

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FOREST CITY, IOWA
May 18, 2026**

Mayor Holland called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present: Al Stokka, Karl Wooldridge, Brad Buffington, Dan Davis, Marcia Tweeten, and Nicolas Determann.

Absent: Carly Carper

Approval of Consent Agenda

The Council considered approval of the consent agenda, which included the agenda, council minutes, board and committee minutes, invoices, and licenses and permits. Motion by Tweeten, second by Davis to approve the consent agenda. With Wooldridge abstaining and Carper absent, the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 861 – Parks & Recreation Commission (3rd Reading & Final Adoption)

This reading continues the ordinance revision establishing a council-appointed Parks & Recreation Commission.

Motion by Buffington, second by Tweeten to approve the third reading. Roll call vote: Stokka – Yes, Wooldridge – Yes, Buffington – Yes, Carper – Absent, Davis – Yes, Tweeten – Yes, Determann – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Buffington, second by Wooldridge for final adoption. Roll call vote: Stokka – Yes, Wooldridge – Yes, Buffington – Yes, Carper – Absent, Davis – Yes, Tweeten – Yes, Determann – Yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 862 – Alternative Street Vehicles (ASV) (3rd Reading & Final Adoption)

This reading continues updates to definitions and operating requirements for Alternative Street Vehicles within city limits.

Motion by Davis, second by Determann to approve the third reading. Roll call vote: Stokka – Yes, Wooldridge – Yes, Buffington – Yes, Carper – Absent, Davis – Yes, Tweeten – Yes, Determann – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wooldridge, second by Tweeten for final adoption. Roll call vote: Stokka – Yes, Wooldridge – Yes, Buffington – Yes, Carper – Absent, Davis – Yes, Tweeten – Yes, Determann – Yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 863 – Fuel & Purchased Power Cost Adjustment (1st Reading)

This is the first reading to implement a 1.2% surcharge (True-up) covering added purchased-power costs. The surcharge will apply for the first year, followed by a reduction to half the surcharge in the second year.

Motion by Tweeten, second by Wooldridge to approve the first reading. Roll call vote: Stokka – Yes, Wooldridge – Yes, Buffington – Yes, Carper – Absent, Davis – Yes, Tweeten – Yes, Determann – Yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 864 – Electric Utility Base Rate Update (1st Reading)

This is the first reading implementing a 4% increase to the base rate for electrical service. Motion by Wooldridge, second by Determann to approve the first reading. Roll call vote: Stokka – Yes, Wooldridge – Yes, Buffington – Yes, Carper – Absent, Davis – Yes, Tweeten – Yes, Determann – Yes. Motion carried.

Power Plant Boiler Replacement – Rebid Authorization

Council considered actions related to the re-bid of the Power Plant Boiler Replacement project, after the previous bid letting returned no bids.

- Motion by Davis, second by Buffington to authorize bidding and set the bid opening for Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 2:00 PM. Motion carried.
- Motion by Wooldridge, second by Buffington to set the public hearing for Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.
- Motion by Wooldridge, second by Buffington to authorize publishing the Notice of Public Hearing. Motion carried.
- Motion by Wooldridge, second by Davis to authorize posting the Notice to Bidders. Motion carried.

Change Order No. 6 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Council reviewed Change Order No. 6 totaling \$80,965.00, including:

1. Control Building HVAC Modifications
2. Add Sludge Pump Check Valves
3. Add Sludge Pump Drain/Sample Valves
4. Replace Grit Pump Base and Lifting Rails

Motion by Wooldridge, second by Buffington to approve the change order. Motion carried.

Removal of Bump Outs – J Street & S. Clark

The bump out at the southeast corner of J & Clark was removed due to a curb stop repair, and staff requested it not be replaced. This prompted review of the southwest corner bump out as well.

- Motion by Buffington, second by Davis to approve not replacing the removed bump out. Motion carried.
- Motion by Davis, second by Tweeten to approve removing the bump out on the southwest corner. Motion carried.

Setting Public Hearing – FY26 Budget Amendment

This amendment increases budget lines that exceeded FY26 spending.

Motion by Tweeten, second by Determann to set the public hearing for June 1. Motion carried.

Police Department – 2026 Utility SUV Purchase

Two quotes were received:

- Forest City Ford – 2026 Explorer: \$44,750
- Chrysler of Forest City – Durango: \$39,542

Motion by Wooldridge, second by Davis to approve purchase of the Durango for \$39,542.

Motion carried.

Payroll Change Notices (Informational)

- Lance Heimer – Passed Water Treatment Certification; wage: \$33.36
- Mikayla Smith – Graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy; wage: \$32.69

Staff Reports

City staff provided operational updates. No action was taken.

Public Forum

The Council heard from resident Galen Steinberg. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Wooldridge, second by Davis. Motion carried unanimously.