

CITY OF HINTON
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 9, 2026
5:30 P.M.

Mayor Kelly Kreber called the April 9, 2026 City Council meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Council members present were Ryan Weber, Bill Van Eldik, Justin Mohning, Jeff Johnson, and Jeff Felts. Also present were Attorney Barry Thompson, Kyle Utech, James Wright, James Conway, Mike Weinrich, Ian Davis, Mike Koopmans, and Steve Binneboese.

AGENDA: Motion to approve by Weber, seconded by Van Eldik, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no citizen concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Mohning to approve, seconded by Felts, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

- A. Approval of March 26, 2026 Minutes (2)
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Approval of March Bills

Aranda Stai entered at 5:31 P.M.

RESOLUTION #1218 ADOPTION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND WELL NO. 7 HEARING: Motion by Felts to open hearing, seconded by Weber, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

There were no written or oral objections.

Ian Davis with McClure Engineering spoke on the process of the water treatment plant and well no. 7 planning and design along with the bid process. He also gave an update on the current state of the project.

Motion by Weber to close the hearing, seconded by Felts, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Rick Nelson entered at 5:34 P.M.

Motion by Felts to approve adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of the water treatment plant and well no. 7, seconded by Van Eldik. Roll Call: Ayes: Felts, Van Eldik, Mohning, Weber, and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION #1219 MAKING AN AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT: Davis discussed bids received from the bid opening on March 27, 2026, for the water treatment plant project. Seven bids were received with the lowest of \$5,503,600 from Story Construction. Motion by Van Eldik to award the construction contract to Story Construction, seconded by Felts. Roll Call: Ayes: Mohning, Weber, Johnson, Felts, and Van Eldik. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION #1220 ADOPTION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE HEARING: Motion by Johnson to open hearing, seconded by Weber, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

There were no written or oral objections.

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FINISHED AND RAW WATER MAIN HEARING: The finished and raw water main planning and design along with the bid process. He also gave an update on the current state of the project. Motion by Weber to close the hearing, seconded by Felts, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Felts to approve adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of the new finished and raw water main, seconded by Weber. Roll Call: Ayes: Mohning, Weber, Johnson, Felts, and Van Eldik. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION #1221 MAKING AN AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT: Davis discussed bids received from the bid opening on March 27, 2026, for the new finished and raw water main project. Eight bids were received with the lowest of \$359,229.60 from Vander Pol Excavating. Due to failure to present the proper bidding documents, the next lowest bid was \$366,89.12 from Steve Harris Construction. Motion by Felts to award the construction contract to Steve Harris Construction, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call: Ayes: Johnson, Felts, Van Eldik, Weber, and Mohning. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Aranda Stai requested information on placing a sign in City right away for the Hinton, IA Farmer's Market. She will work with Utech on location and dates.

Aranda Stai exited the meeting at 5:49 P.M.

RESOLUTION #1222 APPROVING CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2 WITH MCCLURE ENGINEERING: Motion by Felts to approve the contract amendment number 2 with McClure Engineering adding the construction phase services on both the water treatment plant project and the water main project, seconded by Weber. Roll Call: Ayes: Mohning, Weber, Johnson, Felts, and Van Eldik. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION #1223 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CTS AGREEMENT: Motion by Weber to authorize the Mayor to sign agreements with Certified Testing Services for preliminary testing and testing throughout the water treatment plant project, seconded by Felts. Roll Call: Ayes: Johnson, Felts, Van Eldik, Mohning, and Weber. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION #1224 PURCHASE A TRANSFORMER FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Weber inquired whether the purchase could be made using electric funds instead of water funds. Van Eldik stated it is common practice for the customer to purchase the equipment and maintenance provided by the electric utility. Motion by Felts to approve the purchase of a transformer for the water treatment plant pending a signed contract, seconded by Weber. Roll Call: Ayes: Van Eldik, Mohning, Weber, Johnson, and Felts. Nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY OF HINTON WATER RATE DISCUSSION: Tim Oswald, financial advisor with Piper Sandler & Co., provided an overview of the State Revolving Funds (SRF) loan program being utilized to fund the water treatment plant and water main projects. He stated that development of a pro forma is the next required step in the process. Oswald explained that water user rates will need to support repayment of the loan and outlined proposed adjustments for fiscal year 2027, including increasing the base rate to \$8.24, adding a new plant base rate of \$58.36, and increasing the flow rate to \$5.00. Council agreed to set three special meetings for the water rate ordinance readings on April 16 at 5:30 PM, May 7 at 7:00 PM, and May 14 and 5:30 PM.

Ian Davis exited the meeting at 6:23 P.M.

RESOLUTION #1225 The Hinton Summer Ball Program has donated funds for the purchase of a scoreboard at the youth ball fields. Motion by Johnson to purchase the scoreboard from Daktronics in the amount of \$12,262, seconded by Mohning. Roll Call: Ayes: Weber, Johnson, Felts, Van Eldik, and Mohning. Nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mike Koopmans exited the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

NO PARKING ON W MAIN STREET DISCUSSION: The Council held discussion regarding parking concerns on W Main Street. Complaints have been received related to trash pickup and safety concerns near the crosswalk. Alternative crosswalk locations were proposed. Councilman Felts will bring a crosswalk location proposal back for Council consideration at the May 14th council meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARING: Motion by Johnson to set the Planning and Zoning hearing on 115 N. Center for May 7, 2026, at 5:30 P.M., seconded by Mohning, all aye, Motion carried 5-0.

FY27 BUDGET HEARING: Motion by Weber to open the hearing on the FY27 Budget, seconded by Van Eldik, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

There were no written objections. Discussion was held on the long-term sustainability of utilizing General Fund resources to offset deficits. Council acknowledged the concern and the potential impact on overall City finances. No formal action was taken at this time.

Motion by Weber to close the hearing, seconded by Johnson, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION #1226 ADOPT FY27 BUDGET Motion by Weber to adopt the FY27 budget, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call: Ayes: Van Eldik, Mohning, Weber, and Johnson. Nays: Felts. Motion carried 4-1.

BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING: Motion by Johnson to set the Budget Amendment hearing for May 14, 2026, at 5:30 P.M., seconded by Felts, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION #1227 FISCAL YEAR 2027 SALARY: Motion by Johnson to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 salary resolution, seconded by Mohning. Roll Call: Ayes: Mohning, Weber, Johnson, Felts, and Van Eldik. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Hourly rates for golf course employees effective with the April 10, 2026 payroll as follows:

1. Chris Derochie \$12.85
2. Natalee Junck \$13.37
3. Ashlyn Kramer \$12.85
4. Shannon Newberg \$12.36
5. Madison Sewell \$12.85
6. Sandra Small \$13.37
7. Lindsey Tullis \$12.85
8. Kristine Vondrak \$14.76
9. Ryan Yates \$18.94
10. New Hires \$12.00

Salaries to be paid biweekly effective with the July 17, 2026 payroll as follows:

1. Ethan Behrens	\$3,169.23
2. James Conway	\$3,309.46
3. Kelli Hill	\$3,707.99
4. Logan Johnson	\$2,893.38
5. Erin Ludwig	\$1,998.21
6. Kyle Utech	\$3,905.09
7. James Wright	\$2,806.59

Effective with the July 17, 2026 payroll hourly wages to be paid as follows:

1. Rodney Blackmore	\$18.50
2. Cale Davis	\$25.59
3. Mia Fleckenstein	\$26.78

RESOLUTION #1228 ACCEPT A PROPOSAL TO UPDATE EMPLOYEE MANUAL AND FLSA REVIEW: Proposals from Gallagher and Center Benefits to update the City of Hinton's personnel manual and FLSA review were presented. Motion by Mohning to approve work with Center Benefits for personnel manual update and FLSA review, seconded by Weber. Roll Call: Ayes: Weber, Johnson, Felts, Van Eldik, and Mohning. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

CITY CODE AND ZONING DISCUSSION: Rick Nelson addressed the Council concerning the existing city ordinance regarding chickens. Nelson expressed difficulty in locating the specific ordinance within the current code book and noted that while the topic had been discussed in previous meetings, it was ultimately dropped without a resolution. Nelson formally requested that the Council consider an amendment to the City Code to permit the keeping of chickens within city limits.

Mike Weinrich, Steve Binneboese, and Rick Nelson exited the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

The Mayor extended formal appreciation to the City Clerk, Public Works Director, and Councilman Felts for their diligent efforts and extensive work regarding the water treatment plant project.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Felts, seconded by Weber, to adjourn at 7:30 P.M., all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Kelli Hill, City Clerk

Kelly Kreber, Mayor

REVENUES

STATE GRANTS	\$ 1,430.74
COURT FINES	362.20
MISC REVENUES – POLICE	100.00
BUILDING PERMITS	450.00
PROPERTY TAXES	68,348.22

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE	357.50
INTEREST - GENERAL	2,644.89
COMMUNITY HALL RENT	2,050.00
MISC REVENUE – GENERAL	18,213.80
ROAD USE	8,874.70
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	18,291.44
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	12,254.76
TIF REVENUE	12,339.33
DEBT SERVICE	13,497.47
WATER	17,858.78
SEWER	8,362.58
ELECTRIC	105,866.10
GARBAGE	9,129.96
GOLF COURSE	37,592.00

TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 338,024.47
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EXPENDITURES

3D AG SERVICES	BATTERY	\$ 716.70
ACE REPRIGERATION CO	SUPPLIES	138.60
AFLAC	AFLAC PRETAX	181.10
BECK ENGINEERING, INC	STRATEGIC PLANNING	424.50
BEER ON FLOYD	ALCOHOL	726.16
BIERSCHBACH EQUIP. & SUP	EROSION BLANKET	1,072.00
CALE DAVIS	CELL PHONE	50.00
CENTRAL VALLEY AG	CHEMICAL	190.26
CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE	65.50
CHESTERMAN CO.	POP-WATER	242.84
CINTAS LOC 749	SUPPLIES	184.75
CITY OF MOVILLE	FRAMING INSPEC 1266 TUCKER	145.00
CONWAY JAMES	CELL PHONE	50.00
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING	DARE GRADUATION	66.79
CSI, LLC	IT SERVICES-APRIL	599.00
EAGLE COVE	WEBSITE HOSTING	260.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	6,256.28
EPAY-WITHHOLDING	STATE TAX	1,263.86
ERIN LUDWIG	CELL PHONE	50.00
ETHAN BEHRENS	CELL PHONE	50.00
FREMONT TIRE INC.	SHOP FEES	1.61
HILL KELLI	CELL PHONE	50.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	137.16
HYDRAULIC SALES & SERVIC	WIRE HOSE	124.73
IPERS	IPERS REGULAR	5,287.85

IPERS-POLICE	IPERS PROTECTED	2,824.38
JOHNSON, LOGAN	CELL PHONE	50.00
LASER TECHNOLOGY, INC.	LASER REPAIR	210.50
MARTIN BROS	ALCOHOL	2,188.51
MCCLURE ENGINEERING	WATER TREATMENT PLANT 3/28/26	26,600.00
MENARDS-SIOUX CITY	MISC SUPPLIES	400.73
MIA FLECKENSTEIN	CELL PHONE	50.00
MIDWEST TURF & IRRIGATION	PUMP	2,161.57
MILLBORN SEEDS INC	SEED	615.00
NORTHWEST ELECTRIC, LLC	PUMP	3,643.08
O.C. SANITATION, INC.	MAR GARBAGE HAULING	5,568.11
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	714.69
SAM'S CLUB	SUPPLIES	1,332.20
SIMMERING-CORY, INC.	URBAN RENEWAL PLAN #5	1,750.00
SOUTH RIDGE PUBLISHING	PUBLICATIONS	606.35
TITLEIST	MERCHANDISE	4,366.95
WESCO	TAGS	124.00
WIMECA	POWER	60,629.97
WRIGHT JAMES	CELL PHONE	50.00
ZIMCO	CHEMICAL	6,057.25
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	19,525.55
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CLAIMS TOTAL		\$ 157,803.53
GENERAL FUND		\$ 20,599.10
ROAD USE TAX FUND		3,177.47
WATER FUND		28,419.31
SEWER FUND		1,749.79
ELECTRIC FUND		68,484.19
GARBAGE FUND		5,568.11
GOLF COURSE FUND		29,805.56
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TOTAL FUNDS		\$ 157,803.53