

January 5, 2026
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR REINBECK, IOWA
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5:30 P.M.

(These are the minutes to be approved by the council at the next city council meeting)

Mayor Eiffler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council present at roll call were Wambold, Pease, Johnson, Trepp, and Bueghly. Also present were Wilkerson, Sue Buskohl, Chris Heasley, Alex Henricks, Marc White, Alan Bachman, Alex Bower, Dan Mohlis, Tina Lyon, Cherie Eckhoff, Teresa & Steve Kauffman, Marilyn Evans, Lenah Oltman, Holly Fleshner, Emma Fleshner, Ginny Poppen, W. Scott Thede, and Rebecca Schildroth.

Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trepp. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The approved Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes from December 1, 2025, Treasurer's Report, Bills to be paid in the amount of \$95,111.76, Bills paid from December 2, 2025 through January 2, 2026, November Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports, November Bills Paid, December Budget Report, December Utility Billing Audit Report, and a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Nana Rosa's.

Wambold moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of including Hunter Lott under item 5a vii (appointment to the Park Board), seconded by Bueghly. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Dan Mohlis with the Reinbeck Fire Department reported that they have looked into other stations but the cost remains the same. The department would like to meet with council to discuss their options and update the new council members on the project. He was told to pick a date for a workshop or meeting and let the council know.

Marc White presented council with the 2026 city employee's health insurance options. The current Bronze & Silver plans with Wellmark BCBS have an increase of 7%. The only other option is United Healthcare and those plans are quite a bit higher. Trepp moved to keep the insurance options and HSA payments the same for 2026, seconded by Johnson. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Alex Bower with Civil Concepts & Development presented council with a variance request for the People's Savings Bank building that was missed at the last meeting. The ATM lane canopy exceeds the allowable overhang setback on the east side of the building and he is asking for a 10 ½' variance to allow for this. This encroachment equates to allow the canopy up to 9 ½' from the east property line. The columns are within the setback requirement. Wambold moved to approve the 10 ½' variance request, seconded by Pease. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Johnson moved to approve Resolution #2026-01R, A Resolution to Transfer Funds to Pay Upcoming Obligations, seconded by Trepp. Roll call vote: Wambold – aye, Pease – aye, Johnson – aye, Trepp – aye, Bueghly – aye. Motion carried.

Bueghly moved to approve the following appointments by the mayor:

Mayor Pro-Tem – Dale Wambold

City Administer – Julie Wilkerson

City Newspaper – The Grundy Register

City Attorney – Abby Wessel (Rickert Wessel & Allen)

City Bank and Signature Card – Lincoln Savings Bank with Jamie, Dale, Bradon, & Julie on signature card

Memorial Building Board – Al Bachman and Angie Buffington (3 year terms)

Park Board – Andrea Devore (3 year), Janell Boldt (3 year), Chris Heasley (3 year), and Hunter Lott (1 year)

P&Z Board – Mandy Gleissner and Tina Hasselmann (3 year terms)
Community Development Board – Brent Bovy (6 year term)
Cemetery Board – Marshall Mennenga (2 year term)
Seconded by Trepp. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Wambold approved the following Council Committee Assignments:

Wastewater, Lights, & Telecommunications – Pease & Trepp
Water, Street, & Landfill/Garbage – Trepp & Wambold
Park, Library, & Memorial Building – Johnson & Bueghly
Fire, EMS, Stormwater, & Cemetery – Wambold & Pease
Administrative & Police – Eiffler & Johnson
Finance – Bueghly & Eiffler

Seconded by Johnson. 5 ayes. Motion carried. Mayor also informed council that the city has had a representative from the council on the Day Care Board and that position is open.

Trepp moved to approve the 2026 Fire Department Roster, seconded by Bueghly. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Trepp moved to approve the 2026 Wage Report and have the clerk publish it in The Grundy Register, seconded by Wambold. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

The FY2027 budget was discussed. With the revenues projected to come in at \$880,229.00 and the expenditures requested by departments and boards at \$1,050,980.00 there is a shortfall of \$170,751.00. The fire department agreed to take \$6,000.00 out of their medical & wellness expense as they probably won't do physicals in FY2027. The library board's request was \$60,862 higher than it was in FY2025. The board reported there was a substantial increase for salaries. After much discussion, Bueghly moved to have the library board refigure their budget request using \$135,000 - \$140,000 and have the other departments make cuts in their budgets as well and all boards submit the new figures to the clerk for the February meeting, seconded by Wambold. Roll call vote: Wambold – aye, Pease – aye, Johnson – aye, Trepp – aye, Bueghly – aye. Motion carried.

After discussion on FY2027 city employee wages, Pease moved to give the city employees a 2.8% COLA increase for FY2027 and have the council come up with a plan for a merit based pay for FY2028, seconded by Wambold. Roll call vote: Wambold – aye, Pease – aye, Johnson – aye, Trepp – aye, Bueghly – aye. Motion carried.

Wambold reported that he would like to have the city do a Goal Setting project. The last Goal Setting project was done in 2016. Wambold contacted Patrick Callahan with Callahan Municipal Consultants LLC and received a quote of \$1,500.00 to work with the city on this project. The council would like to move forward with this project but feel that it could be done without a consultant. Dale will get information out to all the Boards and this will be put on the February council agenda.

Wambold also discussed the option of video taping council meetings and other board meetings. He has written a grant for a Mac iPad and has contacted the school regarding using their AOWL equipment and having students tape the meetings. Council was in favor and Wambold will pursue this.

A Food Vendor Ordinance was discussed. Council will move forward with this and incorporate a \$100 yearly vendor fee in the Ordinance.

The property at 506 Broad was discussed. A letter was sent to the owner of the property and he had until January 5, 2026 to respond with their intentions for the property with no response received. Johnson moved to have the City Attorney send a letter to the homeowner and proceed with nuisance abatement procedures, seconded by Bueghly. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Having no further business to discuss, Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by Trepp. 5 ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor, Jamie Eiffler

Julie Wilkerson, City Administrator

CITY OF REINBECK

JANUARY 2026 EXPENSES

UNITYPOINT	STREET - BENGEN DRUG TESTING	\$ 62.00
FOLKERTS & SONS TRUCKING	CITY - SNOW HAULING & ROCK	\$ 1,307.00
FARMERS FEED & SUPPLY	STREET - EQUIPMENT REPAIRS/SUPPLIES	\$ 266.80
ALLIANT ENERGY	CITY - UTILITIES	\$ 18,366.67
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WA/SW - TESTING	\$ 2,281.75
ACCO	POOL - EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$ 509.60
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA	WATER - 11/2025 TAXES DUE	\$ 2,481.07
LSB	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 8,400.14
CASEY'S	CITY - FUEL	\$ 1,683.61
TAMA/GRUNDY PUBLISHING	CLERK - BUD AMEND & NOV MIN	\$ 324.80
GORDON FLESCH	CLERK - COPIER CONTRACT	\$ 167.26
UTILITY EQUIPMENT	WATER - CLAMPS FOR MAIN REPAIR	\$ 1,261.03
USPS	WA/SW/SS/GARB - POSTAGE FOR BILLS	\$ 227.60
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 6,245.62
AMERICAN LEGION POST	MEMORIAL BLDG - 4TH QTR 2026	\$ 600.00
BENGEN BRETT	STREET - CELL PHONE	\$ 31.00
USA BLUE BOOK	WATER - SUPPLIES	\$ 775.68
MENARDS - CEDAR FALLS	STREET - SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 224.96
COOLEY PUMPING	CITY - MAIN REPAIR/SNOW HAULING	\$ 4,882.50
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIB	STREET - SUPPLIES	\$ 320.00
RTU	CITY - PHONE & INTERNET	\$ 834.35
HAWKINS	WATER - CHLORINE	\$ 10.00
RYAN EXTERMINATING	CITY - PEST CONTROL	\$ 65.00
ELAN	CITY - DOORMATS/ORNAMENTS/TRAIN	\$ 5,754.04
BMC AGGREGATES L C	SNOW - SALT & SAND MIX	\$ 3,008.48
PRECISON LAWN CARE	SNOW - REMOVAL & HAULING SNOW	\$ 2,550.00
TITAN	STREET - SKIDLOADER REPAIR	\$ 208.25
DISPLAY SALES	STREET LIGHTS - BANNERS	\$ 1,579.80
PETERSON CONTRACTORS	SNOW - LOADING & HAULING SNOW	\$ 1,625.00
COOLEY SANITATION	GARBAGE RECYCLING - CONTRACT	\$ 17,451.24
CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL	WATER - GENERATOR REPAIR	\$ 4,461.11

CONTINENTAL RESEARCH	STREET - SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 567.05
WASTE ZERO	GARBAGE/RECYCLING - BAGS	\$ 8,143.15
SUPERIOR WELDING	STREET - ACETYLENE FOR SHOP	\$ 122.25
WINDSTREAM	WATER - PLANT PHONE	\$ 14.60
REINBECK HARDWARE	CITY - SUPPLIES	\$ 168.65
GRUNDY CO SHERIFF	POLICE - CONTRACT	\$ 13,404.75
STOREY KENWORTHY	CLERK - PLANNER & COPY PAPER	\$ 207.57
TURFMASTER	LIBRARY - FALL SPRAYING	\$ 127.00
LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK	CLERK - 2026 LOCK BOX RENT	\$ 15.00
WILKERSON, JULIE	CLERK - CELL PHONE	\$ 31.00
AFLAC	AFLAC CANCR PRE	\$ 168.36
CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY	CITY HALL/FITNESS - PAPER SUPPLIES	\$ 242.52
WINKOWITSCH, TREY	WA/SW - CELL PHONE	\$ 31.00
HSA-WILKERSON	HSA CONTRIB	\$ 1,409.59
HSA-WINKOWITSCH	HSA CONTRIB	\$ 692.28
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	MEMORIAL BLDG - SUPPLIES	\$ 271.06
WELLMARK BCBS	HEALTH BENEFIT	\$ 5,281.22
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES, INC.	WATER - STORAGE ENGINEER FEES	\$ 6,520.00
MEMORIAL BLDG DEP RETURN	MEMORIAL BLDG - DEPOSIT REFUNDS	\$ 400.00
OMNISITE	SEWER - LIFT STATION CONTRACT	\$ 290.00
IA DEPT OF INSPECT & APPL	LIBRARY - ANNUAL INSP FEE/PERM	\$ 175.00
HEARTLAND CO-OP	WA/SW - FUEL FOR GENERATOR	\$ 1,014.98
HSA-BENGEN	HSA CONTRIB	\$ 692.28
INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMSI	SEWER - GENERATOR REPAIR	\$ 1,621.19
HOMEFRONT BUILDERS	LIBRARY - PHASE 1 DOWN PAYMENT	\$ 18,731.28
OLTMAN, LENA H	LIBRARY - MILEAGE	\$ 126.00
HSA-OLTMAN	HSA CONTRIB	\$ 750.00
P & K MIDWEST	SNOW - NEW BLOWER FOR MOWER	\$ 2,463.42
C AND C WELDING INC.	SNOW - NEW SNOWPLOW	\$ 10,578.40
TRIONFO SOLUTIONS LLC	CITY - DISABILITY/LIABILITY	\$ 117.50
MID AMERICA BOOKS	LIBRARY - CHILDREN'S BOOKS	\$ 209.65
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	LIBRARY - COPIER CONTRACT	\$ 337.48
REINBECK COUNTRY FOODS	LIBRARY - ART/BOOK CLUB SUPPLY	\$ 145.48
TRUNCK, DARREN	PARK/CEMETERY - CELL PHONE	\$ 31.00
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$ 163,067.07
	GENERAL FUND	\$ 28,480.79
	ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$ 36,791.02
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	\$ 7,850.89
	2015 LIBRARY ADDITION FUND	\$ 18,731.28
	WATER FUND	\$ 28,730.81
	SEWER FUND	\$ 17,191.64
	GARBAGE/RECYCLING FUND	\$ 24,974.93
	FITNESS CENTER FUND	\$ 195.51
	STORMWATER UTILITY FUND	\$ 120.20

CITY OF REINBECK

DECEMBER 2025 REVENUES

GENERAL FUND	\$ 41,829.97
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$ 18,810.82
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	\$ 5,614.30
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FUND	\$ 36,124.94
TIF FUND	\$ 441.63
LMI TIF FUND	\$ 662.44
PARK GIFT & TRUST FUND	\$ 163.60
LIBRARY GIFT & TRUST FUND	\$ 37,156.52
STREET PROJECT FUND	\$ 1,398.49
WATER FUND	\$ 22,881.49
WATER SINKING FUND	\$ 73.60
SEWER FUND	\$ 48,464.63
SEWER SINKING FUND	\$ 515.23
GARBAGE/RECYCLING FUND	\$ 10,462.17
FITNESS CENTER FUND	\$ 337.21
STORMWATER UTILITY FUND	\$ 2,346.69
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 227,283.73