

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2026**

The City council of the City of Iowa Falls met in regular session on Monday April 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Emerson presiding over the meeting. Council members Bruce Thies, Gumaro Valencia, Roger Nissly, Steve Klein, and Dave Henry were present. Also present was City Manager Kaci Elkin.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Thies moved and Nissly seconded to accept the agenda as written.

Roll Vote: Thies, Nissly, Valencia, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (by consent)**

Thies moved and Nissly seconded to approve the following items:

- a. Regular city council meeting of March 16, 2026.
- b. Special meeting of April 1, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- c. Special meeting of April 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
- d. Special meeting of April 2, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.
- e. Special meeting of April 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Vote: Thies, Nissly, Valencia, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS**

Nissly moved and Henry seconded to approve the monthly claims and financials.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Henry, Thies, Valencia, and Klein voting aye.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve the following items:

1. **Liquor License**

- a. Special Class C 5-day Alcohol license for Iowa Falls Chamber/ Main Street for the 50126 event on 5-1-26.
- b. Class C Retail Alcohol license for Princess Grill and Pizzeria.
- c. Class B Retail Alcohol license for Handi-Stop.
- d. Class C Retail Alcohol License for Plaza Vera Cruz.

2. **Tax Abatement Application**

Tax abatement for Sandra Rigter-Living Trust for 2306 Heritage Lane.

Roll Vote: Klein, Thies, Valencia, Nissly, and Henry voting aye.

**OLD BUSINESS**

3. **FY26-27 Budget**

a. Mayor Emerson opened the public hearing on the adoption of the FY26-27 Budget. No oral or written comment.

b. Nissly moved and Henry seconded to approve Resolution 2026-21 approving the FY26-27 Budget and certifying taxes.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Henry, Thies, Valencia, and Klein voting aye.

c. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to set the public hearing on the budget amendment for the May 18, 2026 regular city council meeting.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Thies, Valencia, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

4. **Fire Fighter's Association Request for Quick Attack Fire Truck**

Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve the purchase of a quick attack fire truck for \$433,534 from Toyne. An advance of \$266,767 for the deposit will come from 80% LOST with \$100,000 being reimbursed to the City from the Meyer CD investment at maturity in October 2026. The remaining \$166,767 will be paid upon delivery from the Fire Fighter's Association funds.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Thies, Valencia, and Klein voting aye.

Henry abstained from voting as stated under Iowa Code Chapter 362 as a paid employee of the fire department creating a conflict of interest.

**NEW BUSINESS**

5. **Tree Removal at 1307 Scenic View Dr.**

Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve the tree removal request for 1307 Scenic View Dr. at the property owner's expense. The City will grind the stump and haul the trunk away.

Roll Vote: Thies, Klein, Valencia, Nissly, and Henry voting aye.

6. **Iowa Falls JAM 39**

Klein moved and Nissly seconded to approve Resolution 2026-22 closing parking on the East side of Main St. along Estes Park from Estes St to Rocksylvania Ave from 7:00 a.m. through midnight on Friday May 22, 2026 for food vendors and a noise variance for Estes Park from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Roll Vote: Klein, Nissly, Thies, Valencia, and Henry voting aye.

7. **Snow removal invoice**

Thies moved and Nissly seconded to deny reimbursement for a snow removal invoice for 421 Cedar.

Roll Vote: Thies, Nissly, Valencia, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

8. **Fee Schedule**

Nissly moved and Valencia seconded to amend the building permit calculation on the fee schedule to show \$25,001 to \$50,000 at \$250, \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 at \$3,250, and \$1,000,001 and up at \$5,750.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Valencia, Thies, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

9. **ICAP Renewal**

Nissly moved and Henry seconded to approve the ICAP insurance renewal in the amount of \$300,630.00.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Henry, Thies, Valencia, and Klein voting aye.

10. **Bridge Replacement**

Valencia moved and Thies seconded to approve the plans for Bridge Replacement BRS-3720 (616)- 60-42, South Ave over the Iowa River as presented by Hardin County Engineer Taylor Roll to go out to bid.

Roll Vote: Valencia, Thies, Nissly, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

11. **2026 Street Improvement Program**

Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve Heartland Asphalts bid for the 2026 Street Improvement Program in the amount of \$448,484.77 with funds coming from Road Use Tax, TIF, LOST, Water, and Wastewater funds.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Klein, Thies, Valencia, and Henry voting aye.

12. **Hotel/Motel**

a. Thies moved and Henry seconded approving funding for- Iowa Falls Chamber/Downtowners in the amount of \$10,000 for downtown seasonal beautification and the Iowa Falls Chamber/Main Street-Festival of lights in the amount of \$13,300 for repairs and improvements from Tourism.

Roll Vote: Thies, Henry, Valencia, Nissly, and Klein voting aye.

d. Nissly moved and Klein seconded approving funding for- Iowa Falls Chamber/ Main Street-Festival of Lights in the amount of \$12,131 for repairs and improvements from Economic Development.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Klein, Thies, Valencia, and Henry voting aye.

13. **Discount Garbage Tag Program**

Thies moved and Valencia seconded setting a time frame from May 1st, 2026 to May 29th, 2026 for selling discounted garbage tags at a 50% discount and a maximum of 10 sheets per transaction.

Roll Vote: Thies, Valencia, Nissly, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

14. **Building and Zoning Update**

Discussion on building and zoning department updates from the building and zoning inspector.

This item is tabled until the May 18, 2026 regular council meeting.

15. **Building Safety Month**

Nissly moved and Henry seconded approving a Proclamation for setting Building Safety Month for May, 2026.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Henry, Thies, Valencia, and Klein voting aye.

16. **Appointments**

a. Thies moved and Klein seconded the reappointment of Doug Truex for the Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee for the term to expire April, 2029.

Roll Vote: Thies, Klein, Valencia, Nissly, and Henry voting aye.

b. Henry moved and Thies seconded the reappointment of Jason Snyder for the Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee for the term to expire April, 2028.

Roll Vote: Henry, Thies, Valencia, Nissly, and Klein voting aye.

c. Nissly moved and Klein seconded the reappointment of Doug Haverkamp for the Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee for the term to expire April, 2028.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Klein, Thies, Valencia, and Henry voting aye.

d. Henry moved and Nissly seconded the reappointment of Bob Carpenter for the Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee for the term to expire April, 2028.

Roll Vote: Henry, Nissly, Thies, Valencia, and Klein voting aye.

17. **Closed session**

Thies moved and Nissly seconded going into closed session as allowed in Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.c to discuss pending litigation, and Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.j to discuss land acquisition and disposal.

Roll Vote: Thies, Nissly, Valencia, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**


**ADJOURNMENT**

Nissly moved and Thies seconded to adjourn.

Roll Vote: Nissly, Thies, Valencia, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

  
Michael Emerson, Mayor

  
Amanda Ubben, City Clerk