

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL**

**AMES, IOWA**

**APRIL 22, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Ames City Council was called to order by Mayor John Haila at 6:00 p.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, pursuant to law. Present were Council Members Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, Rachel Junck, and Anita Rollins.

**PROCLAMATION FOR "ARBOR DAY," APRIL 25, 2025:** Mayor Haila proclaimed April 25, 2025, as Arbor Day and City Forester Gabrielle Edwards accepted the proclamation alongside City Arborist Matt Rochford.

**PROCLAMATION FOR "MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH," MAY 2025:** May 2025 was proclaimed Mental Health Awareness Month by Mayor Haila. The proclamation was accepted by Mental Health Advocate Julie Saxton with leaders of local mental health care organizations.

**PROCLAMATION FOR "NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH," MAY 2025:** Mayor Haila proclaimed May 2025 as National Historic Preservation Month, which was accepted by Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission Devón Lewis.

**PRESENTATION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS:** Mayor Haila shared that the Ames Historic Preservation Commission annually recognizes preservation activities within Ames to highlight, honor, and promote preservation efforts. The 2025 Renewing the Past award was presented to Casie Vance and Jason Dietzenbach, who were in attendance on behalf of the Ames Historical Society, for the rehabilitation of the Ames Pantorium building, which was now part of the Ames History Museum at 416 Douglas Avenue.

Awards were then presented for the 2025 Keeping the Past Alive award for two single-family homes in the Old Town Neighborhood. The first was awarded to Shellie Orngard, while the second was awarded to Karen Lashe for the historic preservation of the single-family homes located at 928 and 911 Burnett Avenue, respectively.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council Member Gartin requested to pull Item No. 16: Requests from Ames Patriotic Council for Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2025.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Junck, to approve the consent agenda less Item No. 16.

5. Motion approving payment of claims
6. Motion approving Summary of Minutes of Regular City and Tax Levy Council Meeting on April 8, 2025, and Special Meeting on April 15, 2025
7. Motion approving new Class E Retail Alcohol License - Crown Liquor, 113 Welch Avenue, Pending Favorable Inspection
8. Motion approving extension of Outdoor Service (May 17 - May 18, 2025) for Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service - Tip Top Lounge, 201 E. Lincoln Way,

Pending Dramshop Review

9. Motion approving Temporary License Transfer for Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service on May 27, 2025 - Iowa State Center - CY Stephens
10. Motion approving the renewal of the following Beer Permits, Wine Permits, and Liquor Licenses:
  - a. The Great Plains Sauce & Dough Co., 129 Main Street, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License
  - b. Walgreens #12108, 2719 Grand Avenue, Class E Retail Alcohol License
  - c. El Jefe Mexican Cuisine, 5244 Lincoln Way, Class C Retail Alcohol License, Pending Dramshop Review
  - d. Mother's Pub, 2900 West Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License with Catering Privilege and Outdoor Service, Pending Dramshop Review
  - e. Wasabi Somerset, 2707 Kent Avenue, Class C Retail Alcohol License
  - f. Hy-Vee Fast and Fresh #1, 4018 West Lincoln Way, Class E Retail Alcohol License
  - g. Jeff's Pizza Shop LLC, 2402 Lincoln Way, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License, Pending Dramshop Review
11. RESOLUTION NO. 25-167 approving Quarterly Investment Report for period ending March 31, 2025
12. RESOLUTION NO. 25-168 correcting subdivision reference in Resolution No. 25-072, which vacated certain easements
13. RESOLUTION NO. 25-169 approving encroachment permit for sign at 300 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> level
14. Requests for Ames on the Half Shell:
  - a. RESOLUTION NO. 25-170 approving waiver of enforcement of Municipal Code Section 17.17 related to alcohol consumption in City parks with respect only to Bandshell Park from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Fridays May 30-June 30
  - b. Motion approving 5-Day License - Special Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service - Ames on the Half Shell, Bandshell Park, for:
    - i. May 29 - June 02, 2025
    - ii. June 05 - June 09, 2025
    - iii. June 12 - June 16, 2025
    - iv. June 19 - June 23, 2025
    - v. June 26 - June 30, 2025
15. RESOLUTION NO. 25-171 approving request from Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance to close Clark Avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, 2025, for the Annual Street Party Celebration
- ~~16. Requests from Ames Patriotic Council for Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2025:
  - a. Motion approving blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit for closed area
  - b. RESOLUTION NO. 25-172 approving closure of Pearle Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street from east of Pearle Avenue through Clark Avenue intersection from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for parade line-up
  - c. RESOLUTION NO. 25-173 approving temporary closure of Clark Avenue from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street between 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for movement of the parade~~

- ~~d. RESOLUTION NO. 25-174 approving temporary closure of 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Clark Avenue and Maxwell Avenue from 9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for movement of the parade~~
- ~~e. RESOLUTION NO. 25-175 approving temporary closure of 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Clark Avenue and Duff Avenue at 9<sup>th</sup> Street, as parade moves through those intersections~~
- 17. Requests from Ames Pride for Pridefest on October 11, 2025:
  - a. Motion approving blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit and blanket Vending License
  - b. RESOLUTION NO. 25-176 approving closure of Douglas Avenue from Main Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Kellogg Avenue and the alley east of Adams Family Funeral Home from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - c. RESOLUTION NO. 25-177 approving waiver of parking meter fees and enforcement
  - d. RESOLUTION NO. 25-178 approving waiver of fee for blanket Vending License
- 18. RESOLUTION NO. 25-179 approving relinquishing & return of original bond for JT Warehouse Subdivision East 13<sup>th</sup> Street upon receipt of the replacement bond
- 19. RESOLUTION NO. 25-180 approving preliminary plans and specifications for the 2024/25 Collector Street & Water System Improvements (Oakland Street - Oliver Avenue to Hawthorne Avenue) project, setting May 21, 2025, as the bid due date and May 27, 2025, as the date of Public Hearing
- 20. RESOLUTION NO. 25-181 approving preliminary plans and specifications for the 2024/25 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street Roadway Widening and establish May 20, 2025, as the date of letting and May 27, 2025, as the date for report for bids
- 21. RESOLUTION NO. 25-182 approving a contract renewal with HTH Companies, Inc., of Union, MO, for the Non- Asbestos Insulation and Related Services and Supply Contract at the Power Plant for the one-year period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000
- 22. RESOLUTION NO. 25-183 approving contract renewal with Integrated Global Services, Inc., Richmond, VA, for the Boiler Tube Spray Coating and Related Services and Supplies Contract for Power Plant for the one-year period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in an amount not-to-exceed \$590,000
- 23. RESOLUTION NO. 25-184 approving contract renewal with Tri-City Electric Company of Iowa, Davenport, IA, for the Electrical Maintenance Services Contract for Power Plant for the one-year period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in an amount not-to-exceed \$120,000
- 24. RESOLUTION NO. 25-185 approving contract renewal with Waldinger Corporation, of Des Moines, IA, for the Power Plant Maintenance Services Contract for the one-year period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in an amount not-to-exceed \$135,000
- 25. RESOLUTION NO. 25-186 approving contract and bond for the 2023/24 CDBG Infrastructure Program (N Russell Avenue - N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to N 4<sup>th</sup> Street) with Iowa Water & Waste Systems of Boone, Iowa, in the amount of \$346,858.50

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motions/Resolutions declared carried/adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

## **REQUESTS FROM AMES PATRIOTIC COUNCIL FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

**ON MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025:** Council Member Gartin shared that he would be abstaining from the vote due to conflict of interest.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to approve the requests from Ames Patriotic Council for Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2025:

- a. Motion approving blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit for closed area
- b. RESOLUTION NO. 25-172 approving closure of Pearle Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street from east of Pearle Avenue through Clark Avenue intersection from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for parade line-up
- c. RESOLUTION NO. 25-173 approving temporary closure of Clark Avenue from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street between 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for movement of the parade
- d. RESOLUTION NO. 25-174 approving temporary closure of 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Clark Avenue and Maxwell Avenue from 9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for movement of the parade
- e. RESOLUTION NO. 25-175 approving temporary closure of 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Clark Avenue and Duff Avenue at 9<sup>th</sup> Street, as parade moves through those intersections

Roll Call Vote: 5-0-1; Gartin abstaining due to conflict of interest. Motions/Resolutions declared carried/adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Mayor Haila opened the Public Forum.

Daryle Vegge spoke in opposition to the annexation of The Irons Subdivision, citing the financial obstacles of increased taxes and connecting to sanitary sewer services.

Collin Larter discussed pedestrian safety at crosswalks and proposed the addition of four ordinances to the *Municipal Code* that protect the pedestrian right of way.

Mayor Haila closed the Public Forum when no one else came forward to speak.

**HEARING ON CITY OF AMES BUDGET:** Director of Finance Corey Goodenow and Budget Manager Nancy Masteller gave a brief description of the budgets presented for approval.

The Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Adjusted Budget was opened and closed by Mayor Haila when no one came forward to speak.

Mayor Haila then opened and closed the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget when no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Rollins, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-187 authorizing and approving the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Adjusted Budget.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Junck, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-188 authorizing and approving the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**HEARING ON PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT MODIFYING BILLBOARD STANDARDS AND CREATING NEW DIGITAL DISPLAY STANDARDS:**

Planning and Housing Director Kelly Diekmann reviewed the proposed standards and permitted locations for digital billboards.

The Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Haila.

Lorna Carroll advocated against permitted digital billboards, citing the importance of eliminating light pollution to protect migratory birds.

Lori Biedermen shared opposition to the digital billboard and discussed the negative impacts of off road lighting for drivers that have difficulty navigating the roadway at night.

The Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Haila when no one came forward to speak.

Council Member Gartin summarized the concerns on light pollution and shared that he was in favor of delaying action on the Zoning Text Amendment until more information could be gathered.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to delay consideration of the proposal in order to consult further with Lamar of Des Moines to investigate flexibility with the proposed lighting standards and invite a local expert on the subject to attend the meeting with guidance on the luminance of the billboard.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to amend the motion to clarify that delay of consideration would continue the hearing to the next Regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Haila reopened the Public Hearing.

Jason Pomrenke, Real Estate Manager with Lamar of Des Moines, discussed the luminance levels of the proposed billboard, highlighting the lowest luminance levels available to maintain the integrity of the content readability.

Mayor Haila then announced that the Public Hearing would be continued to the next Regular City Council meeting.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**HEARING ON 2024/25 AIRPORT ENTRYWAY IMPROVEMENTS (ENTRY ROAD):**

The Public Hearing was opened and closed by Mayor Haila when no one came forward to speak.

Per the request of the Mayor, Traffic Engineer Damion Pregitzer reviewed the project specifications and detailed the plans. He highlighted that construction would be phased in order to maintain access to the airport.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Rollins, to accept the report of bids.  
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Rollins, seconded by Corrieri, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-189 approving final plans and specifications and awarding a contract for the base bid and bid alternate to TK Concrete, Inc. of Pella, Iowa, in the amount of \$554,055.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**HEARING ON 69KV TRANSMISSION LINE RECONSTRUCTION:** Mayor Haila opened and closed the Public Hearing when no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Rollins, to accept the report of bids.  
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Corrieri, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-190 approving final plans and specifications and awarding a contract to Ward Electric Company of Longmont, Colorado, in the amount of \$2,228,648.92.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**FITCH FAMILY INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER MONTHLY UPDATE:** Director of Parks and Recreation Keith Abraham, Story Construction Senior Project Manager Troy Turner, and RDG Planning and Design Architect Brad Rodenburg presented the update.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Corrieri, to accept the Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center monthly update.  
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF DRIVEWAY REGULATIONS:** Director Diekmann highlighted that it was the request of the City Council to provide the Ames Home Builders Association (AHBA) with the opportunity to present information regarding a request for changes to driveway standards.

The Public Input was opened by Mayor Haila.

Jake Hanson, President of the AHBA, presented changes to the current driveway standards that would eliminate the restriction at the property line, allow a maximum curb cut of 30 feet with three-to-five-foot flares, and permit driveways leading to the same lot or serving the same property at least 20 feet apart.

Justin Dodge, Project Manager with Hunziker Companies, agreed with the proposed changes presented by the AHBA and discussed how adoption of the changes would improve aesthetics and safety.

The Public Input was closed by Mayor Haila when no one else came forward to speak.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Corrieri, to authorize the Ames Home Builders Association to submit a Zoning Text Amendment application regarding driveway regulations consistent with the proposal discussed.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

The meeting was recesses by Mayor Haila at 8:31 p.m. and reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

**REVIEW OF NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Director Diekmann reviewed notification procedures beyond the requirement outlined by the *Code of Iowa* for consideration.

Mayor Haila opened the Public Input.

Kate Gregory advocated for consistent and transparent notification systems that alerted residents to issues that impact the community.

Shellie Orngard highlighted residents' desire to be informed and discussed the benefit of multiple notification systems.

Mayor Haila closed the Public Input when no one else came forward to speak.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to direct staff to create a Major Projects Notification webpage and authorize staff to develop a matrix for posting content.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Corrieri, to expand mailed notice distance requirement from 200-feet to 400-feet.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Rollins, to continue with the third reading of the Major Site Development Plan and public hearings text amendment at the next Regular City Council meeting as originally proposed.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Rollins, to direct staff to begin using the 400-foot mailed notice distance requirement immediately, prior to the passing of the ordinance.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY AT 57258 220<sup>TH</sup> STREET:** Director Diekmann recommended initiation of the voluntary annexation consistent with the annexation application received by staff.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Corrieri, to initiate voluntary annexation of property at 57258 220<sup>th</sup> Street (East 13<sup>th</sup> Street).

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION NO. 2:** Fire Chief Rich Higgins summarized

the terms and anticipated outcomes for the architectural and engineering services contract to construct a new Fire Station No. 2.

The Public Input was opened and closed by Mayor Haila when no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-191 awarding contract to Brown Reynolds Watford Architects, of College Station, Texas for Architectural and Engineering Services to construct a New Fire Station No. 2 in the amount not-to-exceed \$78,800. Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**LEASE AGREEMENT FOR WELCH LOT T IN CAMPUSTOWN:** Interim Public Works Director Justin Clausen and Traffic Engineer Damion Pregitzer presented options for continuing the lease agreement.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Corrieri, to direct staff to enter into a two-year lease agreement at the existing terms with increased rates of approximately \$1.50/hour for metered stalls and \$80/month for reserved stalls for Welch Lot T in Campustown.  
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to request that the Legal Department review the tax treatment for the Welch Lot T property.  
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**MARKETING AND EDUCATION FUNDS FOR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR NEW AMES ANIMAL SHELTER:** Communications and Outreach Manager Susan Gwiasda was available for questions.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-192 allocating \$10,000 in marketing and education funds for fundraising campaign for new Ames Animal Shelter.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE *MUNICIPAL CODE* SECTION 28.201 TO INCREASE DRINKING WATER RATES BY 3.5% AND SECTION 28.304(3) TO INCREASE SANITARY SEWER RATES BY 5.5% FOR CHARGES TO BE BILLED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025:** Mayor Haila opened and closed the Public Hearing when no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Rollins, seconded by Betcher, to pass on first reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the *Municipal Code* Section 28.201 to increase drinking water rates by 3.5% and Section 28.304(3) to increase sanitary sewer rates by 5.5% for charges to be billed on or after July 1, 2025.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.



**SECOND READING RELATING TO ORDINANCE ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN RENTAL PROPERTIES:** Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Corrieri, to pass on second reading an Ordinance relating to regulations for carbon monoxide alarms in rental properties.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to suspend the rules.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to pass on third reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 4554 relating to regulations for carbon monoxide alarms in rental properties.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** Mayor Haila noted that there were five items for consideration. Three items were from Chief Huff regarding false alarm billing, proposed pet licensing program, and special penalty enforcement areas for Game Day Parking respectively.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Corrieri, to place the item regarding false alarm billing on a future agenda.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Rollins, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to place the item regarding the proposed pet licensing program on a future agenda.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to place the item regarding the special penalty enforcement areas for Game Day Parking on a future agenda.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

The fourth item was from Nichole Flippen, General Counsel with Horizon Land Management, requesting the extension of public sanitary sewer services to Maple Grove Mobile Home Park.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Rollins, to refer to staff for a memo.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

A request from Jacque Pfaffle for an exemption to allow for awnings and a covered porch in a residentially zoned area was the final item.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to refer to staff for a memo.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**REPORT OF GOVERNING BODY:** The Mayor and City Council Members provided highlights from their attendance at various board and commission meetings.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** The Mayor and City Council Members reported on various events

attended, upcoming meetings, community events, and items of interest.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Betcher, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

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Carly M. Watson, Deputy City Clerk

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John A. Haila, Mayor

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Renee Hall, City Clerk