



Special Meeting
6:15pm

Monday, March 30, 2026
Van Meter United Methodist Church
100 Hazel St, Van Meter, IA 50261

City Council Regular

Business Meetings

Van Meter United Methodist Church
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Joe Herman, Mayor

Council Members

Travis Brott, Mayor Pro Tem

Joel Akers

Jason Barney

Joe Lake

Jarin Young

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Travis Cooke, Interim City Administrator

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MEETING AGENDA:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - a. FY27 Proposed Property Tax Levy**
- 4. Adjournment**

Posted: Friday, March 27, 2026

Agenda Item #1

Call to Order

Mayor: *The time is 6:15 pm on Monday, March 30, 2026.*

*I hereby call this special meeting of the Van Meter City Council
to order.*

Agenda Item #2

Approval of the Agenda

Submitted for: **ACTION**

Recommendation: **APPROVAL**

Mayor: *Do I hear a motion to approve the agenda?*

Sample Language: **Motion to approve the agenda as presented.**

City Councilmember: _____ **So moved.**

City Councilmember: _____ **Second.**

Mayor: *Roll Call Please.*

City Clerk: Akers _____ Brott _____ Barney _____ Lake _____ Young _____

Mayor: *The agenda is adopted as presented.*

Agenda Item #3

Public Hearings

a) - Proposed FY26 Property Tax Levy - This is a statutory requirement as a result of HF718/SF2442. The hearing has to be held in a stand alone special meeting and no earlier than March 20, 2026. The proposed City tax rate is \$14.42/\$1000 valuation. The full budget adoption public hearing is set for April 27, 2026.

Mayor: I would entertain a motion to open the public hearing.

City Councilmember: _____ So moved.

City Councilmember: _____ Second.

Mayor: All in favor? _____ Yes _____ No

Mayor: The public hearing is open as of _____pm. Has City staff received any comment to be heard regarding this matter?

City Clerk: Provides summary of matter for hearing.

Mayor: Does anyone present wish to comment on this matter?

Mayor: I would entertain a motion to close the public hearing.

City Councilmember: _____ So moved.

City Councilmember: _____ Second.

Mayor: All in favor? _____ Yes _____ No

Mayor: The public hearing is closed as of _____pm.

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF VAN METER - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY **CITY #: 25-239**
VAN METER **Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027**

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/30/2026 Meeting Time: 06:15 PM Meeting Location: Van Meter United Methodist Church 100 Hazel St. in Van Meter, IA 50261

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
 www.vanmeteria.gov

City Telephone Number
 (515) 996-2644

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	69,399,166	67,873,385	67,873,385
Consolidated General Fund	547,526	547,526	549,774
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	80,878	80,878	74,949
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	106,805	106,805	103,601
Other Employee Benefits	62,905	62,905	61,019
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	83,213,264	92,125,354	92,125,354
Debt Service	221,653	221,653	273,898
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	1,019,767	1,019,767	1,063,241
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	14.16402	14.16486	14.60274
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	1,715,985	1,888,903	1,888,903
Ag Land	5,155	5,155	5,674
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.72910	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	672	715	6.40
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	2,920	3,341	14.42

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Increase in the debt service levy for the construction of a new Library/Public Safety building.

Agenda Item #4

Adjournment

Submitted for: **ACTION**

Recommendation: **APPROVAL**

Sample Language:

Mayor: *With no further business, do I hear a motion to adjourn?*

City Councilmember: _____ *So moved.*

City Councilmember: _____ *Second.*

Mayor: *Roll Call Please.*

City Clerk: Akers _____ Brott _____ Barney _____ Lake _____ Young _____

Mayor: *This meeting is adjourned at _____pm. Thank you.*