REGULAR MEETING
October 14, 2026

ACKLEY CITY COUNCIL met in regular session October 14, 2026 in the Ackley Council Chambers with Mayor Michael Abbas presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Council members present: Mike Wessels, Rod Neely, Dan Scallon, and Maliah Roelfs. Absent: Steven Ackerman. Quorum present.

Roelfs moved, Neely seconded to approve the October 14, 2026 agenda. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Roelfs moved, Wessels seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) September 9, 2026 Regular Minutes, as written. b) Bills approval, as listed. c) Place Reports on file: September 2026 Clerk Bank Reconciliation/Cash Report/Treasurer; September 2026 Clerk Budget; September 2026 Deputy Clerk Utility Billing Reconciliation; September 2026 Deputy Clerk Nuisance Violation; September 2026 Fire; September 2026 Ackley EMS; September 2026 PeopleService; September 2026 Ackley Development Commission; 2nd Quarter 2026 Ackley Public Library Investment; 3rd Quarter 2026 Investment Report; 3rd Quarter Deputy Clerk Ambulance Write off; and 3rd Quarter 2026 Airport Board of Trustees. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Scallon moved, Neely seconded to open the public hearing for the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 544 Amending Chapter 65 Pertaining to Stop Intersections at 6:01 pm. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

No comments received at City Hall.

Wessels moved, Scallon seconded to close the public hearing for the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 544 Amending Chapter 65 Pertaining to Stop Intersections 6:02 pm. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Neely moved, Scallon seconded to approve the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 544 Amending Chapter 65 Pertaining to Stop Intersections Roll call vote: Ayes-Neely, Scallon, Roelfs, Wessels. Absent: Ackerman. Motion carried.

Scallon moved, Neely seconded to waive the second and third reading of proposed Ordinance No. 544 Amending Chapter 65 Pertaining to Stop Intersections. Roll call vote: Ayes: Scallon, Roelfs, Wessels, Neely. Absent: Ackerman. Motion carried.

Wessels moved, Scallon seconded to adopt the proposed Ordinance No. 544 Amending Chapter 65 Pertaining to Stop Intersections. Roll call vote: Ayes- Roelfs Wessels, Neely, Scallon. Absent: Ackerman. Motion carried.

No update on 2020A GO Bonds. Permission to remove from agenda until current projects are complete to see fund availability. Email sent to S. Schroeder, City Attorney, for Vacate Platted Hardin St between 809/901 10th Ave. and Disposal of City Impound Lot.

Neely gave PeopleService updates. UV building needs to be addressed due to flooding during heavy rains.

B. Kuper, Public Works Supervisor, streets have 1 layer done for the street preservation project. Heartland Asphalt will be back next week to finish the street preservation project. An ash tree on 10th Ave has a live tree connected to it and Affordable Tree Service inquired as to which direction to go. If Harrison grinds out ash tree stump, it will kill the other tree. Harrison's estimate was $600 to remove the connected tree. Kuper to inform Harrison know to go ahead and Dennis will prepare a PO for the additional $600.

Neely moved, Scallon seconded to approve curb cut at 618 Worth St. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Neely moved, Scallon seconded to approve moving forward with the legislature's codification changes. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Scallon moved, Neely seconded to approve investing cemetery perpetual cd to People's Savings Bank for a term of 48 months with a rate of 4.20 APY. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Dennis presented the sidewalk program. The council liked the look of the proposed program. Neely and Roelfs would like to see community involvement where citizens could voice their concerns and ideas. Further discussion next month with the full council in attendance.

Roelfs moved, Neely seconded to approve Casey's General Store tobacco and alcohol license amendments. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Scallon moved, Neely seconded to approve Resolution 26-41 Approving the Annual City Street Financial Report FYE June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes-Roelfs Wessels, Neely, Scallon. Absent-Ackerman. Motion carried.

Neely moved, Roelfs seconded to pass Resolution 26-42 Approving the Annual Urban Renewal Report FYE June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes-Roelfs, Wessels, Neely, Scallon. Absent-Ackerman. Motion carried.

Neely moved, Scallon seconded to pass Resolution 26-43 Approving the Annual Financial Report FYE June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes-Wessels, Neely, Scallon, Roelfs. Absent-Ackerman. Motion carried.

Neely moved, Roelfs seconded to pass Resolution 26-44 Authorizing the Mayor Entering into an Agreement for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Federal-Aid Swap Project with the Iowa Department of Transportation. Roll call vote: Ayes-Neely, Scallon, Roelfs, Wessels. Absent-Ackerman. Motion carried.

Dennis corrected the previously presented agreement with the correct name of the machine. The document was sent to P. Scallon, Ackley Heritage Center, who approved the change. Neely moved, Roelfs seconded to pass Resolution 26-45 Authorizing Mayor Endorsing an Irrevocable Deed of Gift of the Carillonic Bells Machine to Ackley Heritage Center. Roll call vote: Ayes-Scallon, Roelfs, Wessels, Neely. Absent-Ackerman. Motion carried.

Neely moved, Scallon seconded to approve payment to Utility Equipment Company in the amount of $4,406.14 for Fire Hydrant Replacement. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

Three sidewalk bids were sent with two being returned. Dennis reported that after the bid letters were sent out, one of the properties turned in a building permit for sidewalk replacement. Neely moved, Wessels seconded to approve bid to Mucino Construction in the amount of $9,470 for sidewalk repairs/replacements at 109 Lincoln Ave and 501 9th Ave. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

James Sweeney, CGA Consultants, update on the Storm Sewer FY26 projects. Neely moved, Roelfs seconded to approve pay estimate no. 4 in the amount of $20,564.00 to McDowell & Sons for N. 12th Street storm sewer project. Ayes-all. Motion carried. Neely moved, Wessels seconded to approve change order no. 2 to extend contact to October 31, 2026. Ayes-all. Motion carried. No update on water treatment plant. Neely moved, Roelfs seconded to approve pay estimate no. 1 in the amount of $297,848.84 to Heartland Asphalt for street preservation project. Ayes-all. Motion carried. Change order no. 3 was presented for an increase of $13,327.34 for storm sewer repair at State St/3rd Ave and sunken curb and gutter at 1008 Main St. Ayes-all. Motion carried. IDOT has the revised plans for the Franklin St north of the Railroad tracks project. This project should be ready for bid letting in January/February. No update on Sanitary Sewer Continuing Improvement Plan.

Dennis will be out of the office Friday and Monday. Clerk school is October 21-23. Annual exam will be November 30-December 4, 2026. EMC audit was done earlier this week. The clerks are done dualling with both accounting software databases as of October 1. There will be some accounting cleanup to get January 1 – June 30 information into the new system. The clerk will be attending a court hearing for one of the nuisance abatement properties on October 28, 2026.

Neely would like to see the council put some teeth into the grass clipping ordinance. Roelfs encouraged everyone to go vote. No further council comments.

The mayor reported there is a repair for one of the fire trucks. It appears to be an electronic issue. The truck went to Rotgers Farm and due to the extent of repairs, will be going to the Freightliner shop in Waterloo.

No public comments.

Wessels moved, Roelfs seconded to adjourn at 7:12 pm. Ayes-all. Motion carried.

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Michael Abbas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Malena Dennis, City Clerk

ACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY*	REIMBURSE PETTY CASH/POSTAGE	5.13
AG MACHINERY SERVICE*	HYDROLIC OIL-PAYLOADER/SKIDLOADER - 55 GAL	1044.00
BLACK HILLS/IOWA GAS UTILITY C*	UTILITIES-GAS	1006.15
CARDMEMBER SERVICE*	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES	246.20
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT*	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	122.25
CENTURYLINK*	PHONES/FAX	469.88
CLAPSADDLE-GARBER ASSOCIATES*	DETENTION TANK, STORM SEWER, STREET	20568.39
CLEMONS, MARJEAN*	MILEAGE-HARDIN COUNTY LIBRARIANS MTG	27.26
DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS*	BATTERIES, WASP SPRAY, PAPER TOWELS	43.20
DONALD R FREY & COMPANY, INC *	PENALTY PROGRAMMING	3920.00
DUMONT TELEPHONE CO*	INTERNET	80.00
EBS*	HEALTH INSURANCE	5152.93
EFTPS FEDERAL W/H*	PAYROLL WITHHOLDING, PAYROLL WITHHOLDING	4259.58
ELECTRIC PUMP*	SHERMAN AVE LS REPAIR	1273.50
GLOBE LIFE LIBERTY NATIONAL DI*	GLOBE PRETAX	88.79
HARDIN COUNTY SHERIFF*	CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT	3144.90
HARDIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE RE*	SEPTEMBER LANDFILL FEES, 2ND QTR FY26/27	14280.28
HEART OF IOWA*	847-2222 COMMUNICATION	69.49
HEARTLAND ASPHALT INC.*	STREET PRESERVATION	297848.84
HEATHER ROSS*	09/23/26 CLEANING	175.00
IMFOA*	2026 FALL CONFERENCE/DENNIS	175.00
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES*	BOOKS	523.83
INNOVATIVE AG SERVICES COMPANY*	GAS/DIESEL	3241.03
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURC*	WATER USE FEE FY27	120.00
IPERS*	PAYROLL WITHHOLDING	3050.90
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL*	CREDIT CARD PURCHASES	337.70
KEN'S REPAIR*	2017 SIMPLICITY DECK REPAIR, BLADES	552.59
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C.*	812 MAIN/322 LINCOLN NUISANCE	82.50
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, LLC*	SWEEPER-SPRAY NOZZLE	54.44
MCDOWELL & SONS INC.*	N 12 ST/CERRO GORDO ST STORM	20564.00
MICHAEL D CHAPMAN*	5TH AVE LIFT STATION GENERATOR	55282.42
MID IOWA AUTO PARTS, LLC*	CAP/LOCKNUTS/GREASE FITTING, FILTER/OIL, PIG	2605.27
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY*	ELECTRIC	9058.01
OTTER CREEK FARMS INC.*	AIRPORT LEASE	750.00
PAUL WILLIAMS*	CURB STOP REPAIR-404 SHERMAN AVE	2127.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	14690.31
PEOPLESERVICE INC.*	WATER/WASTEWATER SERVICE	18561.00
PITNEY BOWES INC.*	RESERVE ACCOUNT POSTAGE	500.00
POSTMASTER*	UTILITY BILL POSTAGE	438.75
SALES TAX/LOST*	SALES TAX PAYMENT	1135.67
SHIELD PEST CONTROL*	PEST CONTROL	34.00
STATE WITHHOLDING*	PAYROLL WITHHOLDING	505.31
TASTE OF HOME*	1 YR MAGAZINE	16.05

THE COUGAR'S DEN*	28E AGREEMENT FOR UTILITIES	8000.00
TIME MAGAZINE*	1 YR MAGAZINE	40.00
TIMES-CITIZEN CO.*	09/09/24 MINUTES, ORDINANCE 544 HEARING	199.57
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC*	3 WAY FIRE HYDRANT	4406.14
VERIZON BUSINESS*	PHONE/INTERNET	131.94
WATER EXCISE TAX*	WATER EXCISE TX PAYMENT	2863.14
WOMAN'S DAY*	1 YR MAGAZINE	26.72
	TOTAL	503899.06

EXPENSES BY FUND	
GENERAL	41828.66
LIBRARY RESERVES	205.02
TREE RESERVES	37.98
ROAD USE	13742.80
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6327.94
CAP PROJ - GO BOND 2025A	314485.79
CAP PROJ - GO BOND 2025B	82.50
WATER	22493.92
CAP WATER PROJ - WATER PLANT	3019.44
SEWER	72233.67
GARBAGE	6477.75
STORM WATER	22963.59
TOTAL	503899.06

REVENUE BY FUND	
GENERAL	43194.43
LIBRARY RESERVE TOTAL	20.00
FIRE TRUCK/EQUIP	250.54
SWIMMING POOL RESERVE	100.00
ROAD USE TAX	18744.72
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TOTAL	1498.54
LOST	27014.69
LOST - DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	6753.67
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	3496.68
CAPITAL PROJECT - LOST TOTAL	6753.67
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	60.00
WATER	59915.01
WATER DEPOSITS TOTAL	900.00
SEWER TOTAL	69837.43
SEWER - SINKING	29480.00
GARBAGE	15760.95
STORM SEWER	19403.41
TOTAL	303183.74