City of Garnavillo

The City of Garnavillo City Council met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center, 106 W Niagara Street, Garnavillo.

Mayor Charles 'Chuck' Lawson called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

M/S Rademacher/Wolter To approve the consent agenda. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstention: 0

Claims

Check	Vendor	Description	Amount
017834	B & M ELECTRIC LLC	LIBRARY	$ 139.06
017835	CENGAGE LEARNING INC	LIBRARY	$ 107.25
017836	CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LIBRARY	$ 149.82
017837	HENRY, ALEX	LIBRARY	$ 297.00
017838	HOUSE TO HOME REMODELING	LIBRARY	$ 4,275.84
017839	JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	LIBRARY	$ 68.28
017840	KUEMPEL HARDWARE	LIBRARY	$ 259.99
017841	MARTIN, CRAIG	LIBRARY	$ 400.00
017842	MOORE, JAKE	LIBRARY	$ 216.00
017843	QUILL CORP	LIBRARY	$ 612.66
017844	ALLIANT ENERGY	FIRE	$ 248.16
017845	BADGER METER	READS	$ 42.12
017846	CLAYTON COUNTY ABSTRACT	MEIER 2ND	$ 2,500.00
017847	ETHAN KOEHN CONSTRUCTION	JETTING	$ 375.00
017848	EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING	WASTEWATER	$ 438.78
017849	GARNAVILLO COMMUNITY BOOSTERS	CONTRIBUTION	$ 5,000.00
017850	GUTTENBERG PRESS	PUBLICATIONS	$ 611.65
017851	HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	AZONE	$ 469.59
017852	IHDE S	FUEL	$ 619.88
017853	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-TB	FEES	$ 300.00
017854	IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	2026 MPA	$ 250.00
017855	MEYER, LYNDON	CITY SIGN	$ 648.45
017856	MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WATER	$ 47.25
017857	MOSER TREE SERVICE	PARK	$ 1,255.00
017858	POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	$ 68.00
017859	SCHUMANN REPAIR LLC	CITY SIGN	$ 736.26

017860	SWARTZ & STINN LAW PLLC	LEGAL FEES	$ 350.30
017861	THREE RIVERS FS CO	FUEL	$ 1,000.73
017862	WINDRIDGE IMPLEMENT	BLADES	$ 78.35
001571E	ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS	LIBRARY	$ 67.00
001578E	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	$ 239.84
001579E	GARNAVILLO MINI MART LLC	WATER	$ 19.96
001580E	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	$ 656.14
001581E	COMMUNITY SAVINGS BANK	DEBT	$ 22,137.50
001582E	ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONES/FAX	$ 847.56
001583E	COMELEC SERVICES INC	ROUTER	$ 10.00
001584E	COMELEC SERVICES INC	ROUTER	$ 10.00
001585E	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	Vendor Liability	$ 875.72
001586E	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	Vendor Liability	$ 2,224.97
001587E	IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	DEBT	$ 20,716.87
001588E	IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	DEBT	$ 12,202.50

Public Hearing

South Lincoln Street Improvement Project

Mayor Lawson opened the S Lincoln Improvement Project at 6:01 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Kuehl, Wolter, Webb and Rademacher. Council Member Schmelzer was absent.

Mayor Lawson asked Engineer Ertl to provide council with a brief overview of the project. Engineer Ertl stated that the project if to replace the damaged portion of S Lincoln St. He stated that there are multiple bids options: concrete, concrete/asphalt/concrete and asphalt. Ertl stated that there were 7 bidders and that Ethan Koehn was low bid across all: Alternate A Bid, $142,176.13; Alternate A1 HMA and PCC, $149,861.10; Alternate A2 HMA w PCC Patches, $135,742.65; Alt A Base Bid + Alt A1, $292,037.23 and Alt A Base Bid + Alt A2, $277,918.78. Resident Roger Balk asked about the difference between asphalt and concrete stating that the asphalt he has had done on his property has held up very well. He also asked about the traffic on that street, he stated that most of the property is for Guttenberg Industries. Balk stated that due to the weight of the trucks he feels the asphalt will hold up as well as concrete. Engineer Ertl stated that the alternate bid is under the engineer's estimate.

Mayor Lawson closed the public hearing at 6:09 pm.

M/S Wolter/Rademacher To approve Resolution 2026-39 A resolution finally approving and confirming plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for project: S Lincoln Street Improvements.
Roll call

Aye: Wolter, Webb, Rademacher, Kuehl
Nay: None
Absent: Schmelzer
Abstention: None

M/S Wolter/Kuehl To approve Resolution 2026-40 A resolution awarding bid: S Lincoln St Improvements Project.
Roll call

Aye: Webb, Rademacher, Kuehl, Wolter
Nay: None
Absent: Schmelzer
Abstention: None

Public Hearing

Meier Second Addition Lot 16 Sale

Mayor Lawson opened the Meier Second Addition Lot 16 Sale opened at 6:14 pm.

Roll call was taken. Council members present were Webb, Rademacher, Kuehl and Wolter. Council Member Schmelzer was absent.

Mayor Lawson asked if there were any comments, there were none.

The public hearing closed at 6:14 pm.

M/S Rademacher/Kuehl To approve Resolution 2026-41 A resolution approving the sale of city property for $500.00 plus legal fees, Meier 2nd Addition, Lot 16.
Roll call

Aye: Wolter, Webb, Rademacher, Kuehl
Nay: None
Absent: Schmelzer
Abstention: None

Citizen Comments

Residents asked council about the following:

Alliant Energy fiber project repairs, when will they be done and how are they fixing driveways. Public Works Superintendent Schroyer stated that the crews are in town and working on it.

Car wash, if someone were to build a car wash what rate would they pay for water and sewer. City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson stated that they would pay the same as everyone, there is no rate change.

Old Business

None

New Business

State of Iowa DOT Highway 52 Maintenance Agreement

M/S Kuehl/Wolter To approve Resolution 2026-42 A resolution approving the Agreement for Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities, 07/01/2026 – 06/30/2031 (5 years)
Roll call

Aye: Webb, Rademacher, Kuehl, Wolter
Nay: None
Absent: Schmelzer
Abstention: None

Community Savings Bank 2026 Cash Management

M/S Rademacher/Kuehl To approve Resolution 2026-43 A resolution approving the Community Savings Bank 2026 Cash Management Agreement.
Roll call

Aye: Rademacher, Kuehl, Wolter, Webb
Nay: None
Absent: Schmelzer
Abstention: None

FY27 Employee Wages

City Administrator/ Clerk Atkinson stated that the wages are based on an employee's annual review and do not exceed the amount set in the budget.

M/S Kuehl/Webb To approve Resolution 2026-44 A resolution approving FY27 Employee Wages.
Roll call

Aye: Kuehl, Wolter, Webb, Rademacher
Nay: None
Absent: Schmelzer
Abstention: None

PD Hotspot Replacement

Chief of Police Van Horn addressed the council regarding this item, he explained that the current hotspot is outdated and doesn't work well. Van Horn asked council for permission to update the current hotspot.

M/S Webb/Wolter To approve the PD Hotspot replacement. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstention: 0

Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control – 1st Read

M/S Webb/Kuehl To approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control.
Roll call

Aye: Wolter, Rademacher, Webb, Kuehl
Nay: None
Absent: Schmelzer
Abstention: None

Engineer Report

Fehr Graham Engineer Ertl provided council with an update on getting support from Representative Ashley Hinson for the Main Street Sidewalk/Curb Project. Ertl stated that a meeting has been set to discuss with someone from her team.

Attorney Report

Attorney Stinn stated that the Meier second addition lot sales are proceeding.

Department Reports

Fire Department ~ no report. Bill Rademacher reported that the truck is finally being worked on and should be ready this fall.

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

Library Director Wolter's monthly report was provided to the council in their packet. Wolter also told council that the portico has been completed and some windows have been replaced. Wolter also announced that she is retiring in November and they have started looking for her replacement.

Chief of Police Van Horn provided council with a written report, he also asked council's permission to research a new camera system for the city. Council directed him to get quotes to replace the current system as well as add new cameras.

Public Works Superintendent Schroyer gave council a brief report on the meeting the DNR had at the Community Center regarding Pattison Sands water usage request. Schroyer stated that the city is a test well site to track the usage.

Council Comment

Council Member Rademacher asked to have the weeds on Main Street addressed so it is clean before the 4th of July, tree trimming added to the High Grass/Noxious Weed Policy and the Community Center sidewalk holes repaired.

Mayor's Report

None

M/S Rademacher/ Wolter To adjourn at 6:50 pm. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstention: 0

Mayor Charles 'Chuck' Lawson

Attest:

Melissa Atkinson, City Administrator/Clerk