

Hamburg City Council Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2026

A special meeting of the Hamburg City Council was held on August 11, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harry Adams at 5:00 PM.

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

Rod moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mike, and all approved.

Fremont County Sheriff Aistrope was scheduled to attend but did not arrive. The Council discussed the fact that the City does not have an active 28E law enforcement contract in place, and that they have concerns that Hamburg and Sidney seem to have disproportionate costs compared to other cities in the County. Kent Benefiel stated that one factor keeping overall county costs high is the truck stop area near I-29 and Highway 2. One possible strategy for the County could be to establish a special tax district with a 1% or 0.5% sales tax to fund the policing and emergency services needs of that area. The district and tax would have to be established by election, and the County Supervisors would need to be the ones proposing the tax and bringing it to a vote. Kent also stated that Hamburg City was on the Agenda for the County Board of Supervisors scheduled for 9 AM Wednesday, August 12, and that he and Bill would be attending.

Rod moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Special Note: On Wednesday, August 13th, the Council unanimously approved by phone vote to pay an invoice for \$12,450 to Heartland Shipping Containers for the containers to hold the HESCO barriers as part of one of the public assistance grants. The purchase was already pre-approved by the Council, and this payment will be reviewed with the other claims in the September meeting.

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