

State Center City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

State Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in the City Hall Council Room. Mayor Pfantz called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Darrow, Grant, Nichols, Quick, and Shaffar. Absent: None. Others present: J. Toyne, E. Thompson, Chris Davis, Chief Pfantz, Deputy Clerk Yates, Mike Kielly, Nick Fredriksen, Kohle Nieland, Angie Billings and L. Bearden, City Clerk.

Angie Billings of 404 2nd Ave NW spoke to the council regarding the raised berms created near her property when storm water drainage was redirected. Storm water is not draining from her property as it should. The city plans to lower the berms, lower the level of the intake and then consider a 2nd intake.

Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Quick to approve the agenda with the addition of Nick Fredriksen to speak on the ongoing electrical issues within the water plant. Motion passes 5-0.

Fredriksen spoke regarding the loss of VFD's. ISG will be doing a quality review and install power monitoring within the plant by using an unrelated third-party electrician. Shermco will be doing a review of the city's delivery of electric services to the building.

Motion by Quick, 2nd by Grant to approve the consent agenda including Res. 25-61 monthly transfers in the amount of \$588,456.67. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.

Mayor Pfantz opened the public hearing to hear comments on the proposed Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$2,095,000.00. There were no written or oral comments made. Mayor Pfantz closed the public hearing.

Motion by Grant to adopt Res. 25-64 approving additional action on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement not to exceed \$2,095,000.00. Darrow 2nd; Res. 25-64 is adopted 5-0 roll call. This note is for the Wastewater Improvement Project Phase 1 (Lagoon Lift-Station).

Motion by Nichols that Ordinance 388, amending section 99.02 of the State Center Code of Ordinances by establishing a new sanitary sewer rate table with a 30-cent increase in the per 1000-gallon rate, be given its second reading for passage. Grant 2nd; motion passes 5-0 roll call.

Motion by Grant, 2nd by Nichols approving Ordinance 389, ordinance prohibiting ground solar arrays within the State Center City Limits its second reading for passage. Motion passed 5-0 roll call.

Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Quick to approve the 2025 Swim Lesson contract between the City, WMCSO, and Marshalltown Y. Motion passes 5-0.

Motion to table approving the hiring of lifeguards by Grant, 2nd by Darrow. Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Quick, 2nd by Darrow to approve the outdoor liquor license for the Road Hog during Rose Festival contingent upon the DRAM being completed. Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Shaffar to approve the outdoor liquor license for Lucky Wife Wine Slushies. This application is complete. Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Grant to table Res. 25-66 accepting the 6th St NW project and Res. 25-65 Approval of Pickleball Court contract. Motion passes 5-0.

There was discussion that part of the city's ordinance regarding the use of consumer fireworks will now be void because of new state rules.

Public Works committee chair Nichols reported that the committee recommends offering Randall Kasal the Public Works Director position at \$37.00 per hour, being eligible for 3 weeks' vacation after six months. With the committee recommendation standing as first and second motions, the recommendation passes 5-0.

E. Thompson gave a public works update.

J. Toyne gave an electric update.

M. Kielly discussed the need to deal with private property sanitary sewer infiltration and sidewalk maintenance.

A special meeting was set for Tuesday, June 10th, 5:30 p.m. to review the fire station project cost.

Motion by Shaffar to adopt Res. 25-62 approving terms for repayment of the McCarthy land purchase interfund loan from the electric utility fund to the capital project fund. Quick 2nd; Res. 25-62 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

Motion by Grant to adopt Res. 25-63 approving terms for repayment of the Schoppe land purchase interfund loan from the electric utility to the capital project fund. Nichols 2nd; Res. 25-63 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

Motion by Shaffar, 2nd by Darrow approving a second reduction of the Schoppe Gun Shop water bill to a 6-month average usage to cover the time between the March reading and the April council meeting. Motion passes 5-0.

The 1941 Road Grader will be advertised for sale/scrap.

The council considered increasing the mayor's and council compensation. Motion by Grant, 2nd by Howard to increase annual compensation for each council member from \$700.00 to \$1,000.00 and direct the clerk to prepare an amendment to Code 17.06 Council Compensation. Motion passes 5-0 roll call. Motion by Quick, 2nd by Darrow to increase the annual compensation for the mayor from \$2,400.00 to \$2,800.00 and direct the clerk to prepare an amendment to Code 15.04 Mayor Compensation. Motion passes 5-0 roll call. These increases would be in effect for the calendar year 2026. Motion by Shaffar, 2nd by Grant to increase the meeting compensation for department heads to \$40.00 per meeting. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.

There being no further business, motion by Grant, 2nd by Howard to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion passes.

CLAIMS APPROVED 5.20.25

VENDER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
AIRGAS	CYLINDER RENTAL	100.00
ALLIANT	NATURAL GAS	1,309.10
ARNOLD MOTOR	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	516.15
AT&T MOBILITY	SCPD WIRELESS	335.85
B&G HVAC	SEWER/TOILET REPAIR	592.40
BDH TECHNOLOGY	QUARTERLY SERVICES	1,020.00
BRICK GENTRY	LEGAL FEES	3,400.00
BROCKMAN EXCAVATING	LAGOON/SOLAR ROCK	725.00
CENTRAL IA DISTRIBUTING	INVERTED PAINT/BLK BAGS	401.00
CSB VISA	OFFICE SUPPLY/FEES	115.50
CLAPSADDLE-GARBER	ENGINEERING SERVICES	5,160.00
CORE & MAIN	WATER CHEMS/TESTING	738.00
COWAN ROOFING	ELECTRIC PLANT ROOF	49,880.00
DOOR AND FENCE STORE	PW GARAGE DOOR REPAIR	675.00
HAWKINS	WATER CHEMS	3,233.86
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	PUMP, CONTROL PANEL	3,668.12
I&S GROUP INC	ENGINEERING SERVICES	16,696.87
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT	SCPD TRAINING	305.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	53.10
IOWA UTILITIES COMM	IUC QUARTERLY FEES	43.75
IRBY CO, STUART C	ELECTRIC DISTRIB SUPPLY	943.74
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	GAS CAN	21.99
KARL KUSTOMS	PD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	114.86
BECKY KIELLY	JANITORIAL	275.00

MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	FIRE DEPT MAINTENANCE	1,438.01
MELEE LLC	ARCHITECT - FIRE PRJ	17,536.00
MENARDS-AMES	CITY HALL MAINTENANCE	26.98
MENARDS-MTOWN	JANITORIAL SUPPLY	104.60
MICROBAC LABS	TESTING	864.75
MID-IOWA ENTERPRISE	PUBLICATIONS	593.07
MIKE WALTON	WINDOW CLEANING	55.00
NEW CENTURY FS	FUEL CHARGES	1,894.67
PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	1,194.00
PETTY CASH FUND	POSTAGE	55.19
PFANTZ INSURANCE	DELETE/ADD PD AUTO	208.00
POSTMASTER	UB POSTAGE	960.00
PRAIRIE WASTE	GARBAGE SERVICES	380.68
PSTRAX	ANNUAL LICENSE FEE	1,500.00
PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATES	EVALUATION/DEBRIEF	630.00
RACOM CORPORATION	ANTENNAS, HEADSET	1,092.51
RANDY'S PEST CONTRL	PEST CONTROL	185.00
REGION 6 RESOURCE	CDBG ADMIN	565.00
JULIE RILEY	CITY HALL FLOWERS	48.00
SHERMCO	BATTERY BANK TESTING	2,039.10
TIMES REPUBLICAN	PW DIRECTOR ADS	300.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	ELECTRIC MAINTENANCE	105.31
UNITY POINT HEALTH HOSP	HEARING TEST/MEDICAL	320.00
US CELLULAR	FIRE/EMS CELL	110.43
US CELLULAR	PHONE/IPAD CHARGES	456.15
WESCO DISTRIBUTING	ELECTRIC DISTRIB SUPPLY	176.02

CITY SUB-TOTAL

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PAYROLL	04.25.25	29,610.32
PAYROLL	05.09.25	35,651.30
J.ETHINGTON	UTILITY OVERPAYMENT	5.44
IDR	SALES/USE TAX	4,077.66
IDR	WET	2,134.82
RPGI	PURCHASED POWER	80,001.39
KAUFFMAN	2024 AWARDS	16,541.92
KAUFFMAN	2025 AWARDS	18,850.26
ADVANTAGE ADMIN	MONTHLY FEE	47.25
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FENCING SOLUTIONS	BROOKSIDE BACKSTOPS	3,100.00
PSN	MONTHLY FEE	84.90
CASEY'S	PD FUEL	41.96

MID-CYCLE SUBTOTAL

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TOTAL CONSENT

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TOTAL CONSENT BY FUND

GENERAL	42,288.61
ROAD USE	4,971.39
CAPITAL PRJ	19,781.04
KAUFFMAN	35,392.18
WATER UTILITY	14,146.18
SEWER UTILITY	9,694.02
LAGOON PRJ	17,155.05
ELECTRIC UTILITY	169,279.24
STORM SEWER	617.70

TOTAL

313,325.41

APRIL 2025 REVENUE

GENERAL	188,230.67
ROAD USE	17,380.79
E'E BENEFIT LEVY	29,005.53
LOST	16,949.39
DEBT SERVICE LEVY	36,792.86
KAUFFMAN	85,520.13
WATER UTILITY	36,608.09
WATER IMPRV	5,146.34
SANITARY SEWER	30,690.63
SEWER IMPRV	9,279.29
ELECTRIC UTILITY	219,271.45
STORM SEWER	5,875.18
TOTAL	680,750.35

Craig Pfantz, Mayor

Attest:

Lori Bearden, Clerk