

- 1) The Van Meter City Council met for a regular council meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026 at the United Methodist Church located at 100 Hazel Street, Van Meter, IA 50261. Mayor Herman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The following council members were present upon roll call: Joel Akers, Travis Brott, Jason Bamey, Jarin Young, and Joe Lake. Staff present: City Attorney John Fatino, Police Chief Mike Brown, Library Director Jonatha Basye, Public Works Director Drew McCombs, Parks and Recreation Director Sam Chia, City Clerk Travis Cooke, Justin Nickel, Bolton and Menk, City Administrator Liz Faust. Members of the public present: Al Suckow.
- 2) Mayor Herman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Introductions were made.
- 4) Mayor Herman read a Civility Statement setting expectations of respect for the meeting.
- 5) Brott moved, supported by Ackers, to approve the agenda. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Bamey – Yes, Brott – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 6) Citizen Hearing: Al Suckow, 112 East St. spoke in opposition to a code enforcement letter stating that golf carts need to be parked in an orderly manner.
- 7) Mayor Herman asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda which included the following:
  - a. Minutes of December 8, 2025 City Council Regular Business Meeting
  - b. Minutes of December 4, 2025 Park Board Meeting
  - c. Minutes of December 22, 2025 Board of Adjustment Meeting
  - d. December Claims List

Vendor	Description	Amount
JONES CREEK APPAREL	WINTER APPAREL	1,430.00
STIVERS FORD	2024 F-150 OIL CHANGE	76.42
TAYESEN PARKER	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	35
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/COMS CHARGES	669.14
WELLS FARGO CC	CC SEWER POSTAGE	1,365.16
WHITFIELD & EDDY PLC	MEETINGS	8,220.78
ADEL HARDWARE	SHOP SPLIT SEWER	86.28
AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SER	SEWER TESTING	352.5
AMES TRENCHING & EXCAVATING	HYDRANT REPAIR	750
AT&T MOBILITY	PD CELL PHONES	283.14
BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT	TRANSFER CASE SERVICE	274.17
BASE	MONTHLY CAFETERIA	30
BOLTON & MENK INC	PLANNING SERVICES	15,128.00
CASELLE LLC	CITY SOFTWARE CLERK	1,220.00
CHALLENGER TEAMWEAR	SOCCER REF GEAR	783.22
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP	LOCAT SUPPLY WATER	1,515.48
CONTRACTOR SOLUTIONS	LIFT STATION PUMP RENTAL	2,124.00
CULLIGAN	LIB WATER	67.11
DANE BERNHARDT	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	154.51
DENMAN	AUDIT SEWER	13,000.00
DIXON ENGINEERING INC	TOWER INSPECTION	4,425.00
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	ANTENNA SUPPLIES	23.75
FENIX USA LLC	MONTHLY HOSTING WATER	328.75
FIRE SAFETY USA	PUMPER MOUNT BRACKETS	1,479.55
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TESTING FOR CUNNINGHAM AND GRAEN	100
FREEDOM TIRE AND AUTO	SHOP SPLIT VEHICLES - SEWER	365.27
GREATER DALLAS CO - GDCDA	FY26 MEMBERSHIP DUES	7,500.00
HAWKEYE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	SNOW BLADE CUTTING EDGES	1,378.14
HEARTLAND BUSINSES SYSTEM	MONTHLY IT LIBRARY	10,677.00
INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS	LIFT STATION DEGREASER	648.27
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	FD BATTERIES	11.7
INVISION	601 MAIN	38,353.75
IOWA CODE ENFORCEMENT	MONTHLY SERVICE FEE	600
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	QUARTERLY INVOICE	300
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT	MMPI	200
IOWA ONE CALL	UTILITY LOCATES SEWER	49.5
IOWA PUMP WORKS INC	SEWER PUMP REPAIR	687.65
IOWA RUSH	REC TEAM REGISTRATIONS	675
JMT TRUCKING	ROAD SAND	1,684.34
KONICA MINOLTA	COPIER MAINTENANCE GENERAL	35.8
LAURA WICKS	CLEANING 12/21 1/4	125
LOWE'S	SEWER SUPPLIES	413.37
MATHESON TRI GAS INC	OXYGEN	43.48
MEDIACOM	CITY HALL INTERNET SEWER SHARE	406.95
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	GAS/ELECTRIC PARKS	3,927.29
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY RECPLX	SOCCER FIELD RENTAL	574

MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	FLEXNET WATER	3,850.00
NYEMASTER GOODE, P.C.	ATTORNEY FEES	1,026.00
RADAR & LIDAR SHOP INC	RADAR RECERT	242
RD MCKINNEY PLUMBING	SERVICE LINE REPAIR	14,605.12
STAR EQUIPMENT LTD	CUTTING EDGE BOLTS	178.66
TRAVIS COOKE	MILEAGE	129.5
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	MICROSOFT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS	25,669.30
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/COMS CHARGES - STREETS	689.75
WASTE CONNECTIONS	GARBAGE CONTRACT	13,559.66
WASTE SOLUTIONS OF IA	KYBOS - MEMORIAL PARK	165.74
WAUKEE HARDWARE & RENT IT	PD DOOR KEY	3.98
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	COUNCIL MINUTES	239.12
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	FY2025 ANNUAL REPORT	171.28
MICHAEL BROWN	2025 FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT	466.41
ELAN FINANCIAL - EBANK CC	DSM REGISTER	24
CITY OF VAN METER	LANDFILL CHARGE	92.46
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE SEWER	7,090.09
DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL & VISION LIBRARY	338.88
THE HARTFORD	HARFORD - PARKS	456.34
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	FY2025 ANNUAL REPORT	171.28
MICHAEL BROWN	FSA REIMBURSEMENT	675
MICHAEL BROWN	2025 FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT	63
WEX BANK	FUEL WATER	1,162.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	STREET OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,018.08
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SEWER OFFICE SUPPLIES	916.15
Bancorp	FSA REIMBURSEMENT - CLERK	300
TREAS - ST OF IA SALES TX	WET TAX	1,572.13
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Claims Total		199,027.03

City of Van Meter December 2025 Payroll Report

12/5/2025

Payroll Deposit	\$37,774.95
Vendors	
AFLAC	\$106.03
FEDERAL	\$14,816.39
IPERS	\$4,746.28
STATE WD	\$1,516.81
Vendor Total	\$21,185.51

12/19/2025

Payroll Deposit	\$20,428.72
Vendors	
AFLAC	\$106.03
FEDERAL	\$7,540.78
IPERS	\$4,492.70
STATE WD	\$772.86
Vendor Total	\$12,912.37

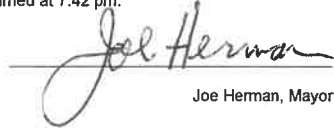
- e. October and November Financial Reports
- f. December Building Permit Report
- g. Resolution #2026-1 Approving CY26 Council Meeting Schedule

- Akers moved, supported by Barney, to approve the consent agenda. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 8) Akers moved, supported by Lake, to approve Resolution #2026-2 319 Van Buren Address Assignment. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 9) Young moved, supported by Barney to approve tax abatement for 29365 Hickory Lodge. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 10) Brott moved, supported by Akers to approve Resolution #2026-3 Awarding Contract for the Richland Road Trail Project. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 11) Akers moved, supported by Young to approve Resolution #2026-4 Set Employee Wages CY26. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 12) Akers moved, supported by Brott to table Resolution #2026-5 Approving City Administrator's Employee Contract to a future meeting. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 13) Young moved, supported by Akers to approve Resolution #2026-6 Approving the City Attorney Retainer Agreement with Whitfield & Eddy. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**

- 14) Brott moved, supported by Lake to approve Resolution #2026-7 Appointments to Council Committees and Board Liaisons for CY26. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 15) **Staff Reports:** Presented as written in the packet.
- 16) **Adjournment.** Brott moved, supported by Young, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

ATTEST:  


Travis Cooke, City Clerk

  
Joe Herman, Mayor