

SIoux RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2025.

The regular meeting of the Sioux Rapids City Council was called to order Jim Wise on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Jim Wise, Lacy Garberding, Mike Gunderson, Mike Katschman, and Joel McCoy. Kevin Thompson. was absent. Amanda Caraway, Andrew Wetrich, Randy Koenig and other community members were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Katschman, seconded by Garberding, to approve the agenda. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McCoy seconded by Katschman to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes from November 12, 2025 meeting, accounts payable report, and the financial reports from the month of November, along with the IPAIT statements, and BV County Sherriff's Report. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER 2025

Alliant Energy-Utilities-\$4,607.74;Harold Rowley Recycle Cen-Landfill Invoices October-\$3,713.97;Ipers-Ipers Regular-\$2,871.22;Iowa Lakes Electric Coop-Utilities-\$1,292.00;Iowa Lakes Regional Water-Utilities-\$56.00;Iowa Rural Water Assoc-2026 Dues-\$315.00;Menards-Shop Supplies-\$275.27;Sioux Food Center-Library Program Materials-\$20.06;Sioux Lumber-Supplies-\$122.85;The Daily Reporter-Legals-\$466.66;Town & Country Disposal-Trash & Recycling Contract-\$6,253.78;Treasurer State Of Iowa-October 2025 Sales Tax-\$448.96;United States Post Office-4 Rolls Of Stamps-\$505.44;Eftps-Fed/Fica Tax-\$4,093.12;Spencer Hospital Clinics-Service Dates - 10/01-10/31/25-\$24.00;Gworks-Gworks Yearly Subscription-\$6,000.00;Hawk-I Electric, Inc.-Hydro Vac For Water Leak-\$1,085.00;Bomgaars-Antifreeze Shelter House-\$183.88;Wellmark Blue Cross Blue-Healthcare December-\$1,603.15;Evertex, Inc.-Library Phone-\$75.48;Usa Bluebook-Manganese-\$239.86;Unity Point Clinic - Occu-Random Test & Pre-Employ Test-\$107.00;Buena Vista Co Engineer-Sand For Sand Berm - Flood 24-\$85,166.08;Randy Koenig-November 2025 Cell Phone Reimb-\$58.45;Arnold Motor Supply-Led Light & Lamp-\$185.84;Mack,Hansen,Gadd,Armstron-Legal Services For City-\$1,251.00;Main Street Checks-Deposit Slips-\$68.24;Karl Chevrolet-2025 Silverado 3500 Servicetrk-\$58,900.24;Treasurer, Excise Tax-October 2025 Excise Sales Tax-\$1,074.23;Andrew Wetrich-November 2025 Cell Phone Reimb-\$50.00;Storm Lake Hydraulics-Sight Gauge-\$32.86;Foundation Analytical Lab-Testing-\$483.50;Amanda Caraway-November 2025 Cell Phone Reimb-\$50.00;Ag State-Fuel For Street Department-\$1,098.97;North Lake Truck Repair-New Radiator And Labor Sterlin-\$2,293.91;Malwarebytes, Inc-Threatdown Ultimate-\$583.10;Creative Product Source-Program Supplies(Coloring Pst)-\$696.42;Gfc Leasing-Copier Contract 12/05-01/04/26-\$210.62;Team Lab-Ez Dose It-\$772.00;Gordon Flesch Company-Extra Copies-\$167.06;Elan-Employee Appreciations Luncheon-\$424.21;Trionfo Solutions, Llc-Std, Ad&D, And Life Insurance-\$102.91;Veenstra & Kim Inc-Fema Adminstrative Work-\$149.00;Cmba Architects-Professional Services Thru1031-\$6,600.00;Angie Neilson-Mileage Shared To Budget Wkshp-\$30.80;**Payroll Checks-Total Payroll Checks-\$14,462.10; -Claims Total-\$209,271.98; -General Fund-\$74,608.15; -Ieda Grant Health Clinic Fund-\$6,600.00; -Road Use Fund-\$4,554.57; -Employee Benefits Fund-\$510.31; -Fema-Flood 2024 Fund-\$85,315.08; -Water Fund-\$12,617.81; -Sewer Fund-\$11,514.21; -Garbage Fund-\$13,534.84; -Storm Water Fund-\$17.01;**

NOVEMBER 2025 RECEIPTS

General-35,643.67;Road Use-8,900.05;Employee Benefits-1,909.41;Local Option Sales Tax-53.86;Fema-Flood 2024-84,868.25;Debt Service-2,553.62;Water-17,072.06;Water Meter-1.41;Sewer-10,511.42;Garbage-9,338.73;Storm Water-1,378.98;**Report Total-172,231.46**

In the suggestion from residents Kayla Koenig asked if the Hometown Pride Committee could use City Hall for their focus groups. Council said they did not see an issue with that at all.

Kayla Koenig requested that the City of Sioux Rapids sponsor her in your project to rehab her building into an Event Center/Laundry Matt with Apartment upstairs to apply for the Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program through Iowa Economic Development Authority. Garberding made a motion to approve this project to move forward for now, and it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried.

Steve Hallengren presented three proposals to City Council two for City Zoning Enforcement and Nuisance Abatement (one for payment per year, and one for payment per hour and per mileage), the third proposal was to help administrate the Community Catalyst Building Grant. City Council has decided to table the two City Zoning Enforcement and Nuisance Abatement proposals to be able to talk to Simmering-Cory first and give them a chance. However, Katschman moved to accept the IEDA Grant proposal, and it was seconded by Garberding. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried.

Ginny Smith with Sioux Rapids Historical Society came before the City Council to ask for the yearly donation for the 2026/2027. City of Sioux Rapids usually donates \$1,200.00, City Council discussed that they were impressed with the programs and progress of the Historical Society this last year, so McCoy moved for the City of Sioux Rapids to up the donation to the Sioux Rapids Historical Society to \$1,500.00 and it was seconded by Katschman. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried.

Mike Katschman, Christy Wernimont and Susanna Pierce all took their Oath of office for the next term.

McCoy moved to approve Resolution No. 912 – Amending Resolution No. 908 Employee Compensation, which is changing Andrew Wetrich to Public Works Supervisor and wage rate to \$27.00/hr. effective January 10,2026, it was seconded by Garberding. Roll being called: Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson, Katschman, McCoy. Nays: none Absent: Thompson Motion carried.

Amanda gave update on the Sioux Rapids Health Clinic and the letting bids and the funds available.

McCoy moved to approve Resolution No. 913 – Accepting and Awarding Bids on the Sioux Rapids Health Clinic Project, it was seconded by Mike Gunderson. Katschman abstained from voting. Roll being called, Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson, McCoy, Nays: none, Absent: Thompson. Motion carried.

Garberding moved to approve Resolution No. 914 – Approving Contract with Grave Construction of Spencer, Iowa for the Sioux Rapids Health Clinic, it was seconded by McCoy. Katschman abstained from voting. Roll being called, Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson, McCoy, Nays: none, Absent: Thompson. Motion carried.

The City Council went with the questions from Simmering-Cory for the Code Codification and the Planning and Zoning Board Recommendations. It was moved to make those changes by McCoy and seconded by Katschman. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried.

Katschman moved to approve payment to T.P. Anderson & Company,P.C. in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Preliminary work & field work for Annual Exam, it was seconded by Garberding. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried.

Gunderson moved to approve payment to BV County in the amount of \$1,755.00 for 300 ton of gravel, it was seconded by Katschman. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried.

Garberding moved to approve payment to GWorks in the amount of \$6,000.00 for yearly subscription software, it was seconded by Katschman. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Gunderson and McCoy. Motion carried.

McCoy moved to approve payment SEH (Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc) in the amount of \$4,170.00 for Design & Permitting for the USDA Grant, it was seconded by Katschman. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried.

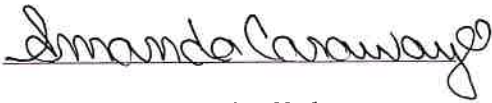
Gunderson moved to approve payment to ANP (Advanced Network Professionals) in the amount of \$1,440.00 for Agreement Firewall Management, it was seconded by Katschman. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried

McCoy moved to approve payment to Sioux Rapids Fire Protection Agency in the amount of \$18,169.97 for the City's Share of the Fire Protection, it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried

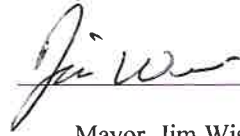
Katschman moved to approve payment to SEH (Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc) in the amount of \$7,089.00 for Design & Permitting for the USDA Grant, it was seconded by Garberding. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried

The next regular city council meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm at City Hall, 100 Front Street.

Garberding made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by McCoy. Ayes; All; Nays; none. Absent: Thompson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

ATTEST: 

Amanda Caraway, City Clerk



Mayor, Jim Wise