

City of Van Meter, Iowa

City Council Workshop Minutes – February 23, 2026

1) The Van Meter City Council met for a workshop on Monday, February 23, 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 6:15pm. The following council members were present upon roll call: Travis Brott, Joe Lake, Jason Barney, Jarin Young, and Joel Akers.

Staff present: Library Director Jonatha Basye, Police Chief Michael Brown, City Administrator Liz Faust, and City Clerk Travis Cooke.

2) Akers moved, supported by Brott, to approve the agenda. 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)**

3) Mason Sander, Denman CPA presented the FY 25 Audit findings to council.

4) City Clerk Cooke led a discussion regarding the proposed FY27 Budget including a brief description of the proposed max levy hearing notice, debt service, and levies for FICA, IPERS, Property Insurance, and employee benefits.

5) Young moved, supported by Akers to approve Resolution #2026-15 Setting Date for a Public Hearing for the FY 27 Property Tax Levy Hearing for March 30th, 2026, at 6:15 PM at the Van Meter United Methodist Church, Van Meter, IA. 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)**


6) Council discussed options for the disposal of property at 415 Grant.

7) Council discussed options for searching for a new city administrator.

8) 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 7:58pm.



Joe Herman, Mayor



Travis Cooke, City Clerk