

City of Van Meter, Iowa

City Council Workshop Minutes – January 26, 2026

1) The Van Meter City Council met for a workshop on Monday, January 26, 2026, at the Van Meter United Methodist Church located at 100 Hazel Street, Van Meter, IA 50261. Mayor Herman called the meeting to order at 6:16pm. The following council members were present upon roll call: Travis Brott, Joe Lake, Jason Barney and Jarin Young. Councilman Joel Akers arrived at 6:44pm.

Staff present: Library Director Jonatha Basye, Fire Chief Mark Schmitt, Police Chief Michael Brown, City Engineer Randy Johnson, City Administrator Liz Faust, and Deputy Clerk Larain Climer.

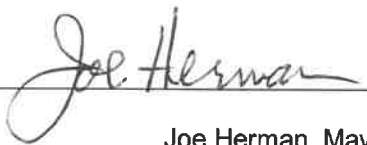
2) Brott moved, supported by Barney, to approve the agenda. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Akers – ABSENT; Brott – YES; Barney – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (1)**

3) Brott moved, supported by Young, to adopt Resolution #2026-8 Approving Balance Transfers FY25 Proposed Audit Journal Entries. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Akers – ABSENT; Brott – YES; Barney – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (1)**

4) City Administrator Faust led a discussion regarding the proposed FY27 Budget including a brief description of the proposed timeline, insurance rates, and future discussions regarding property taxes. Department heads reviewed their proposed FY27 budgets with council. City Engineer Johnson reviewed capital improvement projects over the next four fiscal years, available funding, and the need for such projects.

5) Barney moved, supported by Young, to adopt Resolution #2026-9 Approving Employment Agreement for City Administrator. The agreement established a two-year term. Council noted that sick time should be paid out over the course of the two-year contract, or upon termination and/or separation. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Barney – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**

5) Brott moved, supported by Young, to adjourn. On roll call the votes were as follows Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Barney – YES; Lake – YES; Young – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)** Mayor Herman adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.



Joe Herman, Mayor



Deputy Clerk, Larain Climer