUELL & OIL	\$ 467.05
017751	IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-TB	FEES	\$ 300.00
017752	IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	NAME PLATE	\$ 24.00
017753	J & R SUPPLY	MACRO COUPLING	\$ 1,040.00
017754	KLUESNER SANITATION LLC	TRASH/RECYCLE	\$ 4,944.00
017755	KUEMPEL HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$ 68.53
017756	MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	MONTHLY	\$ 45.75
017757	PARISH, JAMES	TRAINING	\$ 145.74
017758	RICOH USA INC	COPIER	\$ 209.66
017759	SCHUMANN REPAIR LLC	2026 RAM 3500	\$ 108.85
017760	SOLUTIONS BY MARK	IT SERVICES	\$ 1,124.95
017761	SUPREME GREEN	GEM PARK	\$ 1,396.50
017762	THREE RIVERS FS CO	FUEL	\$ 612.63

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report 02/26	Receipt	Expenses	Balance
001 GENERAL	\$ 383,533.17	\$ 250,610.53	\$ 696,355.24
110 ROAD USE TAX	\$ 70,586.80	\$ 58,633.38	\$ 145,593.34
112 EMPLOYEE BENE	\$ 17,505.05	\$ 12,066.26	\$ 20,659.41
119 EMERGENCY			\$ 62.89
125 TAX INCREMENT			\$ 4,738.25
145 URBAN RENEWAL			\$ 8,144.72
200 DEBT SERVI	\$ 22,115.24	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 39,028.00
301 CAPITAL PROJEC			\$ 316,689.67
400 STORM WATER	\$ 10,741.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 88,782.66
600 WATER	\$ 165,505.81	\$ 63,013.81	\$ 223,901.55
601 WATER SINKING		\$ 4,987.13	\$ (6,022.90)
610 SEWER	\$ 184,071.28	\$ 68,776.09	\$ 338,358.05
	\$ 854,058.35	\$ 462,032.20	\$ 1,876,290.88

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Public Hearing

Meier 2nd Addition Lot Sale

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson explained that the buyer is not ready so the hearing needs to be postponed until they are ready.

M/S Webb/Wolter To table the Meier 2nd Addition Lot Sale until further notice. Aye: 5 Nay: 0
Absent: 0 Abstention: 0

Citizen Comments

Matt Hatcher addressed the council regarding the Zoning Board of Adjustment decision, council and board members discussed the options available. Council directed staff to start the process to change the zoning.

Old Business

Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 06-1994/Retiring Urban Renewal Area (TIF) – 2nd reading

M/S Wolter/Kuehl To approve the second reading of Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 06-199/Retiring Urban Renewal Area (TIF).

Roll call

Aye: Rademacher, Schemlzer, Kuehl, Wolter, Webb

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

New Business

Kraus: Meier 2nd Addition Discussion

Tyler Kraus addressed the council regarding his ideas for a couple of the lots. City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson stated that before the council approves re-platting the lots that the covenants need to be reviewed.

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Wookalow's Music & Art Project: Community Center

Council reviewed the request and discussed that it would be beneficial for the community.

M/S Schmelzer/Wolter To approve Resolution 2026-13 A resolution approving Wookalow's Music & Art Project Community Center Proposal.

Roll call

Aye: Wolter, Kuehl, Schmelzer, Rademacher, Webb

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Farm Lease: 3 years

Council reviewed the bids received.

M/S Wolter/Kuehl To approve Resolution 2026-14 A resolution awarding 3-year Farm Ground Lease to Elijah Schaefer.

Roll call

Aye: Kuehl, Schmelzer, Rademacher, Webb, Wolter

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Set Public Hearing to sell Meier 2nd Addition Lots (3)

Brooks Egleseder addressed the council regarding his interest purchasing three of the lots in the Meier 2nd Addition to build homes.

M/S Rademacher/Wolter To approve Resolution 2026-15 A resolution setting a public hearing regarding a proposal to vacate and dispose of public property, to wit: Meier Second Addition Lots.

Roll call

Aye: Schmelzer, Rademacher, Webb, Wolter, Kuehl

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

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PD Equipment: Bulletproof Vests

Chief of Police Van Horn addressed the council regarding the condition of our officer's vests, he stated that they are expired and need to be replaced.

M/S Wolter/Rademacher To approve a Resolution 2026-16 A resolution approving the purchase of Police Department Equipment: Bulletproof Vests.

Roll Call

Aye: Schmelzer, Rademacher, Webb, Wolter, Kuehl

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Fehr Graham Professional Agreement – South Lincoln Street Reconstruction

Engineer Ertl addressed the council regarding this project.

M/S Schmelzer/Wolter To approve Resolution 2026-17 A resolution to approve the Fehr Graham Professional Agreement: South Lincoln Street Reconstruction.

Roll Call

Aye: Kuehl, Webb, Rademacher, Wolter, Schmelzer

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Highway 52 Condition Letter to Representative

Engineer Ertl addressed the council, seeking their permission to reach out to our representatives to get their assistance regarding the needed repairs of Hwy 52.

M/S Rademacher/Webb To approve Resolution 2026-18 a resolution to approve Fehr Graham preparing and sending a letter to the State Representative requesting their support regarding the condition of Hwy 52 (Main St) through the city.

Roll call

Aye: Schmelzer, Rademacher, Webb, Wolter, Kuehl

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

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Set FY27 Proposed Tax Levy Public Hearing 04/01/2026 @ 6 pm

M/S Rademacher/Schmelzer To approve Resolution 2026-19 A resolution setting the FY27 Proposed Tax Levy Public Hearing for 04/01/26 at 6 pm.

Roll call

Aye: Rademacher, Webb, Wolter, Kuehl, Schmelzer

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

Set Special Session 04/01/2026 @ 6:30 pm

M/S Rademacher/Webb To set a special session for 04/01/26 at 6:30 pm. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstention: 0

Engineer Report

Engineer Sam Ertl provided council with an update on the grant submitted to UERPC next week.

Attorney Report

Attorney Stinn reported that he has been working with Administrator/Clerk Atkinson on the items that need to be taken care of.

Department Reports

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson provided a written report to council in the packet.

Library Director Wolter provided a written report to council in the packet.

Chief of Police Van Horn a written report to council in the packet.

Public Works Superintendent Schroyer provided council with a verbal report.

Council Comment

None

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Mayor's Report

None

M/S Rademacher/Wolter To adjourn at 7:18 pm. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstention: 0

Charles "Chuck" Lawson, Mayor

Attest:

Melissa Atkinson, City Administrator/Clerk