

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2026**

The City council of the City of Iowa Falls met in regular session on Monday May 18, 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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (by consent)

Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve the minutes from the Regular city council meeting of April 20, 2026.

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

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS

Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve the monthly claims and financials.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve the following items:

1. **Liquor License**
 - a. Class B Retail Alcohol license for Casey's North.
2. **Fire Department Slow Pitch Softball Tournament**

Resolution No. 2026-23 approving noise ordinance variance and allowing alcoholic beverages/ open containers at Legion Field from 8:00 a.m. on June, 27, 2026 to 12:00 a.m. on June 28, 2026 for the Fire Department Slow Pitch Softball Tournament.

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

OLD BUSINESS

3. **FY25-26 Budget**

Klein moved and Henry seconded to reset the public hearing on the budget amendment for the FY25-26 budget for June 15, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

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

4. **Hedden Property**

Valencia moved and Nissly seconded to approve the down payment for the Hedden property in the amount of \$105,250 with funds coming from General Fund, 80% LOST, and/or TIF.

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

5. **Linear Park Sidewalk**

Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve sidewalk option B and approve the quote for Linear Park from A & J Concrete LLC in the amount of \$30,637.00 with funds coming from 80% LOST and a Hotel/Motel Tax Grant in the amount of \$25,000.

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

6. **Princess Rehab Project**

a. Thies moved and Valencia seconded to approve pay application #5 to Steege Construction Inc in the amount of \$77,022.85.

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

b. Klein moved and Nissly seconded to approve pay application #6 to Steege Construction Inc in the amount of \$89,724.03.

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

7. **Elk Run Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump Replacement Project**

a. Klein moved and Henry seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-24 setting the bid letting date for the Elk Run Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump Replacement project for June 9, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, 901 Washington Ave, Iowa Falls, IA 50126.

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

b. Henry moved and Nissly seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-25 setting the date for a public hearing for the Elk Run Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump Replacement Project for June, 15, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

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

8. **Riverbend Rally Street Closure**

Thies moved and Nissly seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-26 approving closing the intersection of Rocksylvana and Main for the Fire Department water events on July 2, 2026 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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

NEW BUSINESS

9. **Tree Trimming on Washington Ave**

Discuss and consider trimming 7 trees on the North side of Washington Ave between Weyrauch and Hawthorne presented by Dave Krogh. The city council advised Dave Krogh to contact the Tree Board and have this item placed on their next meeting agenda.

10. **821 Main St.**

The city council directed city staff to draft an amendment for an extension for 36 months for 821 Main St. lot and present it at the next city council meeting for formal approval.

11. **Greenbelt Humane Society**

a. Thies moved and Valencia seconded to approve additional funding for the Greenbelt Humane Society up to \$2,500 coming from the General Fund for the Stray Cat Program.

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

b. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve funding for the Greenbelt Humane Society up to \$13,000 coming from 20% LOST for the East Side Cat Program.

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

12. **FY26-27 CIP- Parks Mower**

Klein moved and Henry seconded to approve the bid from Zoske Outdoor Power Inc. in the amount of \$17,981 for a new mower for the Parks Department with funds coming from 80% LOST.

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

13. **FY26-27 CIP- Pickup Truck for Water/Wastewater**

Thies moved and Henry seconded to approve the bid from Dale Howard in the amount of \$42,856 for a new Pickup Truck for the Water/Wastewater Department with funds coming from Water/Wastewater Cash.

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

14. **Labor Day Car Show**

Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-27 closing streets for the Labor Day Car show on September 7, 2026.

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

15. **Building and Zoning Update**

Building and zoning inspector Teresa Lancaster gave a presentation on the updates for the building and zoning department.

16. **Appointments**

a. Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve the reappointment, by the Mayor, of Paul Price to the Board of Adjustment for a term to expire May, 2031.

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

b. Henry moved and Nissly seconded to approve the reappointment, by City Council approval, of Bob Rohlfesen to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to expire May, 2031.

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

17. **Closed session**

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


PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Thies moved and Valencia seconded to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Michael Emerson, Mayor

Amanda Ubben

Amanda Ubben, City Clerk