

SIoux RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 11, 2026.

The regular meeting of the Sioux Rapids City Council was called to order Mike Gunderson on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Lacy Garberding, Mike Gunderson, Susan Pierce, Christy Wernimont and Kevin Thompson. Mike Katschman was absent. Amanda Caraway, Holly Miller, Andrew Wetrich, and Brad White and other community members were also in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Wernimont to open the Public Hearing for Personal Property/Equipment, it was seconded by Thompson at 6:31pm. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried. City Council discussed the equipment to be sold, and how it was to be sold. It is the Orange City Pick and a John Deere lawn mower to be sold as a sealed bid. A motion was made by Thompson to adjourn the Public Hearing for Selling the Personal Property /Equipment at 6:32 pm, it was seconded by Wernimont. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried.

A motion was made Garberding to open the Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2026, at 6:33 pm, it was seconded by Wernimont. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried. The City Council went over the changes in the budget and reasons. A motion was made by Garberding to adjourn the Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2026 at 6:36 pm, it was seconded by Wernimont. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Garberding seconded by Wernimont to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes from February 11th, February 13th, and February 26th, 2026, meetings, and the financial reports from the month of February, along with the IPAIT statements, and BV County Sheriff's Report. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 2026 RECEIPTS

General-\$ 17,857.76:Road Use-\$ 6,793.76:Employee Benefits-\$ 226.50:Local Option Sales Tax-\$ 8,500.49:Fema-Flood 2024-\$ 250,000.00:Debt Service-\$ 302.92:Water-\$ 21,711.63:Water Meter-\$ 1.31:Sewer-\$ 15,686.58:Garbage-\$ 11,531.75:Storm Water-\$ 1,727.96:-\$ 334,340.66:

Suggestions from Residents – Amanda Caraway asked City Council would prefer if committees would come before council to ask to use the City Hall meeting rooms or if they would be able to schedule through the City Clerks at City Hall. Council agree they could schedule with the City Clerks at City Hall as long as Council as made aware of what was being scheduled and had access to the calendar.

Iowa Lakes Corridor came and gave their Annual Report and Business Update for the year. They gave a report on all the activities and events that they have held and the communities and individuals that have benefited from their help.

Amiee Barritt came on behalf of the Graeber Rowe American Legion of Sioux Rapids. She is writing a grant application for them to the Buena Vista Community Foundation Grant for \$45,000.00 with 50/50 matching funds. They are asking that the City of Sioux Rapids be a Fiscal Sponsor for the Legion being as the Legion is not a 501C3. The Graeber Rowe American Legion would use this money to replace their damaged flood from the flood with epoxy floors and with FEMA's help they have some of the matching funds. So, they are not asking for money from the City just sponsorship. It was so moved by Thompson to approve this request, and it was seconded by Garberding. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried.

Mark and Mandy Neely to see if City Council would be willing to abate road/lane that runs between them and the Evertex property. Council agreed to look into the process.

Kayla Koenig came before to give the City Council an update on her building on Main Street (the old Wagon Wheel). Kayla has come up with some new estimates and would like to move forward with the Community Catalyst Grant for 2027 funding deadline. Kayla is asking the City if they are still willing to be her sponsor for the Grant? City Council decided they needed to have a process in which to make this decision and how to move forward, so they have tabled this decision for this meeting.

Wernimont moved approve Resolution No. 922 – Proposed Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2026 and it was seconded by Thompson. Roll being called ayes: Garberding, Pierce, Thompson, Wernimont. Nays: none Absent: Katschman. The motion passed.

Garberding moved to approve Resolution No. 923 – Sioux Rapids Health Clinic Change Order #2; it was seconded by Wernimont. Roll being called ayes: Garberding, Pierce, Thompson, Wernimont. Nays: none Absent: Katschman. The motion passed.

Wernimont moved to approve Resolution No 924 – Sell of City Property/Equipment Sioux Rapids by Bid, it was seconded by Thompson. Roll being called ayes: Garberding, Pierce, Thompson, Wernimont. Nays: none Absent: Katschman. The motion passed.

Wernimont moved to keep the wages at the pool the same as last year and opened the manager and lifeguard position up to start accepting applications, it was seconded by Garberding. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried.

Amanda Caraway presented the City Council with a quote for some new software and explained why and what it was cable of. Garberding moved to accept the quote, and it was seconded by Wernimont. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried.

Amanda also presented City Council with a couple new options for supplement insurance, and it was moved at to deny both companies by Thompson and seconded by Wernimont. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried.

Holly Miller, Deputy City Clerk, came before City Council to talk about the offer from last meeting. She stated she would like to continue to work at the library 7 to 8 hours a week that would leave 32 to 33 hours a week at City Hall which would make City Hall a full-time position. She wanted to make sure that Library has coverage a certain day or hours when the Librarian was out. However, City Hall would still take priority. The City Council agree this was great compromise as long as we could make it work and City Hall was priority. Thompson moved to accept Holly's request of full-time position with library hours 7 to 8 a week starting on April 1st, it was seconded by Garberding. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried.

Garberding moved to approve payment to Graves Construction in the amount of \$73,501.75 for the Sioux Rapids Health Clinic 2nd payment it was seconded by Wernimont. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried.

Garberding moved to approve payment to North Central International LLC in the amount of \$2,854.09 for the Sterling Plow Truck, seconded by Thompson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried.

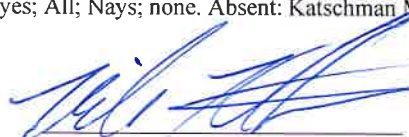
Wernimont moved to approve payment to Advantage Archives, LLC in the amount of \$1,2347.40 for Sioux Rapids Bulletin Press to put on online, it was seconded by Thompson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Katschman. Motion carried.

The next regular city council meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:30 pm at City Hall, 100 Front Street.

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

ATTEST;


Amanda Caraway, City Clerk


Mike Katschman, Mayor