

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order

The Van Meter City Council met for a regular council meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026, at the United Methodist Church located at 100 Hazel Street, Van Meter, IA 50261. Mayor Herman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following council members were present upon roll call: Travis Brott, Joel Ackers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, and Jarin Young. Staff present: City Attorney John Fatino, City Engineer Randy Johnson, Police Chief Mike Brown, Library Director Jonatha Basye, Public Works Director Drew McCombs, Parks and Recreation Director Sam Chia, and Interim City Administrator/City Clerk Travis Cooke. Others present: Matt Stoffel, PFM and Marketa Oliver, Theia Management Consulting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Herman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Introductions

Introductions were made.

4. Civility Statement

Mayor Herman read the Civility Statement setting expectations of respect for the meeting.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Joel Akers to approve the agenda. Seconded by Travis Brott. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

6. Citizen Hearing

a. Citizen Hearing for Members of the Public Signed in to Speak

Hayley Carlson, 111 DeSoto Rd., spoke in opposition to the condition of Hazel St. after last summer's water main project.

b. Amber Bowen - Parks and Recreation Board Dismissal

Amber Bowen, 3112 120th St. Cumming, IA, spoke in opposition to her dismissal from the parks and rec board.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Joel Akers to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Travis Brott. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

- a. Minutes of the March 9, 2026 City Council Regular Business Meeting
- b. Minutes of the March 23, 2026 City Council Regular Workshop Meeting
- c. Minutes of the March 30, 2026 Special Council Meeting
- d. Minutes of the March 12, 2026 Board of Adjustment Meeting
- e. Minutes of the March 5, 2026 Parks and Recreation Committee

f. April Claims List and March Payroll Report

Vendor	Description	Amount
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	PH NOTICE ZONING	114.48
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	OXYGEN ANNUAL	763.9
TREAS - ST OF IA SALES TX	SALES TAX SEWER	839.47
TRUSTED TREE SERVICES LLC	TREE REMOVAL - CH & ROW	2,000.00
COMPASS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	LASER CHECKS	635.8
EOCENE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP	ACM SURVEY AND REPORT	3,930.00
IA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UT	WATER MEMBER DUES	886
MACQUEEN	ANNUAL FLOW TESTING	
USA BLUEBOOK	SCBA	975
IAR LLC	FLOURIDE REAGENT	420.17
	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	735
	BREATHING AIR	
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	COMPRESSOR	28.9
TRUSTED TREE SERVICES LLC	TREE SERVICE STREETS	2,500.00
iREAD	IREAD PURCHASE	1,570.26
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	GAS/ELECTRIC PARKS	3,873.34
	PHONE/COMS CHARGES -	
VERIZON WIRELESS	CLERK	601.63
WELLS FARGO CC	LIBRARY PROGRAMMING	795.54
RD MCKINNEY PLUMBING	WATERMAIN REPAIR	8,360.54
US POSTMASTER	UTILITY BILLS WATER	750
ADEL HARDWARE	SHOP SPLIT SEWER	77.83
	ALARM MONITORING	
ADT SECURITY SERVICES	SERVICE PLAN	172.62
AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES	DRINKING WATER TESTING	44.5
	SOCCER REF	
AINSLEY WATSON	CERTREIMBURSEMENT	64.51
ALL AMERICAN TURF BEAUTY	IRRIGATION PARTS/ REPAIR	266.39
AT&T MOBILITY	PD CELL PHONES	281.02
AVEY WATSON	SOCCER REF	64.51
BASE	MONTHLY CAFETERIA	30
BEELINE + BLUE	BANNERS	240
	VM/RICHLAND RD TRAIL	
BOLTON & MENK INC	PROJECT	4,549.00

CALVIN VERDI	REF FEES	90
CITY WIDE HEATING & AIR	CITY HALL RECOVER FROM AC	726.85
CIVICPLUS LLC	AGENDA MANAGEMENT	9,752.00
CULLIGAN	WATER CITY HALL STREETS	71.66
DAN PORTER	SEWER EASEMENT	2,000.00
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	192.6
EFR EMPLOYEE AND FAMILY RESOURCES	ANNUAL EAP	2,470.00
ELITE SPORTS	BASEBALL UNIFORMS	4,298.00
FELD FIRE	HOSES	6,265.00
FENIX USA LLC	MONTHLY HOSTING WATER	328.75
FIRST SIGNS OF FIRE	EQUIPMENT MARKERS	56.95
GAME ONE	BASEBALL HATS	3,179.27
HEARTLAND BUSINESSES SYSTEM	MONTHLY IT COUNCIL	7,143.95
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEM	SHOP SPLIT SEWER	475.92
INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS	LIFT DEGREASER	927.27
INVISION	601 MAIN	28,668.75
IOWA CODE ENFORCEMENT	SERVICE FEE (MARCH)	600
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	QUARTERLY INVOICE	300
JANICE MILLER	EGG HUNT	115.7
JEWISH FED OF GREATER DSM	FIELD RENTAL 10X	3,000.00
JMT TRUCKING	SAND	739.77
JONATHA BASYE	MILEAGE	367.58
KONICA MINOLTA	COPIER MAINTENANCE	
LAURA WICKS	GENERAL	35.8
MADDIE LAVALLEE	FD CLEANING	100
MEDIACOM	MILEAGE	87
MID AMERICAN INSTALL	CITY HALL INTERNET SEWER	
MIDWEST PUMP WORKS INC	SHARE	426.95
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	STREETLIGHT ARLINGTON	
NYEMASTER GOODE, P.C.	AVE	11,951.38
OMNISITE	ROTATING ASSEMBLY	2,350.86
R & B TIRE AND AUTO	WATER METER SUPPLIES	265
RD MCKINNEY PLUMBING	316 WILSON LEGAL MATTERS	1,759.00
RHONDA BALDWIN	1 YEAR WIRELESS SERVICE X	
SAM CHIA	3	594
SMITH'S SEWER SERV. INC	TIRES	364
STIVERS FORD	WATERMAIN REPAIR	4,682.59
THORPE WATER DEV CO	EASTER EGG HUNT SUPPLIES	52.65
TRAVIS COOKE	MILEAGE	261
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	JET LINE LIFT STATION	397
WASTE CONNECTIONS	2023 TAHOE OIL CHANGE	2,075.23
WASTE SOLUTIONS OF IA	REPLACE STOP VALVE	2,940.00
WHITFIELD & EDDY PLC	MILEAGE	168.2
	BROOKVIEW SURVEY	51,186.61
	GARBAGE CONTRACT	13,646.31
	KYBOS - SOCCER FIELDS	842.96
	GENERAL MATTERS	3,898.58

THE HARTFORD	HARTFORD - CLERK	585.7
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	MINUTES	212.24
WEX BANK	FUEL WATER	1,220.21
ELAN FINANCIAL - EBANK CC	DSM REGISTER	24
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	COUNCIL MINUTES	49.68
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	ORDINANCE	24.08
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	ORDINANCE	31.76
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	COUNCIL MINUTES	57.36
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	MAX LEVY NOTICE	163.6
TREAS - ST OF IA SALES TX	WET TAX	1,984.77
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE SEWER	9,133.51
DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL & VISION LIBRARY	612.62
TREAS - ST OF IA SALES TX	SALES TAX GARBAGE	1,016.25
Total		220541.33

City of Van Meter March 2026 Payroll Report

3/13/2026

Payroll Deposit	\$ 47,064.48
Vendors	\$ 60.46
AFLAC	\$ 19,931.76
FEDERAL	\$ 4,792.14
IPERS	\$ 1,906.59
STATE WD	\$ 26,690.95

Vendor Total

3/27/2026

Payroll Deposit	\$ 20,440.96
Vendors	
AFLAC	
FEDERAL	\$ 7,036.55
IPERS	\$ 4,855.75
STATE WD	\$ 764.88
Vendor Total	\$ 12,657.18

- g. Financial Reports
- h. March Building Permit Report
- i. Liquor License Renewal - 5th Quarter
- j. Liquor License Renewal Application and Ownership Change - Casey's
- k. Resolution 2026-26 - A Resolution Assigning Addresses for MediaCom Power Supply Locations
- l. Appointment of Brittnay Feldman to the Parks and Recreation Board
- m. MOU Between the Iowa Department of Revenue and the City of Van Meter Regarding State Setoff Program
- n. Amendment #3 INVISION Architecture

- o. Agreement with Veenstra & Kim for Building Official Services
- p. Pay Application No. 1 - Richland Road Trail Project

8. Discussion and Consideration

- a. Water Treatment Plant and Capital Projects Financing — Matt Stoffel - PFM
Matt Stoffel from PFM discussed water treatment plant and capital projects funding.
- b. City Administrator Recruitment Update - Marketa Oliver - Theia Consulting
Marketa Oliver from Theia Management Consulting gave an update on the city administrator search.
- c. Booster Station No. 1 Maintenance Project Update — City Engineer Randy Johnson
Randy Johnson, City Engineer gave updates on the booster station No. 1 maintenance project.
- d. Agreement for Professional Services Iowa Interstate Railroad Land Exchange Survey Services - 601 Main
Motion by Joel Akers to approve Agreement for Professional Services Iowa Interstate Railroad Land Exchange Survey Services - 601 Main. Seconded by Travis Brott. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

- e. Brookview Easements and Resolution #2026-27 - A Resolution Approving Additional Compensation for Porter Easement
Motion by Travis Brott to approve Brookview Easements and Resolution #2026-27 - A Resolution Approving Additional Compensation for Porter Easement. Seconded by Jason Barney. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

- f. Asbestos Abatement Contractor - 601 Main
Motion by Joel Akers to approve hiring Environmental Property Solutions for Asbestos Removal at 601 Main. Seconded by Jason Barney. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

- g. Sidewalk Proposal — VMDC
Motion by Travis Brott to approve A Cost Share Sidewalk Construction Proposal between VMDC, the S. Seconded by Joe Lake. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: Joel Akers. Motion carried 4-0-1.
- h. Fireworks Sponsorship for Raccoon River Days
Motion by Travis Brott to approve Fireworks Sponsorship for Raccoon River Days. Seconded by Joe Lake. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Nays: None, Abstain: Joel Akers, Jarin Young. Motion carried 3-0-2.
- i. FY 2027 Budget
Motion by Jarin Young to approve the FY 2027 Budget levy at 14.60274. Seconded by Joe Lake. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- j. Enter into Closed Session — Fat Randi's
Motion by Travis Brott to Enter into Closed Session per Iowa Statute 21.5 (j). — 415 Grant St at 9:56 PM Seconded by Joel Akers. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- k. Enter Into Open Session - Fat Randi's
Motion by Travis Brott to Enter Into Open Session at 10:18 PM. Seconded by Jason Barney. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- l. Possible Action After Closed Session — Fat Randi's
Motion by Travis Brott to direct city staff and interested council members to develop an RFP process for 415 Grant St. Seconded by Joel Akers. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

9. Reports

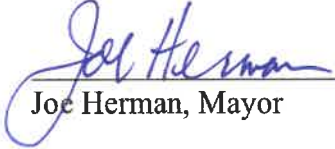
Reports were presented as written in the packet.

- a. City Administration

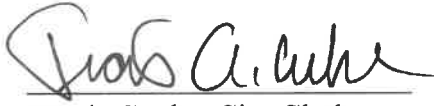
- b. Public Works
- c. Police
- d. Fire
- e. Library
- f. Parks & Rec
- g. City Engineer
- h. City Attorney

10. Adjournment

Motion by Travis Brott to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joel Akers. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 PM.



Joe Herman, Mayor



Travis Cooke, City Clerk