

Inwood City Council November 10, 2025

Inwood City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers. Mayor Becca Bixler presided. Council Members present: Mark Timmerman, Shannon Faber, Jordan Huyser, Chad Evans, and Rick Rozeboom. Also present: Jamie Van Beek, Laurel Reinke, Travis Mullinix, Laura Olson, Tyler Berg, Eric Oleson, Denny Scholten, and Kenny Scholten.

Jamie Van Beek presented his monthly maintenance report. Preparation for the winter season has begun. Regular maintenance has been completed on the snow plow and snow gates have been set up. Irrigation systems at the pool and park have been winterized. Mantel Tree Service removed several large trees in the park that were damaged during the wind storm. A new overhead door is being installed on the west side of the city shop. A taller overhead door is necessary to accommodate the snow plow truck. Council discussed a discretionary budget for Van Beek. \$1500 was suggested by Bixler.

Laura Olson met with Council Members for an update on the library move. The library will open again on Wednesday, November 12 and an open house is planned for Wednesday, November 19. A huge thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the move.

Kenny Scholten, representing Inwood Community Club, visited with Council about the shade cover planned for the area south of the shelter house in Foote Park. Lyon County Riverboat Foundation awarded a grant of \$37,000 for the project. Thank you to Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for their support. This project is estimated at \$67,020. Inwood Community Club plans to donate \$15,000 for the project. City of Inwood will contribute the balance of \$15,020. This project will be completed before July, 2026.

Tyler Berg and Denny Scholten were present to discuss a letter from Sheriff Hilt concerning a proposed increase in the annual contribution for law enforcement. All cities in Lyon County have a 28E agreement for law enforcement and 7 cities contribute \$27 per capita annually for law enforcement coverage. The contribution is increased \$.50 per capita every 2 years. Rock Rapids has a higher per capita contribution rate annually to allow for a set amount of hours each week for a deputy to cover the community. Sheriff Hilt is requesting cities to consider an increase in the annual fee. Hilt stated that if costs were allocated evenly per capita for cities and the county, the contribution rate would be \$120.34 per capita. Council Member Huyser would like to see statistics on the number of calls for each city. Council will discuss again and will also visit with other communities.

Eric Oleson, Oleson & Hobbie Architects, was present to help interview the top 2 contractors for the Construction Manager at Risk contract for the new community center. Jans Corporation group was interviewed and then Hoogendoorn Construction. Both companies are very familiar with our community, knowledgeable, and experienced with similar projects. Motion by Timmerman, second by Evans to select Hoogendoorn Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk for the new community center project. Carried.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Faber to approve the Consent Agenda which included minutes for the October 13, October 22, and November 1 meetings, Treasurer's report, and the list of bills for payment. Carried 5-0.

Alliance Comm	Telephone	\$ 69.53
A&J Electric	Outlets	477.95
Badger Meter	Service fee	417.57
Beemer Fisheries	White Amur	1950.00
Century Business	Copier	2180.00
DGR	Engineering	3222.30
EMC Insurance	City shop ins	1912.00
Foundation Lab	Lab tests	104.50
GNR Plumbing	Parts	1630.30
Herm's Sanitation	Garbage	7432.50
Iowa Rural Water	Dues	315.00
IPERS	Payroll	2692.84
Lil Chubs	Fuel	164.25
Lyon Rural Water	Water	6168.30
Lyon Co League	Dues	324.80
Lyon Co Title	Abstracting	500.00
Mantel Tree Service	Tree Trimming	2850.00
Oak Street Station	Fuel	346.59
Oleson \$ Hobbie	Design fees	36,466.00
One Office	Supplies	147.58
PI Variables	Red light	310.00
Postmaster	Postage	356.08
ProChem	Supplies	112.17
Pye-Barker	Extinguisher checks	1326.00
True Value	Supplies	288.21
Treas - Iowa	Sales tax	917.89
Triangle Creek	Rent	600.00
US Treas	Payroll	4524.98
West Lyon Herald	Publications	266.73
Alliance Comm	Library phone	86.44
Barnes & Nobles	Books	421.57
Business Card	Books	449.50
Michael Frederick	Books	50.00
Laura Olson	Volunteer expense	326.64
Taste of Home	Renewal	21.40
Van Maanen Inc	Repairs	151.25
Carol Vander Kolk	Janitor	60.00

A purchase offer for Lot 2, North End Subdivision, was reviewed. Motion by Huyser, second by Evans to allow purchase of Lot 2 for \$25,000. Carried 5-0.

Council Members discussed possible commercial development south of Highway 18. There were many questions about the best way to purchase and develop the property. It has been suggested to set up an Economic Development Corporation. This corporation would be non-profit. There is already a non-profit economic development group,

Inwood Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce developed the Van Regenmorter Subdivision and processed all the lot sales. Council would like to set up a meeting with Chamber Board Members to discuss their role with economic development.

Council will also set up a meeting with investors for the south side commercial development area. Rozeboom stated that there is opportunity to grow Inwood to the south and to the west. Huyser discussed the need to tackle drainage issues on the east side especially on Douglas Street.

The next Town Hall meeting will be held Saturday, November 22 at 8:30 am.

The contract with Iowa Pump Works for an annual inspection of the north lift station and the south lift station was discussed. The annual inspection fee increased from \$1603.00 to \$4,738.45. Council believes we can complete an annual inspection in-house. A letter will be sent to Iowa Pump Works to cancel the contract.

Council reviewed a building permit application from Braden Reisma for a lawn shed. Motion by Huyser, second by Rozeboom to approve. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Huyser, second by Rozeboom to adjourn. Carried 5-0.

Carol Vander Kolk
City Clerk