



GRINNELL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR SESSION
MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026, AT 6:15 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF CITY HALL
AND VIA ZOOM
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

A. Roll Call:

B. Perfecting and Approval of Agenda:

C. Committee Business:

1. Consider approval of a request to close the head-in parking stalls on Park Street east of Merrill Park for the NCAA-sanctioned athletic events at Grinnell College during their Spring Term (January - May), to be held starting January 24th - May 2nd. Weekday closures begin at 12:00 pm - 10:00 PM, and weekend closures from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm.
2. Consider Grinnell Lions Club request for 2026 Grinnell Lions Ag Day for Thursday, August 27, 2026, for street closures on 3rd Avenue, 4th Avenue, and Park Street (see letter for details).

D. Inquiries: Public Comment

Visitors may address the Council/Board at this time; however, comments will be limited to 2 minutes. As per Iowa's Open Meetings Law, Council/Board can only listen during public comments and cannot take any action on items that are not posted on the agenda. Council may take issues under advisement and if needed refer them to a department head, Mayor's committee, or add them to a future agenda.

E. Adjourn:

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GRINNELL COLLEGE

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Wednesday, January 14, 2026

To: Mayor Cox & City Council

From: James Shropshire, Grinnell College Campus Safety

Re: Park Street Head-In Parking Closures

The Grinnell College Department of Campus Safety seeks permission to close the head-in parking stalls on Park Street east of Merrill Park. The purpose of closing this head-in parking area is to provide horizontal, or parallel parking, for up to two motorcoach and/or school buses in support of NCAA sanctioned athletic events at Grinnell College during the Spring Term (January - May).

Grinnell College is modifying its past practices of parking buses east of the Bear Center on a college-owned driveway. Dan Sicard, Grinnell Fire Chief and Tyler Avis, Building and Planning Director reinforced the city and fire code prohibiting the parking of vehicles in this driveway as it also serves as the de facto fire lane for the building, provides access to water hookups on this adjacency, and the proximity of the Union Pacific track access areas located there.

There will be two types of closure requests for our athletic events, those that occur during the weekday (Monday – Friday) and those that occur during the weekend (Saturday and Sunday). The first closure will begin on Saturday, January 24 and will conclude on Saturday, May 2.

In the interest of consistency and managing expectations for the residents of the immediate neighborhood, an established window for the closure will be requested for each closure request type, weekday or weekend.

During the weekday Athletic events, the Department of Campus Safety seeks permission to close the head-in parking stalls starting at 12:00 PM and concluding at 10:00 PM. During the weekend Athletic events, the Department of Campus Safety seeks permission to close the head-in parking stalls starting at 8:00 AM and concluding at 8:00 PM.

The head-in parking will be closed by the Department of Campus Safety 10-15 minutes prior to the closure of the head-in parking and will be opened for general use 10-15 minutes after the closure has ended.

NCAA Athletic events that require the use of 2 or more Motorcoaches and/or School Buses will be managed with the closure of Grinnell College owned and controlled lots at the Grinnell College Golf Course and the Facilities Management complex on 6th Avenue.

Of the forty-nine NCAA Athletic events held at Grinnell College, sixteen will be held during the “weekends” and thirteen will be held during the “weekdays”, with seven of those total events exceeding two motorcoaches and/or school buses to support the transportation needs of the visiting team(s).

Included in this request are the NCAA Athletic event dates and the number of buses supporting the visiting team(s) at each event.

I would request that the decision regarding this request be communicated to Matt Kriegel, Associate Director of Campus Safety and I for planning purposes.

I invite you to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns that you might have regarding this request, our operational plan, or move-in day at Renfrow Hall.

Thank you for your consideration in advance.

Respectfully,

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CC:

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Saturday, January 24, 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM, 1 Bus

Saturday, January 31, 10:00 AM, Unknown number of buses
Wednesday, February 4, 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM, 1 Bus
Saturday, February 7, 1:00 PM, Unknown number of buses
Tuesday, February 10, 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM, 1 Bus
Friday, February 13, 5:00 PM, Unknown number of buses
Saturday, February 14, 10:00 AM, Unknown number of buses
Wednesday, February 18, 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM, 1 Bus
Thursday, February 19, 7:30 PM, 8 Buses
Friday, February 20, 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM, 8 Buses
Saturday, February 21, 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM, 8 Buses
Sunday, February 22, 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, 8 Buses
Friday, February 27, 1:00 PM, 8 Buses
Saturday, February 28, 10:30 AM, 8 Buses
Wednesday, March 25, 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM, 1 Bus
Sunday, March 29, 12:00 PM, 1 Bus
Friday, April 3, 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM, 1 Bus
Saturday, April 4, 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM, 1 Bus
Tuesday, April 7, 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM, 1 Bus
Saturday, April 11, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM, Unknown number of buses
Sunday, April 12, 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM, 2 Buses
Saturday, April 18, 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM, 1 Bus
Sunday, April 19, 12:00 PM, 1 Bus
Tuesday, April 21, 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM, 1 Bus
Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Bus
Sunday, April 26, 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM, 1 Bus
Wednesday, April 29, 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM, 1 Bus
Friday, May 1, 3:00 PM, 1 Bus
Saturday, May 2, 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM, 1 Bus



GRINNELL LIONS CLUB

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January 6, 2026
City of Grinnell
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Re: Ag Day 2026

On behalf the Grinnell Lions Club, I am writing to request a date, location, street closure and parade permit for the 2026 Grinnell Lions Ag Day. The date is Thursday, Aug. 27, 26. We understand the parade route will be determined later pending street closure but in general it will be around downtown and south towards the Mayflower. In addition, we would like to request Police , Fire and EMT support. We appreciate city staff moving in portable bleachers, picnic tables and garbage cans for past Ag Days and hope for same this year.

Our requirement for street closure will be the same as previous years:

*4th Ave between Park and Broad to park tractors and larger vendors.

Closure starts at alley on Park and continues east thru Park st intersection, ending at the alley west of RR crossing. This allows room Farmer Market and alley access for church, post office and hotel.

*Park St between 3rd and 4th for tractors.

*3rd Ave between Park and Broad for petting zoo and tractors.

I have talked to Grinnell P&R and reserved Central Park for this date/event.

Ag Day activities will be like past years: featured tractors, tractor on display, pedal tractor pull, petting zoo, display by orgs/businesses, food music. Our featured speaker is still to be determined. We will present The Farm Family of The Year and Ag Business awards at the end of the program which will end with Larry VanErsvelde Tractor Paradee.

Please contact me with any question and notify when this request is approved. I will contact The Chamber and Art Council to inform them of the date.

Sincerely,
Kamal Hammouda