

State Center City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

State Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, in the City Hall Council Room. Mayor Pfantz called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Darrow, Germa, Latimer, Quick, and Schoppe. Absent: None. Others present: J. Ellis, J. Toyne, Chief Thomas, Kim Elder with Marshall Co EMA, Chris Davis, K. Yates – Deputy Clerk, L. Bearden – City Clerk, Mike Kielly Chief Pfantz, Jeff Henze, Andy Blink, Kohle Nieland – CGA and Robin Hobbs. There were no public comments or questions.

- Motion by Quick, 2nd by Darrow to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.
- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Schoppe to approve the consent agenda including Res. 26-41 monthly transfers in amount of \$36,249.21. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.
- Mayor Pfantz opened the public hearing to hear comments on Ordinance 392 Floodplain Management. There were zero comments during the hearing and there were zero comments delivered to the city clerk's office. Mayor Pfantz closed the public hearing.
- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Quick to finally adopt Ordinance 392 Floodplain Management. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.
- K. Elder spoke to the council regarding the recent work on the new Hazard Mitigation Plan being done. The plan must be updated every 5 years. The clerk is representing State Center for the plan.
- K. Yates presented new rental agreements for both the City Hall Community Room and the Kauffman Shelter. There have been recent problems believed to be a result of alcohol consumption during events at both locations, some resulting in damage. There was extensive discussion on the agreements presented. Motion by Schoppe, 2nd by German to make the following changes for the Community Room: Rental for Friday, Saturday or Sunday will be increased to \$150.00 per day, if alcohol is served after 4 p.m. renters will be required to hire a State Center police officer at \$50.00 per hour. Motion passes 5-0 roll call. Motion by German, 2nd by Schoppe to make the following changes for the Kauffman Shelter: rental fee for any day of the week will increase to \$75.00 per day and the deposit will increase to \$150.00, the deposit for the open-air shelter will increase to \$50.00. Renters will indicate on the agreement if they serve alcohol. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.
- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Schoppe approving the mayor's appointment of Cody German to State Center Fire & EMS Assistant Chief. Motion passes 5-0. German then took the oath of office for the Assistant Chief position.
- At the 01.15.26 special meeting the council tabled payment of the adjusted amount, \$36,250.00, to D.W. Zinser for demo and removal of the Opera House. They asked M. Kielly to ask Zinser for further reduction for Zinser not having to cap water and sewer at the mains under the street. Zinser reluctantly agreed to reduce the total by another \$500.00. It was brought to the council's attention that the original quote document did not specify language for "change orders" and that requesting another deduct would not reflect well on the City of State Center. Motion Darrow, 2nd by Schoppe to approve payment in the amount of \$36,250.00 as first negotiated by Keilly. Motion passes 5-0.
- Council reviewed the bid results as provided by Studio Melee. Graphite Construction is the apparent low bidder. There was a motion from Quick and 2nd from Schoppe to table the bid award at this time. There was discussion that the city would like to contact references before awarding the bid. Motion passes 5-0.
- J. Ellis gave a public works department update.
- Darrow moved to adopt Res. 26-43 approving payment to WRH in amount of \$1,048,325.00 for Pay App #5 for the Lift Station Improvement Project. Latimer 2nd, Res. 26-43 is adopted 5-0 rollcall.
- J. Toyne gave an electric department update.
- J. Thomas gave a police department update. There have been complaints of large trucks/semis not staying on the city designated truck routes. The IDOT plans to continue with the "j-turns" planned for HWY 30/Durham Ave.
- The clerk informed the council that by city code, now is the time to consider annual CPI rate increases for water, sewer, electric and storm water utilities. There has not been an electric rate increase in over 11 years. The clerk provided information on a 2.7% increase for water rates. At this time the draft FY27

budget is heavy on expense compared to revenue. The clerk and M. Kielly were directed to bring information and recommendations on all the utilities to the next meeting for consideration.

- As K. Elder spoke regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan update, the clerk had little to add.
- The clerk explained that Bowman and Miller would no longer be doing city government audits. The city requires at least an annual exam. She will send RFPs out to firms for this service.
- Motion by Quick, 2nd by Darrow approving late claim payment in amount of \$526.00 to EMC Insurance for coverage on the Electric Dept. 2026 Polaris Ranger. Motion passes 5-0.
- B. Pfantz presented a check to the city in amount of \$18,650.00 from IAMU. This is a dividend back for the city's participation in the safety group and training.
- There being no further business there was a motion by Darrow to adjourn. Hearing no objection, Mayor Pfantz closed the meeting.

CLAIMS APPROVED 01.20.26

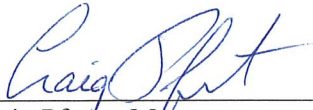
VENDER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1ST AYD	EDUCATION/TRAINING	260.23
AIRGAS	CYLINDER RENTAL	239.46
ALLIANT	GAS UTILITY	2,896.91
ARNOLD MOTOR	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	1,374.93
ASTRA SECURITY	SURVEILLANCE	1,224.00
AT&T MOBILITY	SCPD WIRELESS	339.95
BACKFLOW PREVENTION	BACKFLOW INSPECTIONS	220.00
BDH TECHNOLOGY	FIREWALL REPLACE	882.50
BOWMAN & MILLER P.C.	CONSULT	60.00
BRICK GENTRY PC.	LEGAL FEES	1,005.00
CSB VISA	SUPPLIES/FEES/TRAINING	6,153.87
CIT SEWER SOLUTIONS	SEWER CLEANING SANITARY	2,000.00
CLAPSADDLE-GARBER	ENGINEERING SERVICES	4,980.00
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH	OPERATING SUPPLY	258.80
CORE & MAIN	TESTING & SUPPLY	392.05
D.A.R.E. ASSOCIATION	DUES 2026	100.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY	STORM WATER	582.70
DEAN SCHOPPE CONST	HAULING ICE MELT/SAND	145.36
DOOR & FENCE STORE	REPAIR OVERHEAD DOOR	929.00
ELECTRIC PUMP	COLLECTION SYSTEM SUPL	15,954.43
EMC INSURANCE	REMOVE FORD/ADD TAHOE	533.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING	TRAINING-Z SORIA	150.00
CODY GERMAN	REIMB EDUC/TRAINING	243.00
HAWKINS	TREATMENT CHEMICALS	2,261.97
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIP	CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,044.83
ISG	ENGINEERING	6,490.37
IAMU	1ST QTR SAFETY TRAINING	788.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	63.00
IRBY CO, STUART C	ELECTRIC DISTRIB SUPPLY	166.50
ITRON	PC MAINTENANCE	850.00
BECKY KIELLY	JANITORIAL	275.00
MARY KLEMME	A/C REBATE	200.00
MARSHALL CO LANDFILL	OPERA HOUSE DISPOSAL	6,652.60
MCMASTER-CARR	TOOLS/MINOR EQUIPMENT	717.35
MELEE LLC	REDESIGN SERVICES	18,200.00
MENARDS-MARSHALLTO	SUPPLY/EQUIPMENT	433.90

MICROBAC LABS		1,194.25
MID-IOWA ENTERPRISE		315.92
MIKE WALTON		55.00
NELSON FABRICATION		88.45
NEW CENTURY FS		2,412.24
PARTNER		1,196.32
PETTY CASH FUND		76.76
DAVID PFANTZ		50.00
PRAIRIE WASTE		380.68
RACOM		236.25
RANDY'S PEST CONTRL		155.00
RESCO		30,825.00
SKARSHAUG TESTING		3,718.21
TRUCK EQUIPMENT		1,729.20
US CELLULAR		85.95
US CELLULAR		446.73
VAN MAANEN ELECTRIC		856.18
FRED ZELLER		400.00
ZIEGLER INC		1,704.52
CITY SUB-TOTAL		125,995.37
PAYROLL	12.19.25	32,857.41
PAYROLL	12.21.25 KIFER FINAL	353.39
PAYROLL	01.02.26	38,583.38
PAYROLL	01.16.26	33,238.13
IDR	WET	2,389.63
IDR	SALES/USE TAX	5,077.56
RPGI	PURCHASED POWER	122,880.60
ADVANTAGE ADMIN	MONTHLY FEE/CLAIMS	2,327.33
PSN	MONTHLY FEE	84.90
UMB	NOTE FEE	250.00
CASEY'S	PD FUEL	150.44
MID-CYCLE SUBTOTAL		238,192.77
TOTAL APPROVAL		364,188.14
TOTAL CONSENT BY FUND		
GENERAL	35,864.98	
ROAD USE	11,616.73	
DEBT SERVICE	250.00	
FIRE STATION PRJ	29,832.60	
WATER UTILITY	23,170.77	
SEWER UTILITY	36,456.90	
LAGOON PRJ	6,490.37	
ELECTRIC UTILITY	218,024.30	
STORM SEWER	2,481.49	
TOTAL	364,188.14	
DECEMBER 2025 REVENUE		
GENERAL	30,121.86	
ROAD USE	15,685.58	
LOST	32,857.63	
E'EE BENEFIT LEVY	1,693.71	
DEBT SERVICE LEVY	5,935.03	
KAUFFMAN INVESTMENT	112,319.84	
WATER UTILITY	34,239.98	
WATER IMPRV	5,360.54	
SANITARY SEWER	30,500.95	

SEWER IMPRV
ELECTRIC UTILITY
STORM SEWER
TOTAL

9,602.40
166,807.45
5,782.50

450,907.47



Craig Pfantz, Mayor

Attest:



Lori Bearden, City Clerk

