

City Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026

A regular meeting of the Hamburg City Council was held on February 9, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harry Adams at 7:10 PM.

Roll Call: City Clerk Colleen Pelser conducted the Roll Call, and those present were Kent Benefiel, Rod Wilson, and Mike Stenzel was present by phone.

Kent moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mike. The council approved the agenda.

Rod moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 12, 14 and 26. For the January meeting minutes, Kent requested a correction for the report on discussions on budgeting for purchases of a skidloader mower replacement and a snow plow attachment, noting that the Council did not “approve” the purchases as stated, but rather that they agreed to budget for them for FY27. Kent moved to approve the minutes with that modification, seconded by Mike, and all present approved.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS: Colleen Pelser shared information on an organization called Your Life Iowa, which provides free and confidential navigation services to individuals seeking behavioral health care. Flyers will be posted at City Hall, and the organization may be contacted at 855-581-8111 (phone), 855-895-8398 (text), and yourlifeiowa.org (chat).

LIBRARY UPDATE: Katrina reported on several ongoing and planned organization and infrastructure updates to the library, including: estimating cost of external DVD/CD drives for computers, cleaning out basement and storage room to create an adult workspace for historical documents, new media racks for the DVDs, replacing basement stairs, replacing carpet upstairs, and repairing the front entrance, including bee removal. She noted that the library has a CD worth \$25,984.37 that might be used for these updates, but that more research was needed on any possible restrictions with the funds.

RESOLUTION 209-26A: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING...PARTICIPATION IN...THE IOWA PUBLIC AGENCY INVESTMENT TRUST (IPAIT): A resolution was introduced for Hamburg to participate in IPAIT, a public agency trust which allows government entities to acquire interest rate quotes for investments, and to invest public funds in a fiduciary-managed investments. The council discussed pros and cons, but no conclusion was reached, and Rod moved to table. Kent seconded, and all agreed.

RESOLUTION 209-26B. A resolution was introduced to authorize entering into a contract with Valley Corp to complete the infrastructure work at Northridge Acres, without the need for a payment assurance bond, and with IEDA allowing expedited payment procedures. However, the resolution was made moot by the fact that the Council Learned that the final grant extension approval was on hold with HUD. Kent moved to table, seconded by Mike and all approved.

The Council was informed that there had been a volunteer for the Pool Board, and that the Pool Board planned to meet February 10, 2026, and that any appointment recommendations would subsequently come to the City Council for approval.

Councilman Bill Barrett arrived at 7:49 PM.

Enforcement of animal control issues was discussed with regard to the ability have a place to take animals should the City request the Sheriff to impound them. Kent Benefield had acquired quotes from Shenadoah Animal Hospital for treatment and housing of impounded animals, who could be kept for 10 days, at an approximate cost of \$350 per animal. After 10 days, they would have to be retrieved by their owner, or the City would have to facilitate placement with a rescue organization.

It was noted there is a court date in March for ongoing vicious dogs complaints. The council discussed whether there needed to be a formal resolution by Council to declare them “vicious dogs” or if it was already covered by the City Ordinances and ongoing legal actions. Bill moved to classify the animals in question as vicious, seconded by Rod. All approved. Bill further moved to appoint Kent as the animal control liaison, seconded by Mike. All approved.

The Council reviewed an unsafe housing complaint by a former Hamburg resident. Rod noted that it was a civil matter and not City business. Bill moved to have the complaint declared not city business, seconded by Kent, and all agreed.

The Council discussed the need for a Hamburg representative to the Fremont County Landfill Board. Mike volunteered to be the representative. Bill moved to appoint him, seconded by Kent. A roll call vote was held with the following votes: Rod – yes; Kent – yes; Bill – yes; Mike – yes. The motion was approved and Mike was appointed.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE: Jarod Coy, the Public Works Director, reported that they had installed 24 new water meters, and found 8 more that had been installed by previous crews but not put in the system. He said that Jon McNees has “done awfully well on that.” Jarod reported that he had turned in the formal paperwork to IEDA for purchase of the HESCO barriers. There was further discussion about leasing options for a new service truck, and it was noted that the City had been receiving bids in response to our call for bids for mowing the cemetery, and for parks and public buildings. The bids will be opened on Wednesday (February 11) at the budget workshop meeting.

CITY CLERK UPDATE: Colleen requested the Council approve a quote of \$8,750 to hire a Gworks consultant to identify and correct accounting errors, to balance the books, and provide training. Bill moved to approve the request, seconded by Rod and all approved.

Colleen reported that the draft Employee Handbook had been revised and was ready for review, and that Sarah Phillips had volunteered to help with record inventories.

BUDGET: Colleen briefly discussed some updates to the draft budget based on the previous budget meetings comments.

Claims were reviewed and Bill moved to approve claims, seconded by Rod. A roll call vote was held with the following votes: Bill Barret – Yes; Kent Benefiel – Yes; Mike Stenzel – Abstain; Rod Wilson – Yes. The motion was approved.

Claims approved were:

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
275 FUEL	275fuel@gmail.com	657.94
5150 WINDOW CLEANING	CITY HALL WINDOW CLEANING	27.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS	Phones	442.82
AMAZON BUSINESS	Printer	245.97
AMAZON BUSINESS	Bookshelf	1,015.54
AMERICAN UNDERGROUND SUPL	Water/Sewer Parts	1,156.33
AQUA CHEMICALS	chemicals	10,522.65
BADGER METER	metering	109.34
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	2,481.76
BRIANNA O'HEARN	Legal	1,093.75
BROGAN ALLEY	Health Savings Account	2,000.00
CENTURY LINK	PHONE BILLS	388.06
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	CHILD SUPPORT	602.40
COLLEEN PELSER	Health Savings Account	2,000.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Minutes 01122026	610.09
COUNCIL BLUFFS WATER	Lab Test	50.00
DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL INS	262.12
DON'S JOHN & SEPTIC PUMP	service call & pumping	1,000.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	3,250.99
FINE SERVICES	PEST CONTRL	64.00
FREMONT COUNTY LANDFILL	LANDFILL	1,871.81
GPM ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	service call calibration	508.00
HACH	CHEMICALS	43.78
HOLLIMAN AUTO	Auto parts	120.44
HOLT GAS CO	Fuel	907.85
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	17.20
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IPERS	IPERS - REGULAR	4,473.75
JAROD COY	Health Savings Account	2,000.00
JESSICA KUHN	library cleaning	100.00
JONATHAN MCNEES	Health Savings Account	2,000.00
KAMRON BLOCKER	Health Savings Account	2,000.00
MASTERCARD	Demco	183.35
MENARDS	Misc supplies	75.57
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	Meters	9,460.28
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRIC	25.09
MIDWEST DATA CENTER	Hardware Install and Software	1,231.95
MOBILE ACCOUNTING	Payroll and Tax Docs	1,015.00
OLD REPUBLIC SURETY GROUP	Crime-Blanket Bond	657.00
PAGE COUNTY LANDFILL	Recycle	113.30
PAPER TIGER	SHREDDING	35.00
POST OFFICE	UTILITY POSTAGE	300.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE INS	AUTO LIFE INSURANCE	123.24
SHENANDOAH SANITATION	Trash	1,344.79
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT	UTILITY BILLING SUPPLIES	642.68
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	741.17
TY'S OUTDOOR POWER & SERVICE	Parts	540.75
UNITED HEALTH CARE	HEALTH INSURANCE	10,109.82
VERIZON	acc#442756722-00001	223.95
VISA	Final Bill - close acct	11.96
VISA	office supplies, fuel, parts	485.93
Accounts Payable Total		69,520.62
Invoices: Paid		69,370.62
Invoices: Scheduled		150.00
Payroll Checks		9,024.92
**** REPORT TOTAL *****	78,545.54	
GENERAL		11,416.55
LANDFILL/GARBAGE		1,871.81
LIBRARY		4,540.27
ROAD USE TAX		4,935.51
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		11,286.14
WATER		26,793.93
SEWER		17,701.33
TOTAL FUNDS		78,545.54

Rod moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58
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