

REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 2026

ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL met in regular session July 8, 2026 in the Ackley Council Chambers with Mayor Michael Abbas presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Council members present: Maliah Roelfs, Mike Wessels, Dan Scallon, and Steven Ackerman. Absent: Rod Neely. Quorum present.

Roelfs moved, Scallon seconded to approve the July 8, 2026 agenda. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Scallon moved, Roelfs seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) June 10, 2026 Regular Minutes, as written. b) Bills approval, as listed. c) Place Reports on file: June 2026 Clerk Bank Reconciliation/Cash Report/Treasurer; June 2026 Clerk Budget; June 2026 Deputy Clerk Utility Billing Reconciliation; June 2026 Deputy Clerk Nuisance Violation; June 2026 Fire; June 2026 PeopleService; June 2026 Ackley Development Commission; 1st Quarter 2026 Ackley Public Library Investment; 2nd Quarter 2026 Investment Report; 2nd Quarter 2026 Prairie Bridges/Park Fest; and 2nd Quarter 2026 Airport Board of Trustees. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Dennis reported, S. Schroeder, city attorney, has not received an agreement back from T. Nederhoff, Friends of Prairie Bridges attorney for the Prairie Bridges agreement/lease.

2020A GO Bond project update will be addressed later in meeting.

R. Neely, councilman, arrives at 6:03 pm.

M. White, PeopleService, addressed council on the retention tank. There will need to be 2 additional changes to the scope of work for the retention tank making the quote from Blazik less than the actual work to be done – appears to be roughly \$45,000 total. A permit will need to be submitted to the Iowa Dept of Natural Resources for the new water retention tank due to the coating on the new tank. The permit is a length process. Two fire hydrants were on the schedule to be replaced. The hydrant in the 1200 block of 3rd Ave is complete and the one on 5th Ave and Butler St will be done Thursday morning. 5th Ave lift station pump was started up and should be good to go. WWTP pump #2 is up and running again and was under warranty. The 5th Ave generator could be here in 2 weeks. White will need to have the propone tanks looked at and ready for the start up of the generator.

M. Dennis, City Clerk, gave Public Works Department update. L. Schumacher will be at CDL training July 21st and 23rd. No update on Splash Pad.

Council guidance given to Dennis to draft an ordinance change to remove #19 and #20 from Chapter 65 Stop or Yield Required under the stop sign section. Dennis to work draft and bring back to council for review.

Discussion regarding the disposal of city impound lot to the Ackley Development Commission. Dennis informed Council on State Code 364.7 stating a city cannot dispose of real property by

gift except to a government body. M. Roelfs, ADC member, inquired as to whether that was still applicable if the property was located within an urban renewal area. The council was ok moving forward as long as the code allowed this to happen. Dennis to inquire with the city attorney or League of Cities for clarification and bring back for further discussion.

The shut off notice verbiage was presented. Neely moved, Wessels seconded to approve the change, as presented. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

J. Willems addressed council regarding the removal of sidewalk at 501 9th Ave. Per the ordinance, a permit to remove the sidewalk was not complete and a violation currently exists. Dennis informed current council of previous council enforcing the ordinance by ordering sidewalks to be replaced if a sidewalk was removed. Prior to 2016, there were sidewalks taken out and not required to be put back in. In 2017, the council acted upon that ordinance and made the decision that the ordinance would be followed going forth but would not force those prior to 2016 to replace. Willems provided pictures of what the sidewalk looked like prior to removal. The responsibility of the maintenance of sidewalks was discussed. Willems reported that around 2019, a sidewalk at the intersection of Park Ave and Grundy St was removed and not required to replace it, after the enactment in 2017. Willems was requesting the same consideration. D. Willems questioned the council about exceptions to the rules. Neely moved, Roelfs seconded to send violation letter for the removal of the sidewalk. Ayes-all. Motion carried. Future discussion regarding the requirement to replace the removed sidewalk.

Discussion regarding vacating Hardin St between 809 and 901 10th Ave. Roelfs shared concerns about the adjoining neighbor. B. Swasand informed council that a conversation was had between Swasand and Days. Dennis enlightened council regarding Chapter 137 vacation and disposal of streets. If the city was thinking about doing this, Dennis would prefer that the city attorney perform this legal paperwork. Guidance given to Dennis to contact city attorney to determine the best way to handle this transaction by vacation or conveyance.

Discussion on nuisance property abatement. Five properties were identified by council. Neely moved, Wessels seconded to send violations to 322 Lincoln Ave., 812 Main St., and 1118 4th Ave. Ayes-all. Motion carried. Dennis to get the information to nuisance attorney for action.

Abbas spoke to the Hardin County Sherriff about disposing of Ackley Police Department items. Neely moved, Roelfs seconded to approve disposing of APD's fingerprinting apparatus and riot shotguns to a Federal Firearms Licensed (FFL) dealer and to accept the best offer. Ayes-all. Motion carried. Selling to an FFL will take the liability off the city.

Ackerman moved, Roelfs seconded to pass Resolution 26-29 Authorizing Mayor Entering into a Wastewater Treatment Agreement with Tri-Rinse. Roll call vote: Ayes-Wessels, Neely, Scallon, Ackerman, Roelfs. Motion carried.

Wessels moved, Scallon seconded to pass Resolution 26-30 Hiring Emergency as Needed Employees for Public Works Department. Roll call vote: Ayes-Neely, Scallon, Ackerman, Roelfs, Wessels. Motion carried.

Neely moved, Roelfs seconded to pass Resolution 26-31 Temporarily Close Certain Streets and No Parking on Certain Streets for the 2026 Ackley Car Show. Roll call vote: Ayes-Scallon, Ackerman, Roelfs, Wessels, Neely. Motion carried

Ackerman moved, Neely seconded to pass Resolution 26-32 Authorizing FY26 Year End Transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Ackerman, Roelfs, Wessels, Neely, Scallon. Motion carried.

Neely moved, Roelfs seconded to pass Resolution 26-33 Setting Wages for Carrie Stahl and Brent Kuper. Roll call vote: Ayes-Roelfs, Wessels, Neely, Scallon, Ackerman. Motion carried.

No action on Resolution 26-03 Establishing a Sanitary Sewer Rate and Authorizing Entering into a Lease Agreement with Friends of Prairie Bridges Park.

Roelfs moved, Neely seconded to approve payment to Ackley Development Commission in the amount of \$14,000 for Economic Development. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Neely moved, Roelfs seconded to approve payment to USDA Rural Development in the amount of \$110,473.97 for Cougar's Den Loan to be paid from LOST-Debt Service Fund. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Two bid letters were sent out for street repairs for the 600-block alley between Main St and 1st Ave and the Park Ave/Hardin St intersection. One bid was received. There were 2 options for both repairs. Neely moved, Roelfs seconded to approve option 2 to Heartland Asphalt in the amount of \$17,962.20 for the 3-inch mill/fill for the 600-block alley to be paid with 2020A GO Bond funds. Ayes-all. Motion carried. Roelfs moved, Neely seconded to approve option 2 to Heartland Asphalt in the amount of \$13,759.40 for the Park Ave/Hardin St intersection repair to be paid with 2020A GO Bond funds. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

L. Gallentine, CGA Consultants, N. 12 St storm sewer project is complete other than the grading. Neely moved, Ackerman seconded to approve pay estimate no. 1 in the amount of \$154,569.50 to McDowell & Sons for N. 12th St storm sewer. Ayes-all. Motion carried. Cerro Gordo St storm sewer project will begin next week with the street preservation project following the Cerro Gordo St project. CGA is working on IDOT required updates for the Franklin St north of the Railroad tracks project. No update for New Water Plant, Bonded Street Project, or Sanitary Sewer Continuing Improvement Plan.

Dennis will be out of the office July 20-24. The accounting software conversion has begun. Dennis has a class next Wednesday on Legislature Urban Renewal updates.

No council or mayor comments.

J. Schmoll, citizen, addressed council regarding street repair project plan and sidewalks throughout the city.

D. Arends, citizen, shared concern with broken glass at the city dump along with whether concrete could be disposed of at the city dump.

Neely moved, Wessels seconded to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Michael Abbas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Malena Dennis, City Clerk

ACCESS SYSTEMS	TECHNICAL SUPPORT/IT/MICROSOFT	1096.00
ACKLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMIS	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT	14000.00
ACKLEY PUBLISHING CO INC	PEDDLER/LICENSE BOOK	28.66
AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SERV	POOL TESTING	30.50
ALLRECIPES	1 YR MAGAZINE	27.00
BLACK HILLS/IOWA GAS UT	UTILITIES-GAS	874.45
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	CONCESSION/GLUE STICK/CLEANING SUPPLIE/CPT	1146.02
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCES	STRAINER/SHIPPINGCHEMICALS	1208.25
CARSTENS PLUMBING & HEATI	AC REPAIR-POLE CONTRACTOR/TRAN	236.76
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	LARGE PRINT BOOK	25.77
CENTURYLINK	PHONES/FAX	469.81
CGA	STORM SEWER CONSTRUCT N 12TH S/WATER PLANT	17304.10
DENNIS, MALENA	MILEAGE CLERK ACADEMY	246.94
DOLLAR GENERAL	FANS/NOZZLES/HOSES	131.40
DUMONT TELEPHONE CO	INTERNET	80.00
EBS	HEALTH INSURANC	4185.81
FEDERAL W/H	FED/FICA TAX	4829.01
GLECK TECH	FUEL LINE REPLACE-GRN DUMPTRUC	384.50
GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATION	GLOBE PRETAX	88.79
GREEN BELT INSURANCE SERV	EMC RENEWAL 26/27	104190.00
HARDIN COUNTY ENVIROMENTL	POOL INSPECTION	270.00
HARDIN COUNTY SHERIFF	CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT	3144.90
HARDIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE	JUNE FEES/1ST QTR FY26/27	14433.53
HEART OF IOWA	847-2222 COMMUNICATIONS	69.49
HERONIMUS, SCHMIDT, ALLEN	PRAIRIE BRIDGES/S SIEMS	1447.50
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	BOOKS	109.03
INNOVATIVE AG SERVICES CO	DIESEL/GAS	1180.11
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESO	ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY FEE FY27	172.12
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MEMBERSHIP DUES FY 26/27	1333.00
IPERS	IPERS - REGULAR	2624.35
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUMP PUMP/COUPLINGS/ADAPTER	556.40
KEN'S REPAIR	MOWER BLADES	89.97
MARTIN'S FLAG COMPANY	LIBRARY FLAG/SHIPPING/CLIPS	72.30
MCDOWELL & SONS INC.	N 12TH ST STORM SWR EXTENSION	156736.85
MID IOWA AUTO PARTS, LLC	GLOVES, FILTER,LIGHTS	134.68

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPA	SAUERKRAUT DAYS	79.65
MIDWEST LIVING	1 YR MAGAZINE	22.00
ON THE GO MEDIA	1 YR SUBSCRIPTION	65.00
OTTER CREEK FARMS INC.	AIRPORT LEASE	750.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	20269.19
PENN CARE, INC	LIFT ASSIST DEVICE	809.11
PEOPLESERVICE INC.	WATER/WASTEWATER SERVICE	18561.00
POSTMASTER	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	416.63
ROSS CLEANING	6/24/26 CLEANING	175.00
SALES TAX/LOST	SALES TAX PAYMENT	769.80
SHIELD PEST CONTROL	MONTHLY SERVICES	34.00
STATE WITHHOLDING	STATE TAX	542.46
TIMES-CITIZEN CO.	PUBLIC WORKS HELP WANTED ADS/MINUTES	518.13
UMB BANK	2016A GO BOND	250.00
USDA RF	LOAN PAYOFF	111624.97
VERIZON	CELL PHONES/MODEMS	131.82
WATER EXCISE TAX	WATER EXCISE TAX PAYMENT	2318.43
	CLAIMS TOTAL	490295.19

EXPENSES BY FUND

GENERAL FUND	226704.77
LIBRARY RESERVE FUND	326.14
ROAD USE TAX FUND	15223.45
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND	15741.41
DEBT SERVICE FUND	250.00
WATER FUND	27399.84
CAP WATER PROJ-WATER PLAN FUND	3187.55
SEWER FUND	17498.61
GARBAGE FUND	14729.21
STORM WATER FUND	169234.21
TOTAL	490295.19

REVENUE

GENERAL	70259.84
LIBRARY RESERVE	785.00
EMERGENCY MGMT RESERVE	500.00
FIRE TRUCK/EQUIP	15008.04
SWIMMING POOL RESERVE	6428.11
ROAD USE TAX	22320.41
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TOTAL	4281.34
LOST	19640.07
LOST - DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	4910.02
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	41478.30
CAP PROJ-SEMO/REP OF BLDG	6103.94
CAPITAL PROJECT - LOST TOTAL	4910.02

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CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	120.00
WATER	147551.90
WATER - RESERVES	200000.00
WATER DEPOSITS TOTAL	1050.00
SEWER TOTAL	61179.50
SEWER - SINKING	210646.84
GARBAGE	12644.83
STORM SEWER	15836.26
TOTAL	845654.42