

**Meeting Minutes:**

**1. Call to Order**

The Van Meter City Council met for a regular council meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026, at the United Methodist Church located at 100 Hazel Street, Van Meter, IA 50261. Mayor Herman called the meeting to order at 07:00 PM. The following council members were present upon roll call: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Staff present: City Attorney John Fatino, City Engineer Randy Johnson, Police Chief Mike Brown, Library Director Jonatha Basye, Fire Chief Mark Schmitt, and Interim City Administrator/City Clerk Travis Cooke.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Herman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Introductions**

No guests.

**4. Civility Statement**

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

**5. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Travis Brott to approve the Agenda. 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.

**6. Citizen Hearing**

No citizens present.

**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 April 13, 2026, City Council Regular Business Meeting
- b. Minutes of the April 27, 2026 City Council Regular Workshop Meeting
- c. Minutes of the April 30, 2026 City Council Special Meeting
- d. Minutes of the March 5, 2026 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
- e. Minutes of the May 6, 2026 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
- f. May 2026 Claims List and April 2026 Payroll Report

Payee	Description	Amount
BRETT THOMPSON	DUES	3,680.00
ELDER CORPORATION	PAY EST #1	9,097.80
J & M DISPLAYS	FIREWORKS	3,500.00

JAY COX INDUSTRIES	WATER MAIN REPAIR	5,200.00
JESTER INSURANCE SERVICE	2026-2027 RENEWAL	100,994.91
JONATHA BASYE	PLA CONFERENCE HOTEL REIMBURSEMENT	1,227.99
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	CITY HALL	3,154.51
CITY OF VAN METER	CONCESSIONS START UP	500
ADAM BOECK	SOCCER REF - SPRING	250
ADEL HARDWARE	WATER SUPPLIES	39.89
AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES	WW CBOD, WW TSS, WW PH	84.85
AINSLEY WATSON	SOCCER REF	140
AIYANNA DIXON	SOCCER REF	40
AMERICAN UNDERGROUND SUPPLY	SERVICE SUPPLIES	121.05
ANDREW DEA	SPRING SOCCER REF	100
AT&T MOBILITY	PD PHONE CHARGES	280.96
AVEY WATSON	SPRING SOCCER REF	110
AYLA LANSMAN	SPRING SOCCER REF	250
BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT BASE	BUNKER GEAR-FD MONTHLY CAFETERIA	57,020.52 30
BEELINE + BLUE	BANNERS	160
BLAKE SKINNER	SOCCER REF	200
BOBCAT WILDLIFE & PEST	MOLE TREATMENT	802.5
BOLTON & MENK INC	PLANNING SERVICES	11,967.97
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	EMS MED SUPPLIES	321.31
CULLIGAN	WATER CITY HALL	58.9
CUMMINS CENTRAL POWER LLC	ENGINE REPAIR	34,428.29
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	106.8
EMERSYN BAHR	SOCCER REF	60
FENIX USA LLC	MONTHLY HOSTING CHARGE	347.5
GABE JONES	SPRING SOCCER REF	325
GARRISON THUMMEL	REF FEES	65
GRAYSON WIGANT	SPRING SOCCER REF	300
HEARTLAND BUSINESSES SYSTEM	MONTHLY IT CITY HALL	5,938.48
HENDRIX MOYER	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	95
HOTSY CLEANING SYSTEM	SUPER XL 5 GAL	90
HUDSON SODERHOLM	SPRING SOCCER REF	75
INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS	LIFT STATION DEGREASER	930.31
INVISION	601 MAIN	58,592.25
IOWA CODE ENFORCEMENT	SERVICE FEE APRIL	600
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	PD APPAREL	229.97
JIMMER PETERSEN	SOCCER REF	50
KAEGAN WIGANT	SOCCER REFEREE	45
KONICA MINOLTA	COPIER USAGE GENERAL	4,970.48
LANDON LUKAN	SPRING SOCCER REF	130
LANE OBERMEIER	SOCCER REF	50

LAURA WICKS	FD CLEANING	75
LIBERTY READY MIX	600 DEBRA STORM INTAKES	367
LYDIA THUMMEL	REF FEES	60
MEDIACOM	CITY HALL INTERNET SEWER SHARE	256.95
MICAH HUNTER	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	20
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	CITY HALL	11.44
MOLLY SIMECK	SPRING SOCCER REF	65
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	STORMWATER TOPS	1,335.00
NATE SCHRECK	SPRING SOCCER REF	185
NIC WIGANT	SOCCER REF	80
NYEMASTER GOODE, P.C.	ATTORNEY FEES	4,367.00
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY	3/4 METER COUPLINGS	717.51
TRUSTED TREE SERVICES LLC	TREE SERVICE STREETS	400
WASTE CONNECTIONS	GARBAGE CONTRACT	13,612.36
WHITFIELD & EDDY PLC	MEETINGS	3,320.52
WILL NIXON	SPRING SOCCER REF	60
DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL & VISION LIBRARY	610.38
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	MINUTES	57.36
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	MINUTES	108.56
THE HARTFORD	HARTFORD - REC	420.18
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/COMS CHARGES - EMS	1,334.84
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE CITY HALL	9,761.37
Total:		343,987.71

City of Van Meter April 2026 Payroll Report

4/10/2026

Payroll Deposit 21188.84

Vendors

AFLAC 30.23

FEDERAL 7701.4

IPERS 4597.44

STATE WD 796.05

Vendor Total 13125.12

4/24/2026

Payroll Deposit 22779.12

Vendors

AFLAC 30.23

FEDERAL 7960.68

IPERS 4566.25

STATE WD 804.96

Vendor Total 13362.12

g. April 2026 Building Permit Report

h. Application for Special Class "C" Retail Alcohol License (BW) — Raccoon River Days — June 6, 2026

i. Waive Fees for Raccoon River Days - June 6, 2026

- j. Raccoon River Days Fireworks Permit
- k. Bolton and Menk Richland Road Contract Amendment — Material Testing

## 8. Discussion and Consideration

- a. RESOLUTION # 2026-31 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS  
Motion by Travis Brott to approve RESOLUTION # 2026-31 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS. Seconded by Jarin Young. 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.
- b. RESOLUTION #2026-32 - A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VAN METER, IOWA, BY AMENDING THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INSTITUTIONAL (PI) DISTRICT ZONING ORDINANCE  
Motion by Travis Brott to approve RESOLUTION #2026-32 - A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VAN METER, IOWA, BY AMENDING THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INSTITUTIONAL (PI) DISTRICT ZONING ORDINANCE. 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.
- c. RESOLUTION 2026-33 — A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VAN METER, IOWA, BY REZONING PARCEL ID'S 1522354003, 1522356001, 1522356003, and 1522356002 TO THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INSTITUTIONAL (PI) DISTRICT  
Motion by Travis Brott to approve RESOLUTION 2026-33 — A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VAN METER, IOWA, BY REZONING PARCEL ID'S 1522354003, 1522356001, 1522356003, and 1522356002 TO THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INSTITUTIONAL (PI) DISTRICT. 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.
- d. RESOLUTION #2026-34 — A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE RENEWALS  
Motion by Joel Akers to approve RESOLUTION #2026-34 — A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE RENEWALS. Seconded by Jarin Young. 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. RESOLUTION #2026-35 — A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF VAN METER'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 VMCDC FLAG FUNDRAISER  
Motion by Jason Barney to approve RESOLUTION #2026-35 — A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF VAN METER'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 VMCDC FLAG FUNDRAISER. Seconded by Travis Brott. 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.
- f. Resolution # 2026- 36 A Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2026-05 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY VAN METER, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 92 – WATER RATES  
Motion by Travis Brott to approve Resolution # 2026- 36 A Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for

Ordinance No. 2026-05 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY VAN METER, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 92 – WATER RATES. 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.

g. Purchase of F-150 EMS Vehicle

Motion by Travis Brott to approve Purchase of F-150 EMS Vehicle. Seconded by Joel Akers. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake. Nays: None. Abstain: Jarin Young. Motion carried 4-0-1.

h. Resolution #2026-37 - RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR THE BOOSTER STATION NO. 1 REHABILITATION PROJECT

Motion by Jarin Young to approve Resolution #2026-37 - RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR THE BOOSTER STATION NO. 1 REHABILITATION PROJECT. 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.

i. Resolution #2026-38 - A RESOLUTION ORDERING CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, APPROVING PRELIMINARY PLANS, AND FIXING A DATE FOR HEARING THEREON AND TAKING OF BIDS THEREFOR - RACCOON RIVER BRIDGE

Motion by Travis Brott to approve Resolution #2026-38 - A RESOLUTION ORDERING CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, APPROVING PRELIMINARY PLANS, AND FIXING A DATE FOR HEARING THEREON AND TAKING OF BIDS THEREFOR - RACCOON RIVER BRIDGE. 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.

j. 415 Grant RFP

Council discussed the 415 Grant RFP.

k. City Administrator Interview Process and Purchase of Refreshments

Council discussed the City Administrator process including schedule, interview questions, and purchase of refreshments.

**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 Jarin Young. 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 08:32 PM.



Joe Herman, Mayor



Travis Cooke, City Clerk