

City of Van Meter, Iowa

City Council Special Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2026

1) The Van Meter City Council met for Special Meeting on Monday, March 30, 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: Interim City Administrator-Clerk Travis Cooke.

2) Motion by Brott to approve the agenda. Seconded by Akers. 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) Public Hearing on Proposed FY 27 Property Tax Levy

a. Motion by Brott to open the public hearing at 6:16 pm. Seconded by Young. 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)**

Erin Shelton, 621 Richland Rd spoke in opposition to the property tax system in general and asked questions about the public safety/library building plans.

David Young, 616 Elm St. spoke to property tax legislation at the state level and asked questions about the public safety/library building plans.

Motion by Akers to close the public hearing at 6:26 pm. Seconded by Brott. 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)**

4) Motion by Brott to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Young. 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 6:27 pm.


Travis Cooke, City Clerk
Joe Herman, Mayor