

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FOREST CITY, IOWA
March 16, 2026**

Mayor Ron Holland called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on March 16, 2026, in the City Hall Council Chambers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present: Carly Carper, Al Stokka, Marcia Tweeten, Dan Davis (via Google Meet)

Absent: Karl Wooldridge and Brad Buffington

Motion by Tweeten, Second by Carper to approve the following consent agenda items: Agenda 03/16/2026, Council Minutes 03/02/2026, Forest City Airport Commission minutes 03/10/2026, and Invoices as presented.

Aaron Trezona, representing Tree Doctor, provided an update on the city's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) treatment program. He suggested treating the remaining half of the city's trees in 2027 and 2028 and offered to assist the city in applying for the Tree City USA award. No action was taken by the council.

Motion by Carper, second by Davis, to approve Resolution 25-26-31, setting April 06, 2026, at 6:45 PM as the date and time for the public hearing on the proposed FY2027 property tax levy rate. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Carper, second by Stokka, to open the public hearing regarding the procurement of 69 KV circuit breakers for the power plant substation. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tweeten, second by Carper, to close the public hearing. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tweeten, second by Davis, to approve Resolution 25-26-32, awarding the contract to Border States in the amount of \$294,381.48. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tweeten, second by Carper to authorize the bidding and set the bid opening date as April 14, 2026 for the Power Plant Boiler Replacement Project. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tweeten, second by Carper to approve Resolution 25-26-33, setting April 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM as the date and time for the public hearing on the Power Plant Boiler Replacement Project. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Carper, second by Tweeten to authorize publishing of the notice for public hearing as April 08, 2026 for the Power Plant Boiler Replacement Project. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tweeten, second by Stokka to authorize posting of the notice to bidders for the Power Plant Boiler Replacement Project. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tweeten, second by Stokka approving the purchase of a FLIR thermal camera from Wesco for \$6,375.86 to assist with electrical inspection. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Carper, second by Davis approving Pay Request No. 16 for Staab Construction in the amount of \$974,312.40 for Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tweeten, second by Carper approving Change Order No. 5 for a net increase of \$17,793 for Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Carper, second by Tweeten approving Change Proposal No. 8 to relocate an air conditioning duct for electrical code compliance. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tweeten, second by Carper accepting a bid of \$26,923 from Northway Well and Pump Company for high service pump repairs. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

authorizing the internal posting of the open Water Foreman position.

Motion by Carper, second by Stokka approving tax abatement for the property at 102 Westgate Drive.

Motion by Carper, second by Tweeten, to open the public hearing regarding Resolution 25-26-30, indicating the City Council's intent to dissolve the board of Park Commissioners established under Chapter 23 of the Code of Forest City, Iowa. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Tweeten, second by Carper, to close the public hearing. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Not sooner than thirty (30) days after the public hearing, the Council may consider and act upon an ordinance or ordinance amendment to discontinue and dissolve the Board of Park Commissioners and to provide for the transfer of its powers and duties, in accordance with Iowa Code § 392.7.

During the Public Forum, the council heard from Robert Schwarz. No action was taken.

Department supervisors provided operational updates, no action taken.

Motion by Tweeten, second by carper to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Stokka, Carper, Davis, Tweeten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Betty Burress, City Clerk

Ronald Holland, Mayor