

Inwood City Council
April 21, 2025

Inwood City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers. Mayor Bixler called the meeting to order. Council Members present: Shannon Faber, Jordan Huyser, and Rick Rozeboom. Absent: Mark Timmerman and Chad Evans.

Also present: Jamie Van Beek, Devin Hoekstra, Angie & Brad Van Bochove, Brian Hilt, Cody Ver Steeg, Brian Blankespoor, Willy Wiekamp, Jon Wiekamp, Kenny Scholten, and Jordan Halma.

Jamie Van Beek presented his monthly maintenance report. Van Beek has been working to prepare the park and pool for summer. The city maintenance shop is empty and ready to be moved by the buyer. Kaleb De Jager will be grading all of the city alleys. Seal coat bids were received for the 2025 street improvements. Two bids were received:

Road Guy Construction	\$2.25 per sq yard
Sta-bill Construction	\$2.80 per sq yard

Van Beek estimated 29,400 sq yards at an approximate cost of \$66,150.00. Motion by Rozeboom, second by Faber to contract with Road Guy Construction. Carried 3-0.

Council reviewed bids received for a new garage door on the current fire station building. This building will soon become the city maintenance shop. Two bids were received for the door:

Hill Country Doors	\$5,408.17
D&K Door	\$5,032.14

Two bids were reviewed for framing the door:

Prairie Diamond Buildings	\$1,948.20
Wiersma Construction	\$3,500.00

Motion by Huyser, second by Rozeboom to accept the bids from Hill Country Doors and Prairie Diamond Buildings. Carried 3-0.

Devin Hoekstra, Herm's Sanitation, met with the Council to discuss the 7% increase in dumping fees at NW Iowa Solid Waste Agency. Hoekstra asked Council to consider a 7% increase to \$21.00 per customer effective July 1, 2025. An ordinance amendment with the rate increase will be presented for adoption at the May meeting. Hoekstra also discussed damage to garbage carts. It is the property owner's responsibility if a garbage cart is damaged. If a cart is damaged, Herm's Sanitation will replace or repair the garbage cart, but the property owner is responsible for the cost involved. Residents are reminded that garbage carts should not be left on the curb for more than 12 hours before or after garbage collection. Council thanked Devin for the continued great service and for the extra help with Kiwanis Clean Up Day.

Kenny Scholten, representing Inwood Community Club, presented a design and estimates for a shelter/roof to cover the picnic table area at Foote Park. Estimated cost is \$60,260. Scholten will continue to work on the final plan. Inwood Community Club wants to cost share with the City on this project. Inwood Community Club has offered to contribute \$20,000 - \$30,000 over 4 years.

Angie & Brad Van Bochove met with Council Members to discuss the Spring on Main event planned for Saturday, May 10. Angie has been working with the other business owners on Main Street and throughout Inwood to plan this event with hope that this will become an

annual event. They asked about closing the 300 block of South Main Street for safety purposes on May 10. Motion by Huyser, second by Rozeboom to introduce and move for adoption, Resolution #6-25, Resolution Authorizing the Closing of the 300 Block of South Main Street on Saturday, May 10 for the Spring on Main Event. AYES: Faber, Huyser, and Rozeboom. No: none. Resolution #6-25 passed and approved.

Inwood Tractor Pull Committee visited with Council about the annual tractor pull planned for Friday, June 6. Last year the Tractor Pull was able to donate \$10,000 to Inwood Fire and Rescue. Proceeds this year will go to Inwood Fire and Rescue again. Two new security lights will be installed by the committee on the south east corner of the tractor pull area. Motion by Rozeboom, second by Huyser to introduce and move for adoption, Resolution #7-25, Resolution Authorizing Closing of a Portion of Cherry Street for the Annual Tractor Pull on Friday, June 6, 2025. AYES: Rozeboom, Huyser, and Faber. NO: none. Resolution #7-25 passed and approved.

Lyon County Sheriff Brian Hilt met with Council for an update from the Sheriff's Department. New software to track hours of coverage for each community is being implemented. Recent statistics show that Inwood receives about 5% of the call time. Sheriff Hilt is considering hiring a Resource Officer for the county schools. Deputy Stoner has received a K-9 dog and is working on training the dog.

Jordan Halma met with the Council to discuss several items. Halma noticed that lots in the North End Subdivision were sold and questioned why these lots were not sold by sealed bids. The North End Subdivision lots have a set price. When the City sells used equipment, the sealed bid method is used. But when a price is set, sealed bids are not required. When the lot is sold, a Public Hearing is held. Notice of the Public Hearing is published and anyone can attend the Public Hearing and have the opportunity to share their comments.

Halma mentioned that he had inquired about a lot on Rebecca Lane last year, and no one got back to him. He also inquired about adding new members to the Chamber of Commerce Board. Halma was encouraged to talk to Inwood Chamber of Commerce members directly if he is interested in a lot on Rebecca Lane.

Halma also stated that Rick Halma had talked to previous Mayor Gerald Brands about buying lots for apartments and no one got back to him. Later Jordan said that he wanted to buy a lot. He talked to previous Mayor Gerald Brands and one Council Member. No one worked with Halma. Mayor Bixler told Halma that he needs to speak to Chamber of Commerce Board Members directly.

Jordan Halma also discussed the nuisance abatement process.

Mayor Bixler declared this the time and place for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year. No written comments were received and no oral comments received. Motion by Faber, second by Rozeboom to introduce and move for adoption Resolution #8-25, Resolution Approving Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. AYES: Faber, Huyser, and Rozeboom. No: none. Resolution #8-25 passed and approved.

Motion by Huyser, second by Faber to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes of the March 10, March 18, and March 24 Council meetings, Treasurer's report, list of bills for payment, and 2 building permits:

Anthony Salinas	deck
Marlo Arp	garage

Carried 3-0

Alliance Comm	Telephone Service	\$167.96
A&J Electric	Fuse	13.00
Badger Meter	Service fee	413.08
Bomgaars	Trap	79.99
Calhoun - Burns	Bridge inspection	700.00
Foundation Lab	Lab tests	16.50
Herm's Sanitation	Garbage	8169.30
IAMU	Safety Group	1193.73
Inwood Hatchery	Supplies	84.40
IPERS	Payroll	2361.08
Lil Chubs	Fuel	167.40
Lyon Rural Water	Water	5329.50
Mid American Energy	Utilities	2668.54
Oak Street Station	Fuel	230.65
Postmaster	Postage	619.44
Rec Supply	Gauges	2150.30
Share Corp	Dynasty	583.99
True Value	Supplies	335.19
Treas - Iowa	Sales tax	836.80
US Treas	Payroll	3615.80
West Lyon Herald	Publications	386.08
Woods, Fuller	Legal fees	712.50
Alliance Comm	Library telephone	84.17
Baker & Taylor	Books	927.11
Barnes & Noble	Books	126.31
Business Card	DVD's	110.72
Consumer Reports	Renewal	37.45
Laura Olson	DVD's	22.86
Van Maanen's	Tech support	1566.25
Carol Vander Kolk	Janitor	60.00

Mayor Bixler updated the Council on progress with the insurance settlement for the community center. The Public Adjuster is waiting for a decision on declaring the east half of the building a total loss. Bixler expects to hear within 2 weeks.

Mayor Bixler updated the Council on the sale of Lots 2 & 3 to The Overland Group for a Dollar General store. The Overland Group has decided that they are not interested in the lots at this time. Vander Pol Excavating has started installing culverts for the North End Paving Project. They expect to start paving the street soon.

Motion by Huyser, second by Rozeboom to approve 3 new members to the Board of Adjustment: Justin Bonnema, Hope Lange, and Clint Berentschot. Carried 3-0.

Council Members have been reviewing and updating the Residential Property Tax Abatement Policy and the Commercial & Industrial Property Tax Abatement Policy. Council Member Rozeboom introduced the following Resolution entitled Resolution #9-25, Resolution Determining the Necessity and Fixing a Date for a Public Hearing on the Matter of the Adoption of a Proposed Amended and Restated Urban Revitalization Plan for the Inwood Residential Urban Revitalization Area and moved its adoption. Council Member Faber seconded the motion to adopt. The Public Hearing is set for May 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm. The roll was called, and the vote was: AYES: Faber, Huyser, and Rozeboom. NO: none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared Resolution #9-25 duly adopted.

Council Member Huyser introduced the following Resolution entitled Resolution #10-25, Resolution Determining the Necessity and Fixing a Date for a Public Hearing on the Matter of the Adoption of a Proposed Amended and Restated Urban Revitalization Plan for the Inwood Commercial and Industrial Urban Revitalization Area and moved for its adoption. Council Member Rozeboom seconded the motion to adopt. The Public Hearing is set for May 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm. The roll was called, and the vote was: AYES: Rozeboom, Huyser and Faber. NO: none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared Resolution #10-25 duly adopted.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Huyser to contract with Mosquito Control of Iowa for the 2025 season. Cost will be \$3,865.00. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Huyser, second by Rozeboom to adjourn. Carried 3-0.

Carol Vander Kolk
City Clerk