

- 1) The Van Meter City Council met for a regular council meeting on Monday, February 9, 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 Barney, and Jarin Young. Joe Lake was absent. Staff present: City Attorney Nic Gral, City Engineer Randy Johnson, Police Chief Mike Brown, Library Director Jonatha Basye, Public Works Director Drew McCombs, Parks and Recreation Director Sam Chia, City Clerk Travis Cooke, City Administrator Liz Faust, and Heath Hockenbery from Jester Insurance.
- 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) Akers moved, supported by Barney, to approve the agenda removing December and January financials to a future meeting. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Young – YES. **YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (1)**
- 6) Citizen Hearing: No citizens were in attendance.
- 7) Mayor Herman asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda which included the following:
  - a. Minutes of January 12, 2026 City Council Regular Business Meeting
  - b. Minutes of January 8, 2026 Park Board Meeting
  - c. Minutes of January 22, 2026 Planning and Zoning Meeting
  - d. Minutes of January 26, 2026 City Council Workshop Meeting
  - e. January Claims List

Vendor	Description	Amount
EARLHAM SAVINGS BANK	ACH FEES	25
JESTER INSURANCE SERVICE	2026 FIRE TRUCK	10
WELLS FARGO CC	SEWER OFFICE SUPPLIES	1661.51
US POSTMASTER	UB Postage Deposit -FebMarApr	750
ACCO	CHLORINE	448
AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES	DW TESTING	44
AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOC	MEBERSHIP DUES	421
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	WATER SUPPLIES	30.94
AT&T MOBILITY	PD CELL PHONES	265.99
BASE	MONTHLY CAFETERIA	30
BOLTON & MENK INC	VM/RICHLAND RD TRAIL PROJECT	30472.37
CASELLE LLC	CITY SOFTWARE CLERK	51592.5
CONTRACTOR SOLUTIONS	LIFT STATION PUMP RENTAL	1062
CULLIGAN	WATER CITY HALL STREETS	61.21
DALLAS CO AUDITOR	CITY/SCHOOL ELECTION 11/23	861.12
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	DAVIS 2 DAY REG FEE	150
FIRST RESPONDER SUPPLY	UNIFORMS	2413.64
HEARTLAND BUSINES SYSTEM	IT	9494.37
HEARTLAND COOP	SHOP SPLIT SEWER	1362.72
HYVEE	SCHWAB ACADEMY MEALS	2865
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	FD BATTERY	1097.16
INVISION	601 MAIN	26062.5
IOWA CODE ENFORCEMENT	MONTHLY SERVICE FEE	600
IOWA CONCRETE CUTTING INC	DIESEL SLAB SAW	500
IOWA ONE CALL	UTILITY LOCATES WATER	89.2
IOWA SOCCER ASSOCIATION	24/25 REGISTRATION FEES	6832
KONICA MINOLTA	COPIER CONTRACT	195.65
LAURA WICKS	CLEANING 1/18 2/1	50
MATHESON TRI GAS INC	OXYGEN	43.48
MEDIACOM	CITY HALL INTERNET SEWER SHARE	566.95
MOLLY SIMECK	REC CERT - SOCCER	64.51
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	VALVE BOX RISERS	254
NEXT METERS	WATER METERS	8632.32
RD MCKINNEY PLUMBING	SERVICE LINE REPAIR	2900
SIMMERING-CORY INC	LC 25 CODE CHANGES	243
SMITH'S SEWER SERV. INC	601 MAIN LINE INSPECTION	1009.5
STIVERS FORD	2024 F-150 OIL CHANGE	69
THORPE WATER DEV CO	MONTHLY AFFIDAVIT CHARGE	800
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	MICROSOFT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS	18596.2
WASTE CONNECTIONS	GARBAGE CONTRACT	13549.96
WHITFIELD & EDDY PLC	GENERAL MATTERS	3029.5
WILL NIXON	REF COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	64.51
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	PH NOTICE ZONING	30.48
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	COUNCIL MINUTES	52.24
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	MINUTES	167.44
THE HARTFORD	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	456.34
TREAS - ST OF IA SALES TX	WET TAX	1820.59

TREAS - ST OF IA SALES TX	SALES TAX	3692.93
WEX BANK	FUEL	1454
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	9317.83
TREAS - ST OF IA SALES TX	UNCLAIMED FUNDS	1516.64
EARLHAM SAVINGS BANK	ACH FEES	25
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES PD FD LIB CLERK WATER	2016.29
ELAN FINANCIAL - EBANK CC	DSM REGISTER PD TRAINING	569.59
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>210390.18</b>

**City of Van Meter January 2026 Payroll Report**

1/2/2026

Payroll Deposit \$ 21,051.05

Vendors

AFLAC \$ 106.03

FEDERAL \$ 7,724.17

IPERS \$ 4,599.39

STATE WD \$ 799.21

Vendor Total \$ 13,228.80

1/16/2026

Payroll Deposit \$ 33,023.88

Vendors

AFLAC \$ 106.03

FEDERAL \$ 10,406.75

IPERS \$ 5,263.78

STATE WD \$ 907.16

Vendor Total \$ 16,683.72

1/30/2026

Payroll Deposit \$ 22,451.13

Vendors

FEDERAL \$ 8,335.31

IPERS \$ 4,896.86

STATE WD \$ 799.21

Vendor Total \$ 14,031.38

~~f. December 2025 and January 2026 Financial Reports (Removed to a future meeting)~~

g. January Building Permit Report

h. Resolution #2026-10 Appointment to Fire Department

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

- 8) Heath Hockenberry from Jester Insurance presented a dividend check to the council as part of IAMU and EMC's property insurance pool. Profits are capped for EMC. To date \$80 million has been returned to member communities over ten years. Van Meter's share for this year is \$10,086.15.
- 9) Barney moved, supported by Young to approve Resolution #2026-11 Setting a Public Hearing for Amending Chapter 165-Zoning Regulations of the Van Meter City Code. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Young – YES. **YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (1)**
- 10) Akers moved, supported by Barney to approve Resolution #2026-12 Authorizing Transfer from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund to Debt Service Fund for GO Series Bonds FY24. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Young – YES. **YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (1)**
- 11) Young moved, supported by Akers to approve Resolution #2026-13 Approving the Disposal of Surplus Police Department Property. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Young – YES. **YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (1)**
- 12) Barney moved, supported by Akers to approve Resolution #2026-14 Adopting Unclaimed Property Policy. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Young – YES. **YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (1)**
- 13) **Staff Reports:** Presented as written in the packet.
- 14) **Adjournment.** Brott moved, supported by Young, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Barney – Yes, Brott – YES; Young – YES. **YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (1)** The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

  
Joe Herman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Travis Cooke, City Clerk