City of Garnavillo

The City of Garnavillo City Council met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center, 106 W Niagara Street, Garnavillo.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Claims

#	Vendor	Amount	Description
1615	IRS	$3,021.90	WITHHOLDINGS
1616	WELLMARK	$0.01	ADJ
1617	TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	$1,165.12	WITHHOLDINGS
1618	IRS	$2,604.25	WITHHOLDINGS
1619	IPERS	$2,843.71	RETIREMENT
1620	BLADETECH	$617.86	TASER HOLSTERS
1621	IA DEPT OF REVENUE	$259.24	SALES TAX/LOST
1622	IA DEPT OF REVENUE	$1,158.16	WATER EXCISE TAX
1623	AMAZON	$14.80	OFFICE SUPPLIES
1624	AMAZON	$219.94	OFFICE SUPPLIES
1625	ALLIANT	$6,562.71	ELECTRICITY
1626	POSTMASTER	$342.00	STAMPS
1627	AXON ENTERPRISE INC	$743.92	CARTRIDGES
1628	KUEMPEL HARDWARE	$167.69	PW SUPPLIES
1629	IRS	$2,855.15	WITHHOLDINGS
1630	ALPINE	$839.64	PHONE/INTERNET
1631	COMELEC	$10.00	ROUTER
1632	COMELEC	$10.00	ROUTER
1633	WELLMARK	$4,379.03	PREMIUMS
1634	IRS	$947.77	WITHHOLDINGS
1635	ALPINE	$68.49	LIBRARY
1636	BLACK HILLS	$452.80	NATURAL GAS
1637	ALLIANT	$7,162.51	ELECTRICITY
17916	ALLIANT	$377.01	ELECTRICITY
17917	BADGER METER	$41.74	READS
17918	BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT	$1,267.72	MOWER
17919	BROWN S SALES & LEASING	$40.45	2026 RAM 3500

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17920	CAMP POWERSPORTS-NAPA	$140.52	V BELT
17921	CENGAGE LEARNING INC	$161.25	LIBRARY
17922	CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	$100.68	LIBRARY
17923	CCDG	$25.00	MEETING
17924	CLAYTON COUNTY CHILD CARE	$2,400.00	ASSISTANCE
17925	EMC	$2,810.00	PREMIUMS
17927	EUROFINS	$585.04	MONTHLY WASTE WATER
17928	FEHR GRAHAM	$2,615.90	PROJECT
17929	GARNAVILLO FIREMENS ASSOC	$1,721.32	2025 VFA GRANT
17930	GARNAVILLO MILL	$248.80	SUPPLIES
17931	GUTTENBERG PRESS	$158.74	PUBS
17932	HAWKINS	$226.49	AZONE
17933	IAMU	$456.00	DUES
17934	IDNR WATER SUPPLY OPERATIONS	$210.00	PERMIT FEE
17935	IHDE S	$420.54	FUEL
17936	IOWA ONE CALL	$15.30	LOCATES
17937	IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	$1,353.40	SIGNS
17938	K & W COATINGS	$41,000.00	OLD TOWER
17939	KLUESNER CONSTRUCTION INC	$2,656.92	MULCH
17940	KLUESNER SANITATION LLC	$4,974.90	TRASH/RECYCLE
17941	MAINSTAY SYSTEMS	$667.50	VPN
17942	MICROBAC	$203.25	TESTING
17943	MIDAMERICA BOOKS	$47.90	LIBRARY
17944	NORTHWAY CORP	$8,586.12	PUMP K3N1056290-1
17945	OVERDRIVE INC	$521.27	LIBRARY
17946	PENWORTHY CO	$163.73	LIBRARY
17947	RADEMACHER, LINDA	$22.47	SUPPLIES
17948	RICOH USA INC	$1,997.97	COPIER
17949	SCHUMANN REPAIR LLC	$514.33	2004 FORD 350
17950	THREE RIVERS CO	$2,364.32	FUEL
17951	UERPC	$25.00	DUES
17952	WOLTER, JUNE	$72.00	LIBRARY
17953	FEHR GRAHAM	$5,843.25	S LINCOLN ST

Treasurer Report

Jul-26	Expenses	Revenues	Current Balance
GENERAL	$ 55,870.95	$ 34,883.28	$ 1,505,905.10
ROAD USE TAX	$ 2,492.49	$ 9,613.97	$ 175,770.63
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	$ 6,111.55	$ 1,030.93	$ 2,771.30
EMERGENCY			$ 62.89
TIF			$ 4,738.25

URBAN RENEWAL				$ 8,144.72
DEBT SERVICE			$ 212.37	$ 1,335.42
CAPITAL PROJECT		$ 19,250.00		$ 287,598.13
STORM WATER UTILITY		$ 6.05	$ 1,461.79	$ 143,226.21
WATER		$ 18,041.88	$ 26,958.62	$ 649,092.49
WATER SINKING				
SEWER		$ 22,432.92	$ 28,375.10	$ 1,300,707.80
	TOTAL	$ 124,205.84	$ 102,536.06	$ 4,089,352.94

Citizen Comments

A resident had concerns about the weeds on the curb along properties on Main Street and trees overhanging Hwy 52.

Old Business

Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control

M/S Wolter/Webb To approve the final read of Ordinance 02-2026 Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control.
Roll Call

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

New Business

402 (204) S Adams St, Address Correction

Mayor Lawson explained to council that the address was transposed by mistake.

M/S Webb/Schmelzer To approve Resolution 2026-59 A resolution amending Resolution 2026-35 setting the address for Parcel 29-18-460-001 as 204 S Adams St which should be 402 S Adams St.
Roll Call

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

FY26 Annual Financial Report

M/S Schmelzer/Wolter To approve Resolution 2026-60 A resolution approving the FY26 Annual Financial Report.
Roll Call
Aye: Kuehl, Wolter, Rademacher, Schmelzer, Webb
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

FY26 Street Financial Report

M/S Kuehl/Webb To approve Resolution 2026-61 A resolution approving the FY26 Annual Street Financial Report.
Roll Call
Aye: Wolter, Rademacher, Schmelzer, Webb, Kuehl
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

Policy: Weeds, Grass & Tree Complaints

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson explained that she updated the policy to include trees.

M/S Wolter/Webb To approve Resolution 2026-62 A resolution approving city policy update: Noxious Weeds, High Grass and Tree Trimming Policy
Roll Call
Aye: Rademacher, Wolter, Schmelzer, Kuehl, Webb
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

Project 26612 S Lincoln St Improvements PPE #1 $59,833.72

Fehr Graham Engineer Sam Ertl addressed the council regarding the partial pay estimate also stating that the project is moving along well.

M/S Schmelzer/Rademacher To approve Resolution 2026-63 A resolution approving 26612 S Lincoln Street Improvements Partial Payment Estimate #1, $59,833.72
Roll Call

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

Library Director, Tiffani Brandt

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson explained that the Library Board of Trustees have approved the hiring of Tiffani Brandt as the new Library Director.

M/S Wolter/Webb To approve Resolution 2026-64 A resolution approving the hiring of a Library Director, Tiffani Brandt.
Roll Call
Aye: Schmelzer, Kuehl, Webb, Rademacher, Wolter
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

Part-time Deputy Clerk Ad

Council discussed the need for a part-time clerk and determined that it was not necessary at this time.

M/S Schmelzer/Rademacher To deny hiring a part-time deputy clerk and ad placement. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstention: 0

UMGC Final Grant Application

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson explained that we have received a bid for the bathroom and concrete and are working to finish the final details. She asked council to approve the final application contingent upon our completion.

M/S Kuehl/Webb To approve Resolution 2026-65 A resolution approving the final grant application to the Upper Mississippi Gaming Commission for Gem Park.
Roll Call
Aye: Webb, Rademacher, Wolter, Schmelzer, Kuehl
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstention: None

Engineer Report

Fehr Graham Engineer Sam Ertl explained that the reports for 26612 S Lincoln Street Improvements are provided on a bi-weekly basis.

Ertl stated that we are still meeting with legislatures regarding Hwy 52 on August 25.

Ertl informed council that the Waste Water Treatment Plant New Permit has been issued and they are working on a proposal for a facility plan and proposed costs.

Attorney Report

Attorney Stinn was unable to attend the meeting.

Department Reports

City Administrator/Clerk Atkinson's report was provided to council in the packet.

Public Works Superintendent asked council to sell scrap corrugated tin and guard rail, council directed him to proceed with request.

Chief of Police Eric Van Horn provided council his report as part of the packet as well as addressed the council on several items:

Speed Sign: Van Horn explained that Engineer Ertl had sent us information on a program where the State will provide an eligible City with two signs if they meet certain criteria. He stated that we have been approved to receive two signs through the state but funding has been put on hold until next fiscal year so we still need to purchase one.

City Citations: Van Horn stated $5,500 in tickets has been issued and we have received $5,200.

Camera System: Van Horn also stated that he is still working on camera quotes.

Centre St Trailer Court: He explained that there are a lot of cases going on right now but PD is working on cleaning it up

Council Comment

None

Mayor's Report

None

M/S Kuehl/Wolter To adjourn at 6:44 pm. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstention: 0

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Charles 'Chuck' Lawson, Mayor

Attest:

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Melissa Atkinson, City Administrator/Clerk