City of Garnavillo

The City of Garnavillo City Council met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 8, 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Claims

Check	Vendor	Description	Amount
01589E	CSB	DEBT	$ 25,856.24
01590E	AMAZON.COM	PW TIME CLOCK	$ 19.94
01591E	WELLMARK	PREMIUMS	$ 4,379.04
01592E	AMAZON.COM	PAPER	$ 21.03
01593E	AMAZON.COM	LABELS	$ 33.01
01594E	AMAZON.COM	SUPPLIES	$ 37.66
01595E	IRS	WITHHOLDINGS	$ 1,979.17
01596E	IRS	WITHHOLDINGS	$ 2,449.26
01597E	POSTMASTER	STAMPS	$ 261.00
01598E	IPERS	CONTRIBUTION	$ 2,901.57
01599E	IADOR	SALES TAX	$ 235.87
01600E	IADOR	SALES TAX	$ 270.98
01601E	IADOR	WET	$ 1,175.70
01602E	IADOR	WET	$ 1,299.23
01603E	ALLIANT	UTILTIY	$ 5,292.38
01604E	CSB	BANK ADJ	$ 0.02
01605E	CITY OF GARNAVILLO	TRANSFER	$ 31,879.14
01606E	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	$ 491.14
01607E	IRS	WITHHOLDINGS	$ 649.38
01608E	IRS	WITHHOLDINGS	$ 1,059.18
01609E	IRS	WITHHOLDINGS	$ 2,514.24
01610E	WELLMARK	PREMIUMS	$ 4,379.03
01611E	COMELEC SERVICES INC	ROUTER	$ 10.00
01612E	COMELEC SERVICES INC	ROUTER	$ 10.00
01613E	ALPINE	PHONES/FAX	$ 836.93
01614E	US CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	$ 239.84
017869	ACCESS	LIBRARY	$ 110.74

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017870	CENGAGE LEARNING	LIBRARY	$ 53.25
017871	CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LIBRARY	$ 100.68
017872	GUTTENBERG PRESS	LIBRARY	$ 65.00
017873	MEYER, NADYNE	LIBRARY	$ 35.13
017874	ACCESS	LIBRARY	$ 1,995.77
017878	ALLIANT	LIBRARY	$ 474.84
017879	ALPINE	LIBRARY	$ 66.88
017880	ATKINSON, MELISSA	ACADEMY	$ 612.44
017881	BADGER METER	READS	$ 42.06
017882	BANYON	SOFTWARE	$ 1,730.00
017883	BODENSTEINER	MOWER	$ 251.35
017884	BROWN'S	KEY FOBS	$ 582.52
017885	DEARBORN LIFE	PREMIUMS	$ 122.40
017886	DSG	SUPPLIES	$ 45.87
017887	EASTERN IOWA ASPHALT MAINTENANCE	STRIPING	$ 1,800.00
017888	EMC	PREMIUMS	$ 2,790.00
017889	EUROFINS	TESTING	$ 877.56
017890	FEHR GRAHAM	S LINCOLN ST	$ 19,250.00
017891	GUTTENBERG PRESS	PUBLICATIONS	$ 141.77
017892	HACKETT'S PORTA POTTY	PARK	$ 425.00
017893	HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	AZONE	$ 100.07
017894	IDNR WATER SUPPLY OPERATIONS	PERMIT FEE	$ 82.13
017895	IHDE'S	FUEL	$ 521.70
017896	IMFOA	MEMBERSHIP	$ 50.00
017897	IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES	$ 881.00
017898	IA PRISON INDUSTRIES	NEWSLETTERS	$ 422.94
017899	J & R SUPPLY	UNIFORM	$ 235.95
017900	KLUESNER SANITATION	TRASH/RECYCLE	$ 10,924.95
017901	KUEMPEL HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	$ 1,748.30
017902	MARC	SUPPLIES	$ 568.00
017903	MEUSER LUMBER	SIDEWALK	$ 23.99
017904	MICROBAC LAB	TESTING	$ 45.75
017905	PLASTIC RECYCLING OF IOWA FALLS	BENCH	$ 633.36
017906	SCHMITZ JANITORIAL	SUPPLIES	$ 104.30
017907	SWARTZ & STINN LAW	LEGAL	$ 557.92
017908	VISU-SEWER	CLEANING	$ 4,006.70
017909	WILLE WELDING	REPAIRS	$ 125.00

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Treasurer Report

June 2026	Expenses	Credits	Current Balance
GENERAL	$ 32,620.02	$ 26,396.88	$1,8968,92.77
ROAD USE TAX	$ 11,841.44	$ 21,301.40	$ 168,649.15
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	$ 2,921.60	$ 407.51	$ 7,851.92
EMERGENCY			$ 62.89
TIF			$ 4,738.25
URBAN RENEWAL			$ 8,144.72
DEBT SERVICE	$ 55,056.87	$ 514.81	$ 1,123.05
CAPITAL PROJECT			$ -63,151.87
STORM WATER UTILITY	$ 378.55	$ 1,412.50	$ 151,770.47
WATER	$ 48,862.10	$ 21,841.77	$ 640,175.75
WATER SINKING	$ 25,856.24	$ 31,879.14	
SEWER	$ 10,595.42	$ 24,484.66	$1,294,765.62
	$183,132.24	$128,238.67	$4,111,022.72

Citizen Comments

Residents address council regarding the following items:

Storm water runoff

Semi traffic driving across right-of-way when turning corner and who is responsible.

Old Business

Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control

M/S Rademacher/Kuehl To approve the second read of an ordinance updating Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control.

Roll Call

Aye: Kuehl, Webb, Schmelzer, Rademacher, Wolter

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstention: None

New Business

Policy Update: Community Center

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson explained that the current policy was approved in 2012 and needed to be updated.

M/S Schmelzer/Rademacher To approve Resolution 2026-45 A resolution approving City Policy: Community Center & Rental Rates.
Roll call
Aye: Webb, Schmelzer, Rademacher, Wolter, Kuehl
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

Community Center Cleaning Fee

M/S Webb/Schmelzer To approve Resolution 2026-46 A resolution setting the cleaning rate of pay for the Community Center Custodian.
Roll call
Aye: Schmelzer, Rademacher, Wolter, Kuehl, Webb
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

Special Event Application

Council discussed that they would like to have more information on this from the insurance company and then meet with the Booster club before they approve it.

M/S Webb/Schmelzer To approve tabling the Special Event Application. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstention: 0

Traffic Control Speed Sign

Chief asked council to replace since it fell and broke. Council discussed its benefits and determined it would be good to replace.

M/S Schmelzer/Rademacher To approve Resolution 2026-47 A resolution approving the purchase of a new digital speed sign not to exceed $7,000.

Roll call

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

RFP: Exam Services

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson explained that we are required to do an RFP if we want a five (5) year agreement.

M/S Wolter/Webb To approve Resolution 2026-48 A resolution approving an RFP for exam service, five (5) year agreement.

Roll call

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

Engineer Report

Fehr Graham Sam Ertl stated that he thought that the DOT may have a free/discount program for electronic speed signs. Ertl reported that PWS Schroyer is working with Northway Well to get the chlorine pump installed and that the S Lincoln Street Reconstruction Project tentative start date is July 15, 2026. He stated that he and Schroyer will contact the affected owners. Ertl also reported on the meeting we had with Pedro Calderson and Will-Grant Taylor from Ashley Hinson's office about Hwy 52 and stated that we are working to set up an in person meeting with Representative Gearhart and Klemish on August 25, 2026 at 11:30 am.

Attorney Report

Attorney Kevin Stinn reported that we will be closing on the Meier Court properties Thursday, July 16, 2026 at noon.

Department Reports

Fire Department. Bill Rademacher reported that the new pumper truck is expected to arrive by October, he also stated that the department would like to replace their main line pumper in eight (8) years at a cost of one million dollars ($1,000,000).

Police Department. Chief Eric Van Horn handed out a written report that he reviewed with council.

City Administrator/Clerk. City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson provided a written report for the packet.

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

Public Works Department. Supervisor Chad Schroyer provided an email report since he was unable to be at the meeting.

Council Comment

Council Member Rademacher Bill, property maintenance

Council Member Wolter thanked staff for cleaning up after the 4th of July.

Council Member Kuehl asked about a tree in the right of way adjacent to his property that is diseased and dying. City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson stated that the city has a policy that splits the cost 50/50.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Lawson asked if we had received any information about the Clayton Highway Project. City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson stated that she would follow up Clayton County Engineer Casey Stickfort.

M/S Kuehl/Rademacher To adjourn at 6:47 pm. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstention: 0

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Charles 'Chuck' Lawson, Mayor

Attest:

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Melissa J Atkinson, City Adminstrator/Clerk