

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2026**

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (by consent)**

Thies moved and Henry seconded to approve the following items:

- a. Regular meeting of December 15, 2025.

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

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS**

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve the following items:

1. **Liquor License**
  - a. Class B Retail Alcohol License for Dollar General.
  - b. Class C Retail Alcohol License for Highland Golf Club.
  - c. 5-day special Class C Retail Alcohol license for Delta Waterfowl banquet located at the Armory.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **2. Goldfinch Trail**

a. Thies moved and Henry seconded to approve pay app #5 to Peterson Contractors, Inc in the amount of \$313,788.16.

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

b. Klein moved and Henry seconded to approve advancing fees in the amount of \$4,500 for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources consent order in the matter of Goldfinch Estates II.

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

### **3. Grant Agreements**

a. Mayor Emerson opened the public hearing on the proposal to enter into a FY 2026-2030 Grant Agreement with Iowa Falls Chamber of Commerce/Main Street, Inc.  
No written or oral comment.

b. Thies moved and Henry seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-01 to enter into a FY 2026-2030 Grant Agreement with Iowa Falls Chamber of Commerce/Main Street, Inc

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

c. Mayor Emerson opened the public hearing on the proposal to enter into a FY 2026-2030 Grant Agreement with Iowa Falls Area Development Corporation.  
No written or oral comment.

d. Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-02 to enter into a FY 2026-2030 Grant Agreement with Iowa Falls Area Development Corporation.

Roll vote: Klein, Thies, Valenica, and Henry voting aye.

### **4. Princess Rehab Project**

Thies moved and Henry seconded to approve Pay App to Steege Construction, Inc in the amount of \$77,122.76.

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

### **5. Fire Department**

Thies moved and Valencia seconded to deny request to move \$100,000 Meyer Donation to the Endowment fund for the Fire department.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 6. **136 S. Oak**

Klein moved and Henry seconded to deny request from Jim and Karen Evans to gift 136 S. Oak to Jason and Lindsay Barhite and transfer the agreement.

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

### 7. **Elk Run Well #4**

Thies moved and Valencia seconded to approve quote from Northway Well & Pump in the amount of \$70,296.48 for the purchase of a new pump.

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

### 8. **Extended Warranty Proposal**

Consider approval of extended warranty proposal for stationary generator for River Road lift station.

This item was tabled until the next city council meeting on February 16, 2026.

### 9. **Stop or Yield Required Ordinance**

a. Thies moved and Henry seconded to approve on first reading an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iowa Falls, an ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Stop or Yield Required.

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

b. Klein moved and Henry seconded to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading.

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

b. Thies moved and Henry seconded to approve on third and final reading an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iowa Falls, an ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Stop or Yield Required.

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

### 10. **Hotel/Motel**

a. Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve Tourism funds- Iowa Falls Chamber/Main Street in the amount of \$10,000 for 50126 event, Iowa Falls Chamber/Mainstreet Tourism Committee in the amount of \$20,000 for Fall in Love with Iowa Falls 2026, Cadet Basketball Club in the amount of \$5,000 for youth Basketball Tournament, and the Ellsworth College Foundation in the amount of \$7642 for Panther Prowl.

Iowa Falls Chamber Downtowners in the amount of \$10,000 for Downtown Seasonal Beautification was moved to next application time.

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

b. Henry moved and Klein seconded to approve Economic Development funds- Iowa Falls Area Development Corporation in the amount of \$30,000 for 2026 IFADC Marketing Plan.

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

11. **ISICS Radio for Ambulance Department**

Klein moved and Henry seconded to approve quote in the amount of \$11,522.97 for an ISICS radio for the Ambulance department with funds coming from already budgeted funds for equipment in FY 25-26 budget.

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

12. **Appointments**

a. Thies moved and Henry seconded to approve appointment, by the Mayor, of Roger Nissly as Mayor Pro-Tem.

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

b. Henry moved and Klein seconded to approve appointment of Bruce Thies to the housing committee.

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

c. Klein moved and Henry seconded to approve appointment, by the City Council, of Gumaro Valencia to the Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Board.

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

13. **Closed session**

Thies moved and Klein seconded to approve going 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, Klein, Valencia, and Henry voting aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Thies moved and Henry seconded to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Michael Emerson, Mayor

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Amanda Ubben, City Clerk