

## **Inwood City Council January 5, 2026**

Inwood City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers. Mayor Becca Bixler presided. Council Members present: Mark Timmerman, Laurel Reinke, Jordan Huyser, and Rick Rozeboom. Also present: Jen Smit, Mark Dorhout, Sheriff Brian Hilt, Dennis Scholten, and Travis Mullinix.

Mayor Bixler welcomed new Council Member Laurel Reinke to her first official meeting.

Jamie Van Beek could not be present and submitted a written maintenance report. Van Beek was busy in December with snow removal, sanding streets, and scraping streets. A curb stop on North Oak Street was replaced, the cutting edge on the snow plow was replaced, and he continues to move items to the new city shop.

Council Members met with Attorney John Danos via zoom to discuss Tax Increment Financing. Mr. Danos explained the process and answered our questions. The first step is to identify the project and the 2nd step would be to work with Mr. Danos to update the Urban Renewal Plan. Updating the Urban Renewal Plan will take at least 2 months.

Sheriff Brian Hilt met with Council to discuss a proposed increase for law enforcement coverage. Lyon County and the cities in Lyon County have a 28E agreement for Law Enforcement. Inwood currently pays \$27 per capita for coverage. This is \$25,056 annually. Sheriff Hilt proposes an increase to \$65.35 per capita, with a gradual increase annually for the next 5 years. Suggested annual contribution for FY26-27 is \$36,387. Discussion will continue.

Deputy Clerk Travis Mullinix presented his monthly report. Mullinix created a new City logo, is updating the Inwood web site, and has increased posting on facebook. Mullinix created a new City newsletter, Inwood Connection. This will be a monthly newsletter. The first copy was mailed to residents. Next month the newsletter will be available at City Hall and several local businesses.

Motion by Huyser, second by Rozeboom to approve the Consent Agenda which includes minutes of the December 8 and December 9 meetings, Treasurer's report, and a list of bills for payment. Carried 4-0.

Alliance Comm	Telephone service	\$168.90
American Hero	Recycle brochures	128.25
Badger Meter	Service fee	417.57
Beyond the Square	Name plates	68.00
Bomgaars Supply	Hooks - City shop	99.95
Cybrac	Support	120.00
DGR	Engineering	375.00
Dinges Fire	Gas detector	728.46
Erv's Repair	Oxygen & tank	387.13
Faber Farm Equip	Coupler	36.75
Foundation Lab	Lab tests	30.00
GNR	Shop repairs	330.00
Herm's Sanitation	Garbage	7453.50

Hill Country Doors	Door opener	487.50
IAMU	Safety Group	1223.80
Iowa One Call	Locates	18.00
IPERS	Payroll	3255.38
LeLoux Div	Grinder pump	11761.09
Lil Chubs	Fuel	80.63
Lyon Rural Water	Water	6144.10
Mid American Energy	Utilities	2551.87
MidWest Alarm	Reconnection	1042.64
Northwest Excavating	Repairs	260.00
Oak Street Station	Fuel	812.20
One Office	Supplies	286.37
Postmaster	Postage	512.08
Richarz Repair	Cutting edge	1525.23
Security Savings	Safety Deposit box	50.00
True Value	Supplies	258.68
Treas - Iowa	Payroll	3035.00
Treas - Iowa	Sales tax	882.42
US Treas	Payroll	5202.78
West Lyon Herald	Publications	539.60
Alliance Comm	Library phone	83.97
Business Card	Books, supplies	1198.09
Century Business	Copier contract	25.00
Iowa Library	Dues	50.00
Van Maanen Inc	Monitor	129.00
Vander Kolk	Janitor	60.00

Mayor Bixler gave an update on the community center. Hoogendoorn Construction has been working on securing construction supplies and sub contractors and working toward a cost estimate for the whole project. Estimated cost has increased from what Architect Eric Oleson has been predicting. The committee is looking at options to cut costs.

Council discussed selling Lot #2, North End Subdivision. Motion by Rozeboom, second by Timmerman to introduce and move for adoption Resolution #1-26, Resolution Proposing the Disposal of Real Estate to Rodrigo Lopez Cortes and Maria Erika Curiel. AYES: Timmerman, Huyser, Reinke, and Rozeboom. NO: none. Resolution passed and approved. A Pubic Hearing will be held at the next Council meeting on February 9, 2026.

Motion by Timmerman, second by Reinke to introduce and move for adoption Resolution #2-26, Resolution of Appointment and Establishing Compensation for the City Attorney. Our City Attorney is Micah Schreurs. AYES: Timmerman, Huyser, Reinke, and Rozeboom. NO: none. Resolution #2-26 passed and approved.

Motion by Huyser, second by Rozeboom to introduce and approve Resolution #3-26, Resolution Naming Security Savings as Depository for the City of Inwood. Ayes: Timmerman, Huyser, and Rozeboom. NO: none. Abstain: Reinke. Resolution #3-26 passed and approved.

Motion by Timmerman, second by Rozeboom to approve an annual donation of \$1000 to Mid Sioux Opportunities. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Huyser to approve property tax abatement applications for Marlo Arp, Scott Blom, Emily De Jager, and Andrew Spaans, Carried 4-0.

The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 21 at 10:00 am.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Huyser to approve the Mayor's appointments for 2026 & 2027. Carried 4-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem: Mark Timmerman, Streets: Timmerman and Huyser, Water & Sewer: Rozeboom & Bixler, Park: Faber & Rozeboom, Pool: Faber & Timmerman, Library: Huyser, Comm Center: Reinke, Bldgs & Equipment: Huyser & Rozeboom, Northwest Iowa Solid Waste: Rozeboom with Timmerman as alternate.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Huyser to adjourn. Carried 4-0.

Carol Vander Kolk, City Clerk