



GRINNELL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026, AT 7:00 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF CITY HALL AND VIA ZOOM

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MINUTES

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

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

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

- A. Minutes: February 3, 2026.
- B. Approve volunteer firefighter, Parker Lewis.
- C. Approve hiring Jared Keenan, Wastewater Director.
- D. Review Campbell Fund requests.
- E. Liquor Licenses:
 1. Prairie Canary, 924 Main Street
 2. Wal-Mart, 415 Industrial Avenue
 3. Hy-Vee, 320 West Street South

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

- A. Finance Committee Minutes: February 3, 2026.
- B. Public Works & Grounds Committee Minutes: February 3, 2026.
- C. Public Safety Committee Minutes: February 3, 2026.
- D. Planning Committee Minutes: February 3, 2026.
- E. Grinnell Police Department 2025 Report

F. Grinnell Police Department January 2026 Report.

G. Grinnell Parks and Recreation Board minutes, February 9, 2026.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve financial support of \$30,000 for Prairie Thrift. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve Resolution No. 2026-17. A resolution authorizing transfers from multiple funds in the amount of \$1,268,428.07. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve a One-Time Smartphone, Tablet, and Mobile Broadband Retention Credit Offer with Verizon Wireless. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Wray presented the January Investments and Treasurers reports. No action was taken.

There was discussion about possible development projects. No action was taken.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Cox, to approve a right-of-way request from Aureon for the Emera project at 1020 Main Street. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Cox, to approve a Hauled Waste Agreement with Oskaloosa Food Products. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Discussion about the 4th Avenue street reconstruction project. No action was taken.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Cox, to approve Resolution No. 2026-18. A resolution setting the public hearing on proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract and estimate of cost and directing publication of notice to bidders for the construction of the 16th Avenue Paving Project. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Discussed the presentation of the Prairie Burn 100 gravel bike and fun run event. No action taken.

Cox made the motion, seconded by Hueftle-Worley, approved a request to close Park Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue from 4 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and 3rd Avenue between Broad Street and Park Street for the Prairie Burn event, to be held on June 6, 2026 from 4:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Cox made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approve Grinnell Auto and Motorcycle Club's request for a car show to be held on Saturday, August 22nd, for street closures around Central Park. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Cox made the motion, seconded by Smith, to approved a temporary sign placement request from MCG, on May 2, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for their eCycle event. AYES: 5-0. Motion carried.

Inter-agency law enforcement policies were discussed. No action was taken.

Hart exited the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

City Manager, Russ Behrens discussed building permit fees regarding the new elementary building. No action was taken.

Building and Planning Director, Tyler Avis and Joe Hollman with Maxfield Research and Consulting presented the Comprehensive Housing Needs Analysis. No action was taken.

The Mayor and Committee discussed scheduling their next tour of the city buildings on February 23, 2026, at the Drake Community Library.

There were no public inquiries.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Cox, to enter into closed session. AYES: 4-0. Motion Carried

In accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 Sections: j. To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed.

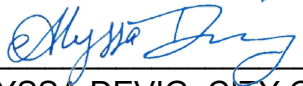
Hueftle-Worley made the motion, seconded by Cox, to enter back into regular session to adjourn. AYES: 4-0. Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.



SAM COX, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ALYSSA DEVIG, CITY CLERK