



GRINNELL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026, AT 7:00 PM  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF CITY HALL AND VIA ZOOM

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## MINUTES

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Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following council members present: Smith, Bly, Cox, Wray, Hueftle-Worley. Absent: Hart.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Minutes: June 1, 2026.
- B. Minutes: June 8, 2026.
- C. Approve FY 2027 tobacco permits for: Casey's #1134, Casey's #1527, Casey's #1950, Casey's #3617, Dollar General, Fareway, Greenleaf Tobacco, Hy-Vee, LA Smoke Shop, Maverik #5070, Maverik #5107, McNally, Rabbits and Royal Liquor & Smoke.
- D. Approve FY 2027 Tobacco Device Permits: Greenleaf Tobacco and LA Smoke Shop.
- E. Liquor License:
  - 1. Prairie Hospitality Group, Grinnell Central Park Special Event - July 3, 2026
- F. Mayor Appointment:
  - 1. Russ Crawford, Parks & Recreation, term expiring 6/30/2029.
  - 2. Whitney Jensen, Parks & Recreation, term expiring 6/30/2029.
  - 3. Ralph Eyberg, Parks & Recreation, term expiring 6/30/2029.
- G. Review Campbell Fund Requests.

AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

The Mayor and Council acknowledged receipt of the following meeting minutes and communications:

- A. Finance Committee Minutes: June 1, 2026.
- B. Public Works & Grounds Committee Minutes: June 1, 2026.
- C. Public Safety Committee Minutes: June 1, 2026.
- D. Planning Committee Minutes: June 1, 2026.
- E. Monthly Police Report: May 2026.
- F. Parks and Recreation Minutes: June 8, 2026.

Wray made the motion, seconded by Smith, to direct staff to prepare a proposed development agreement for the current Comfort Inn and Suites rebranding to Holiday Inn. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, seconded by Smith, to direct staff to prepare a proposed Development Agreement for 924 Main Street related to energy efficiency improvements, building rehabilitation, and equipment upgrades as part of a pilot energy efficiency program. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, seconded by Smith, to direct staff to prepare a proposed Development Agreement for a Virtual Reality (VR) center. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the May Investments and Treasurers reports.

Wray made the motion, seconded by Cox, to approve Councilmember Rachel Bly's resignation effective June 16, 2026, and thanked her for her 16 years of service. AYES: 4-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve Resolution No. 2026-84. A resolution setting salary and benefits for non-bargaining unit and supervisory personnel for fiscal year 26-27. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve a memorandum of understanding between the Iowa Department of Revenue and the Grinnell Fire Department regarding the State Setoff Program. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve Resolution No. 2026-85. A resolution authorizing a transfer in the amount of \$5,000.00 to fund the Water Plant Streets Project. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve a 60-month Lease Agreement with Quadient Leasing USA in the amount of \$5,094.60 for the postage machine. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Council discussed the concept of a forgivable loan for Grinnell Center, LLC. No action was taken.

Wray made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve Resolution No. 2026-86. A resolution adopting the city fees and policies for rental and services. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Cox, to approve an Iowa DOT application and permit to sponsor highway planting at 1716 Spring Street. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Bly, to approve Resolution No. 2026-87.

A resolution approving an Airport Land Lease Agreement with Lowry Flying Service, Inc. and Ronald Lowry personally. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Cox, to approve a request from Poweshiek Water Association to provide service to 459 390th Avenue. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Bly, to approve Resolution No. 2026-88. A resolution approving contract Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$62,200.00 for a net increase to the contract with InRoads Paving for the 16th Avenue Street Paving Project. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Cox, to approve Resolution No. 2026-89. A resolution approving contract Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$9,000.00 for a net increase to the contract with Con-Struct, Inc. for the Broad Street Inlay Project. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Bly, to approve Resolution No. 2026-90. A resolution approving contract Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$21,220.00 for a net increase to the contract with Con-Struct, Inc. for the Broad Street Inlay Project. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Cox, to approve a right-of-way request from Windstream in the alley between 8th Avenue and 11th Avenue between Main Street and Broad Street. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Bly, to approve a right-of-way request from Windstream for any area between 2nd Avenue and Highway 6 and between Holyoke Street and Oak Street. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Cox made the motion, seconded by Hueftle-Worley, to approve a right-of-way request from Windstream for an area between 16th Avenue and 12th Avenue and between Spencer Street and West Street. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Bly, to approve Resolution No. 2026-91. A resolution approving contract Change Order No. 9 in the amount of \$30,831.08 with WRH, Inc. for the Water Plant Project. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Cox, to approve a right-of-way permit from Communication Data Link. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Cox made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve a street closure request for the

Community Safety Fair to close 3rd Avenue between Broad and Park Street and Park Street from 3rd to 4th Avenue on June 20, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Cox made the motion, seconded by Hueftle-Worley, to approve a street closure request from Abby Williams to close the 300th block of 5th Avenue, specifically between Center Street and the alley on July 12, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a neighborhood potluck. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.


Cox made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve the Length of Service Award Programs Grant Agreement with Iowa Economic Development Authority. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

The Mayor and Council discussed permit parking. No action was taken.

Bly made the motion, seconded by Wray, to approve the creation of a Steering Committee for the Recreational Facilities Feasibility Study. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

There were no inquiries.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

  
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SAM COX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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ALYSSA DEVIG, CITY CLERK