Hamburg City Council Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2026

A special meeting of the Hamburg City Council was held on June 15, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harry Adams at 6:00 PM.

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

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

Public Works Employee Hiring: Jarod reported that he had two candidates interview with himself, the Mayor, and Mike, for the seasonal employee with one having little experience, and the other having a lot of experience. One of the candidates, Adam Miller, is his brother-in-law so he abstained from making any recommendations. Starting salary was discussed, along with the fact that emerging needs of the department may require a full-time employee. Staff titles, job descriptions, and salaries were reviewed, and it was proposed to offer the job to Adam Miller at $18.72 to be increased to $19.47 in FY27, per the FY27 budget, and, if accepted, to increase the salary of Brogan Alley, to the same rate. Mike moved to approve this proposal, seconded by Bill, and a roll call vote was held with the following votes: Kent – yes; Rod – yes; Bill – yes; Mike – yes. The motion was approved.

Dirrick Systems HESCO Claim: City staff requested approval of an invoice for the second half of the HESCO shipment for $246,400, to be paid for by grant funding. Kent moved to approve the request, seconded by Bill, and a roll call vote was held with the following votes: Kent – yes; Rod – yes; Bill – yes; Mike – yes. The motion was approved.

Hamburg Levee Drainage Claim: a Drainage Fund claim was reviewed. It could not be determined who was the purchaser or the purpose, and it was decided that more information was needed.

Public Works Emergent Needs: Jarod reported that the sinkhole at NAPA and related sewer issues continue to be a problem and may require some expensive work, including dewatering the area. This work could cost in the tens of thousands of dollars. Alternative solutions discussed included re-routing the sewer line. It was determined that Jarod should contact some engineers to see about this solution, and to look for possible grant funding to cover it.

The Council reviewed a claim from the Auditor of State for the ongoing FY22 audit for $60,741.90. The Claims is due July 11 th . The Council did not move to approve at this time. Jarod requested approval of the invoice for the new cemetery mower for $12,089.95 so that the check could go out on July 1 st prior to the next regular meeting. Mike moved to approve the claim, seconded by Bill, and a roll call vote was held with the following votes: Kent – abstain; Rod – yes; Bill – yes; Mike – yes. Other claims were reviewed, and Bill moved to approve the claims, seconded by Kent and a roll call vote was held with the following votes: Kent – yes; Bill – yes; Bill – yes; Mike – yes. Claims approved were:

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACCESS LEASING	Copier Lease	442.74
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT	Trimmer loop handle	453.35
AQUA CHEMICALS	chemicals	330.00
BADGER METER	metering	1,215.43
BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY	Maintenance Contract Siren	1,896.00
BRIANNA MCCREARY	POOL MGR CONCESSIONS	127.26
BRIANNA O'HEARN	Retainer and emails	350.00
CHEM-SULT,LLC	Water Tx chemicals	3,317.16
CHERRYROAD MEDIA	Hamburg Reporter Resize	12.00
FREMONT COUNTY LANDFILL	LANDFILL	1,871.81
FREMONT COUNTY SHERIFF	SHERIFF CONTRACT	9,688.00
GWORKS	Accounting Consultant	2,143.75
HAMBURG ELECTRIC & PLUMBING	ELECTRICAL/PLUMBLING	926.90
HOLLIMAN AUTO	Misc Parts and Supplies	163.77
HOLT GAS CO	wholesale diesel	2,163.10
IWMCA	25% Workers comp premium	1,787.00
JB PARTS & SUPPLY	Straps to hold down sewer part	73.98
JESSICA KUHNS	library cleaning	100.00
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRIC	1,673.69
MIDWEST DATA CENTER	INTERNET SERVICES	600.44
MIDWEST LABORATORIES	Testing	249.79
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MOBILE ACCOUNTING	PAYROLL ACCOUNTING	450.00
PAGE COUNTY LANDFILL	LANDFILL	254.60
PAPER TIGER	SHREDDING	88.49
SHENANDOAH SANITATION	TRASH	1,380.30
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT	BLUE HANG TAGS	226.82
TERI SJULIN	POOL SUPPLIES & CONCESS	104.57
VERIZON	acc#442756722-00001	223.91
Accounts Payable Total		32,314.86
Payroll Checks		
**** REPORT TOTAL *****		32,314.86
GENERAL		18,137.40
LANDFILL/GARBAGE		1,871.81
LIBRARY		419.24
ROAD USE TAX		311.53
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		1,787.00
WATER		5,550.76
SEWER		4,237.12
TOTAL FUNDS		32,314.86

Ashely Hayes from SWIPCO came to give an update on Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) activities and the housing project. Given the lack of interest by developers, IEDA would like Hamburg to consider building 4 or 5 pre-fabricated houses from Homes for Iowa. This would fulfill the City's grant obligation and prevent any need to return grant funding in the event no contractor is found. The houses are built by prison inmates, and have increased in quality very recently in terms of green building standards and appearance.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kent, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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