

A special meeting of the Hamburg City Council was held on March 24, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harry Adams at 6:30 PM.

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

Bill moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Kent, and all approved.

Rod moved to set the date for the fiscal year 2027 Budget Adoption Hearing for April 27 th at 6:00 PM. Bill seconded the motion, and all approved.

The Council reviewed invoices from the Southwest Iowa Planning Council for a total of \$13,581.14, for their work on the Northridge Acres Housing Development project. Bill moved to approve the invoices for submission for reimbursement from IEDA. Mike seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held with the following votes: Rod – yes; Bill – yes; Kent – yes; and Mike – yes. The motion was approved. The Clerk reported that the contract with the Valley Corp to complete the infrastructure is progressing, although the contract is not yet final.

The Council reviewed the billing arrangement with City Attorney Norm Springer of McGinn Law Firm. The ongoing practice has been to provide a recurring retainer payment to begin each new billing cycle with a \$5,000 positive balance. The Council noted that the original resolution only provided for an initial retainer fee. Mike moved to meet again on Thursday, March 26 th to consider a new resolution which accurately reflects the current billing arrangement. Bill seconded the motion, and all approved.

The Council reviewed a letter from the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management requesting refund of \$1007,006.82 to the State Flood Recovery Fund (FRF). Hamburg had received this amount from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as a refund after completion of the Ditch 6 Levee Project. The funds Hamburg paid USACE were originally provided to Hamburg by the FRF, and therefore is owed back to the FRF. Mike moved to approve the return of the funds, seconded by Bill. A roll call vote was held with the following votes: Rod – yes; Bill – yes; Kent – yes; Mike – yes. The motion was approved.

The Clerk requested approval for up to \$1,000 to allow Katrina Gude to assist with records inventory and organization. Katrina can work up to 6 hours per week, at \$20 per hour, for up to 8 weeks. Bill moved to approve the request, seconded by Mike, and a roll call vote was held with the following votes: Rod – yes; Bill -yes; Kent – yes; and Mike – yes. The motion was approved.

Claims were reviewed and Colleen noted that one of the claims was for the aforementioned SWIPCO invoices, which are passthrough funds and should properly be held until reimbursement is provided by IEDA. The Council also discussed a claim for the City’s annual liability insurance. The cost of the insurance this year is \$66,185 – a 2.4% increase from the previous year. Bill moved to approve all the claims with the exception of the SWIPCO invoices, seconded by Kent. A roll call vote was held with the following votes: Rod – yes; Bill – yes; Kent – yes; and Mike – yes. The motion was approved.

The approved claims were:

VENDOR	AMOUNT
275 FUEL	\$410.45
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT	\$91.10
AMERICAN UNDERGROUND SUPL	\$388.35
AQUA CHEMICALS	\$6,360.50
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$1,526.89
COUNCIL BLUFFS WATER	\$50.00
DELTA DENTAL	\$283.86
ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$709.50
FREMONT COUNTY LANDFILL	\$1,871.81
FREMONT COUNTY SHERIFF	\$9,324.00
HAMBURG ELECTRIC & PLUMBING	\$28.72
HOLLIMAN AUTO	\$643.26
HOLT GAS CO	\$850.00
ICAP LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$66,185.00
IAMU	\$805.00
JESSICA KUHNS	\$50.00
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	\$4,601.98
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	\$23.31
MOBILE ACCOUNTING	\$300.00
OLD REPUBLIC SURETY GROUP	\$128.00
PAGE COUNTY LANDFILL	\$245.00
RELiance STANDARD LIFE INS	\$55.00
UNITED HEALTH CARE	\$5,054.91
VERIZON	\$223.95
VISA	\$446.04
**** REPORT TOTAL ****	\$100,806.63
GENERAL	\$77,689.38
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$1,871.81
LIBRARY	\$601.19
ROAD USE TAX	\$560.92
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,730.78
WATER	\$11,816.23
SEWER	\$5,536.32
TOTAL FUNDS	\$100,806.63

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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