CITY OF IOWA FALLS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2026

The City council of the City of Iowa Falls met in regular session on Monday October 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Emerson presiding over the meeting. Council members Bruce Thies, Gumaro Valencia, Roger Nissly, Steve Klein, and Dave Henry were present. Also present was City Manager Kaci Elkin.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Thies moved and Nissly seconded to accept the agenda as written.

Roll vote: Thies, Nissly, Valencia, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (by consent)

Nissly moved and Valencia seconded to approve the following minutes.

a. Regular city council meeting of September 21, 2026.

b. Special city council meeting of October 2, 2026.

Roll vote: Nissly, Valencia, Thies, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS

Thies moved and Valenica seconded to approve the monthly claims and financials.

Roll vote: Thies, Valencia, Nissly, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Thies moved and Nissly seconded to approve the following items:

1. **Liquor License**

Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Apres Bar Co LLC located at 709 Ellsworth Ave for November 3, 2026.

2. **Tax Abatement**

Consider approval of tax abatement for Hog Slat located at 605 Greenfield Ave.

Roll vote: Thies, Nissly, Valencia, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Iowa Falls Municipal Airport Rehabilitate Entrance Road and Terminal Building Drainage

Klein moved and Valencia seconded to approve a payment to McClure for Professional Services in the amount of $7,742.52.

Roll vote: Klein, Valencia, Thies, Nissly, and Henry voting aye.

4. Elk Run Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump Replacement

Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve pay application to Woodruff Construction in the amount of $25,255.89.

Roll vote: Nissly, Thies, Valencia, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Separation Agreement

Thies moved and Henry seconded to approve the separation agreement and release of claims between the city of Iowa Falls and Police Chief Josh Nelson, including authorization for execution of the agreement on behalf of the city.

Roll vote: Thies, Henry, Valencia, Nissly, and Klein voting aye.

6. Interim Police Chief

Nissly moved and Henry seconded to approve the appointment of Lance Lemke as interim Police Chief.

Roll vote: Nissly, Henry, Thies, Valencia, and Klein voting aye.

7. Hiring Committee For Police Chief

Valencia moved and Thies seconded to approve creating a hiring committee for the Police Chief vacancy that includes Mayor Michael Emerson, Sheriff Dave McDaniel, Interim Police Chief Lance Lemke, Councilman Steve Klein, Councilman Roger Nissly, and City Manager Kaci Elkin.

Roll vote: Valencia, Thies, Nissly, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

8. Street Closures

Henry moved and Nissly seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-48 closing Cedar St from Union to Iowa (the Riverbend) on October 25, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for Fun Fall Fundraiser.

Roll vote: Henry, Nissly, Thies, Valencia, and Klein voting aye.

9. **Sidewalk Construction**

The city council directed city staff to set up a workshop to discuss sidewalk construction for areas in town that currently do not have sidewalks before the November regular city council meeting.

10. **Site Plan Ordinance**

Nissly moved and Henry seconded to set a public hearing for November 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. regarding proposed Site Plan Ordinance and to direct the City Clerk to publish notice of said hearing.

Roll vote: Nissly, Henry, Thies, Valencia, and Klein voting aye.

11. **Hotel/Motel**

a. Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve Tourism funds for Alden Days in the amount of $2,000 for their annual festival.

Roll vote: Klein, Thies, Valencia, Nissly, and Henry voting aye.

b. Nissly moved and Henry seconded to approve Economic Development funds for the Iowa Falls Historical Society in the amount of $20,000 for the purchase of the building.

Roll vote: Nissly, Henry, Thies, Valencia, and Klein voting aye.

12. **Water/Wastewater Roof Replacement**

Thies moved and Valencia seconded to approve the quote from BC Roofing in the amount of $8,500 to replace the grit room roof.

Roll vote: Thies, Valencia, Nissly, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

13. **Street Finance Report**

Klein moved and Henry seconded to approve the Street Finance report as presented.

Roll vote: Klein, Henry, Thies, Valencia, and Nissly voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

14. **Closed Session**

Thies moved and Valencia seconded to go into closed session as allowed in Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.c to discuss pending litigation, and Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.j to discuss land acquisition and disposal.

Roll vote: Thies, Valencia, Nissly, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Nissly moved and Valencia seconded to adjourn.

Roll vote: Nissly, Valencia, Thies, Klein, and Henry voting aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Michael Emerson, Mayor

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Amanda Ubben, City Clerk