

State Center City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

State Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the City Hall Council Room. Mayor Pfantz called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Darrow, German, Latimer, Quick, and Schoppe. Absent: None. Others present: J. Ellis, Chief Thomas, Chris Davis, K. Yates – Deputy Clerk, L. Bearden – City Clerk, Chief Pfantz. There were no public comments or questions.

- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Latimer to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.
- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by German to approve the consent agenda including transfer Res. 26-50 totaling \$44,004.66. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.
- Motion by Quick, 2nd by Latimer to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 393, new Water rate table. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.
- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by German to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 394, new Sanitary Sewer rate table. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.
- Motion by Quick, 2nd by Schoppe to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 395, new Storm Water rates. Motion passes 5-0 roll call.
- German moved to adopt Res. 26-48 providing for the levy of taxes to pay GO Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2026A in FY27 for the fire station project. Darrow 2nd, Res. 26-48 is adopted 5-0 roll call.
- Motion by Quick, 2nd by Darrow to approve Team Services fee in amount of \$11,330.00 for additional lab and field testing on the fire station project site. Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by German to approve the Railroad Protective Liability Quote in amount of \$4,672.00 to be carried by Keystone Construction Services for the fire station project as required by the railroad and construction contract. Motion passes 5-0.
- J. Ellis gave a public works dept. update. There was brief discussion of potholes on 3rd Ave SW near the Hwy 30 intersection and where the IDOT ROW ended.
- Schoppe moved to adopt Res. 26-49 approving the IDOT Roadway Maintenance & Repair Agreement. German 2nd; Res. 26-49 is adopted 5-0 roll call.
- Quick moved to adopt Res. 26-47 WRH Pay Application 6 in amount of \$194,536.25. Schoppe 2nd; Res. 26-47 is adopted 5-0 roll call.
- Darrow moved to adopt Res. 26-51 accepting proposed WRH Contract Change Order 2 moving the substantial completion date for the second time from February 11 to April 30th with the retainage payout date remaining May 29, 2026. German 2nd, Res. 26-51 is adopted 5-0 roll call.
- BioCleaner sampling was postponed again for better weather.
- Motion by German, 2nd by Schoppe to table Bobbi Adkins request for water/sewer forgiveness until she could attend a meeting for more explanation. Motion passes 5-0.
- There was not an electric dept. update.
- The council has been presented with written intent to terminate the current SRO agreement between the district and the city. Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Schoppe to approve termination of the agreement. Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion by Quick, 2nd by Schoppe to approve PD staff changes: Resignation of Ben Thomas, hiring of Alexis Bradshaw as certified part-time officer, hiring of Robert Nguyen as certified reserve officer and Allyson Scott new uncertified reserve officer; all at current wage rates. Motion passes 5-0.
- Chief Thomas gave an update on the IDOT's decision to not proceed with the "J-turn" plans for intersection of 3rd Ave SW and Hwy 30. Plans to improve the turn lanes of Hwy 30 are not yet set. Thomas will again apply for GTSB funding from the state, the grant provides compensation for the PD to focus on speed, seatbelt and phone use infractions.
- Quick gave a background of the proceeds of the 2008 sale of Lincoln Valley Golf Course land in the Gutekunst Trust which funds the Gutekunst Public Library. It is felt that the proceeds have not been handled in a way that provides the optimal growth of the fund. He is asking that he be appointed as a liaison to represent the City and the Library when consulting with Farmers Savings Bank, Trustee of the J. G. Gutekunst Trust. Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Latimer to approve Quick as the liaison. Motion passes 5-0.

- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Schoppe approving Kauffman Award Projects recommended by the 2026 Kauffman Award Selection Committee contingent upon the Kauffman Trustees approving the same projects at the Kauffman meeting immediately following this council meeting. Motion passes 5-0.
- Thomas and Bearden explained components of the proposed splash pad quotation from Aquatix received through Sourcewell and the proposed funding of the project. Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Shopped to accept the quote from Aquatix in amount of \$170,952.72. Darrow moved to adopt Res. 26-52 approving the use of funds from the general fund reserve for the new splash pad in amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to be repaid to the reserve by annual payments from Kauffman Award distributions in years 2027 -2036 with no interest being charged. German 2nd, Res. 26-52 is adopted 5-0 roll call.
- Motion by Darrow, 2nd by German to allow Bearden (50.5V, 18.5H) and Yates (69H, 10.5P) to carry their unused vacation, personal and holiday hours but must use them with 8 months (Nov. 17th). Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion by German, 2nd by Latimer to approve alcohol and tobacco licenses for the new owners of Blue Liquor & Tobacco, SK & B LLC. Motion passes 5-0.
- Motion by German to adjourn. Hearing no objection, Mayor Pfantz closed the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

CLAIMS APPROVED 02.17.26

VENDER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ACCESS	COPIER CONTRACT	256.14
ACUREN	ANNUAL TRUCK INSPECT	2070.45
AIRGAS	CYLINDER RENTAL	129.43
ALLIANT	NATURAL GAS	2,263.11
ARNOLD MOTOR	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	517.49
AT&T MOBILITY	SCPD WIRELESS	339.94
BRICK GENTRY PC.	LEGAL FEES	2,160.00
CENTRAL PRINT	COPY	929.43
CSB VISA	SUPPLIES/FEES/TRAINING	979.84
CLAPSADDLE-GARBER	ENGINEERING SERVICES	1,320.00
CORE & MAIN	TESTING & SUPPLY	471.12
CTI READY MIS	FILL SAND	676.97
ELECTRIC SUPPLY OF M	600V MIDGET FUSE 5A-4EA	190.43
HAWKINS	TREATMENT CHEMICALS	1,705.24
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	HELMET	519.45
HOMETOWN FOODS	RPGI MEETING	44.44
ISG	ENGINEERING SERVICES	5,396.55
I.S.C.I.A.	CONFERENCE	175.00
IAMU	ANNUAL DUES	5,794.00
IOWA POLICE CHIEF ASN	ANNUAL CONF/MEMBERSHIP	350.00
IRBY CO. STUART C	TRANSFORMER FLAGS	4,230.25
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	GENERAL SUPPLY	49.99
KARL EMERGENCY VEH	INSTALL/FINNISH BUILD	2,749.17
BECKY KIELLY	JANITORIAL	275.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	OPERATING SUPPLY	509.42
MCMASTER-CARR	GENERATION SUPPLY/MAINT	2,138.30
MELEE LLC	FIRE STATION SERVICES	4,247.16
MENARDS-MARSHALLTO	ELECTRIC PLANT SUPPLY	88.10
MICROBAC LABS	TESTING	1,255.50
MID-IOWA ENTERPRISE	PUBLICATIONS	199.15
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR	ANNUAL SERVICE	599.49
MIDWEST PUMP WORKS	LAGOON PUMP/ELECT REP	3,142.91
MIDWEST WHEEL CO	6 PR 2245QC	704.16
MIKE WALTON	WINDOW CLEANING	55.00
NEW CENTURY FS	FUEL/GENERATION SUPPLY	1,892.73
PARTNER COMMUN	PHONE/INTERNET	1,203.94

PETTY CASH FUND	REIMBURSEMENT	74.48
PFANTZ INS SERVICES	BOILER/MACHINERY 28/27	6,000.00
PRAIRIE WASTE	GARBAGE SERVICES	392.10
RACOM CORPORATION	OPERATING SUPPLY	116.25
RANDY'S PEST CONTRL	PEST CONTROL	155.00
SEI	ALARM MONITORING	633.00
SHERMCO INDUSTRIES	GENERATION SUPPLY & FAN	1,515.84
TOTAL TOOL SUPPLY INC	OPERATING SUPPLY	297.30
TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC	PLOW PARTS	200.14
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE	5,376.31
US CELLULAR	FIRE/EMS CELL	88.95
US CELLULAR	PHONE/IPAD CHARGES	443.73

CITY SUB-TOTAL

64,922.40

AMERICAN RADIATOR	ELEC PLANT REPAIR	40,125.00
PAYROLL	02.27.26	31,279.80
PAYROLL	03.13.26	35,274.65
THOMPSON 03.06.26	LEAVE PAID OUT	3,098.79
IDR	SALES/USE TAX	5,934.18
IDR	WET	2,188.30
J HENDERSHOT	UTILITY OVERPAYMENT	30.12
ADVANTAGE ADMIN	MONTHLY FEE/CLAIMS	432.09
PSN	MONTHLY FEE	84.90

MID-CYCLE SUBTOTAL

GUTEKUNST CLAIMS

INGRAM	BOOKS	891.51
DEOMCO	OFFICE SUPPLY	255.16
ECKHARDT	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	80.00
MIDWEST TAPE	DVDS	26.99
STATE CENTER	UTILITIES	433.91
PARTNER	TELECOMMUNICATION	262.85
ICN	TELECOMMUNICATION	4.88
ALLIANT	UTILITY	428.70
ELAN CREDIT:	PROGRAM	30.54
	BOOKS	111.89
	BUILDING SUPPLY	302.82
	OFFICE SUPPLY	134.07
PETTY CASH FUND	USPS/POSTAGE	9.21
SAMS CLUB	OFFICE/SUPPLY	82.25
WALMART	SUPPLY	70.79

GUTEKUNST TOTAL

3,125.57

TOTAL APPROVAL

186,495.80

TOTAL CONSENT BY FUND

GENERAL	32,829.43
ROAD USE	3,596.71
CAPITAL PRJ	5,642.16
WATER UTILITY	16,918.41
SEWER UTILITY	15,544.34
LAGOON PRJ	5,396.55
ELECTRIC UTILITY	104,616.32
STORM SEWER	1,951.88

TOTAL

186,495.80

FEB 2026 REVENUE

GENERAL	8,326.48
ROAD USE	12,933.85

LOST	15,128.68
E'EE BENEFIT LEVY	290.30
DEBT SERVICE LEVY	1,319.00
WATER UTILITY	30,718.07
WATER IMPRV	4,996.17
SANITARY SEWER	28,116.10
SEWER IMPRV	8,607.45
ELECTRIC UTILITY	180,499.80
STORM SEWER	5,508.23
TOTAL	296,444.13



 Craig Pfantz, Mayor

Attest:



 Lori Bearden, City Clerk

