

SIoux RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 09, 2026.

The regular meeting of the Sioux Rapids City Council was called to order Mike Katschman on Wednesday, September 09, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Mike Katschman, Mike Gunderson, Kevin Thompson, Susan Pierce and Christy Wernimont. Lacy Garberding was absent. Amanda Caraway, Andrew Wetrich, and other community members were also in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Gunderson to open the Public Hearing for STATUS OF THE PROJECT – SIOUX RAPIDS HEALTH CLINIC CONSTRUCTION, it was seconded by Wernimont at 6:31pm. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Garberding. Motion carried. Discussion on Status of the Project – Sioux Rapids Health Clinic was held. Mayor Katschman gave a public announcement as follows:

The following announcements are made in compliance with the public hearing requirements of the Community Development Block Grant No. 24-OT-003 received by the City of Sioux Rapids for the rehabilitation of the Sioux Rapids Health Clinic in Sioux Rapids Iowa.

1. Work on the Sioux Rapids Health Clinic Project was due to the damage caused by the flooding of the facility in June 2024. The project included the gutting and replacement of the existing plumbing, HVAC, and electrical systems as well as the updating of the vestibule entrance to provide additional protection from cold temperatures

2. The Sioux Rapids Health Clinic Project has a current overall budget of \$657,642.77.

Funding for the project consists of the following sources:

Health Clinic Foundation Funds \$ 88,642.77

Community Development Funds \$569,000.00

3. At this point in the project the City has spent a total of \$565,044.84 of which \$494,357.00 has been paid for utilizing Community Development Block Grant Funds and \$70,687.84 has been paid for with City funds.

4. While the work is moving into the finishing stages of the project the main portion of work remaining is the work on the vestibule which was significantly delayed due to the need for Alliant Energy to move a gas main and timing of when they were available to do the work.

5. The project is located at 113 2nd Street, in Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

6. There have been a few changes impacting the project as of this public hearing. These changes include:

■ A significant delay in timeline due to the availability of Alliant Energy to move a gas main that was in the working area for the vestibule addition.

■ Some electrical elements and upgrades for the new x-ray machine for the clinic.

■ Increase in the project scope to replace all the water mains in the building due to additional damage from the flooding.

■ Changes needed to the walls of the X-Ray room.

The contractor is on schedule for completion of the project by December 31, 2026.

There are no additional changes to the project at the current time.

There were no objections. And there were no other comments or complaints. Then at 6:33 pm, Wernimont moved to adjourn the Public Hearing for STATUS OF THE PROJECT- SIOUX RAPIDS HEALTH CLINIC CONSTRUCTION., it was seconded by Pierce. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Garberding. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gunderson seconded by Thompson to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes from July 29th, and August 12th, and 18th 2026, meetings, and the financial reports from the month of August, claims list for August along with the BV County Sheriff's Report. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Garberding. Motion carried.

AUGUST 2026 CLAIMS

-Ipers-\$ 61.75-May And June Interst And Fees:-Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$ 411.90-April 2026 State Withholding:-Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$ 192.84-April - June 2026 State Withholds:-Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$ 227.23-April - June 2026 State Withhold:-Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$ 226.68-April - June 2026 State Withholdings :- Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$ 204.11-April - June 2026 State Withholdings:-Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$ 136.38-Interst & Fee:-Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$ 453.10-April 2026 Sales Tax:-Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$ 556.25-May 2026 Sales Tax:-Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$ 571.55-June 2026 Sales Tax:-Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$ 531.38-July 2026 Sales Tax:-Treasurer, State Of Iowa-\$ 1,063.07-April 2026 Excise Tax:-Treasurer, State Of Iowa-\$ 1,296.77-May 2026 Excise Sales Tax:-Treasurer, State Of Iowa-\$ 1,473.35-June 2026 Excise Sales Tax:-Treasurer, State Of Iowa-\$ 1,163.87-July 2026 Excise Sales Tax:37978-Elite Epoxy & Floor Coating-\$ 22,931.00-Flooring At The American Legion Building/Bv Foundation Grant:38005-Esabella Perez-Pierce-\$ 215.00-Lifeguard Trainging:38003-Lukas Chindlund-\$ 75.00-Lifeguard Training:38002-Skyden Pounds-\$ 215.00-Lifeguard Training:38004-Grace Weier-\$ 215.00-Lifeguard Training:38007-United States Post Office-\$ 154.35-August Ub Billing:38014-Nick Wittmaack - 10047002-\$ 3.14-Ub Account 10047002 -412 2nd Street, Sioux Rapids:38010-The Daily Reporter-\$ 28.04-Special Meeting Minutes 7/22/2026:38010-The Daily Reporter-\$ 4.79-Meeting Cancellation 7/17/2026:38010-The Daily Reporter-\$ 38.30-Meeting Minutes6/22/2026:38013-Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc-\$ 3,126.00-Siora Water Supply Design - Usda Grant:38006-Winwater Sioux Falls Sd Co.-\$ 4,079.13-Clamps:38026-Ferguson Waterworks-\$ 2,281.65-Neptune 360 Subscription Yearly:38020-Heartland Tire-\$ 1,267.44-Fix Skid Loader Tire:38012-Sioux Food Center-\$ 1,569.44-Pool Concessions Stand, And Clean Up Days Supplies:38031-Blacktop Service Co.-\$ 1,792.65-Hot Mix:38028-Buena Vista County Treasurer-\$ 288.00-2026 Pool Inspection :38030-Bomgaars-\$ 173.76-Clothing, And Sewer Supplies:38024-Foundation Analytical Lab-\$ 973.50-Testing:38017-Iowa Lakes Regional Water-\$ 56.00-Utilities:38032-Advanced Network Professionals-\$ 55.98-Office Phone:38023-Gordon Flesch Company, Inc-\$ 326.53-Extra Copies:38025-Fidelity Sec Life Ins Co-\$ 108.76-August Vision Care:38029-Book Systems Inc-\$ 834.00-Annual Subscription Atrium:38027-Evertex, Inc.-\$ 107.28-Library Internet:38016-Jcl Solutions-Janitor's Closet-\$ 18.32-Soft Soap:38016-Jcl Solutions-Janitor's Closet-\$ 174.56-Copier Paper:38008-Town & Country Disposal, Inc.-\$ 568.53-Trash & Recycling Contract:38019-Iowa Dnr-\$ 210.00-Npdes & Operation Permit Fee:38022-Harold Rowley Recycle Center-\$ 2,772.98-Landfill Invoices July 2026:38034-Ag State-\$ 856.04-Fuel For Street Department:38034-Ag State-\$ 362.84-Fuel For Water Department:38033-Alliant Energy-\$ 6,510.24-Utilities:38033-Alliant Energy-\$ 1,618.07-Utilities-Pool:38018-Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperativ-\$ 1,023.11-Utilities:38015-Menards-\$ 102.04-Pool Supplies :38009-The Laurens House Of Print-\$ 156.92-Pink Envelopes:38021-Hawkins Inc-\$ 1,038.91-Chemicals For Swimming Pool:38011-Sioux Lumber-\$ 266.13-Block Main Street:-Efpts-\$ 1,839.12-May Efpts Payment:-Efpts-\$ 176.50-May 25 Efpts Payment-\$ 2,088.22-May 25 Efpts Payment:-Efpts-\$ 5,266.63-June 26 Efpts Payment:-Efpts-\$ 4,220.62-April 2026 Efpts Payment:-Efpts-\$ 2,925.60-June 2026 Efpts Payment:-Efpts-\$ 3,428.97-June 2026 Efpts Payment:-Efpts-\$ 2,922.59-Payroll #3 2026:Total--\$ 88,036.91:- General\$ 21,652.20-Road Use-\$ 5,400.56-Grant/Graeber-Rowe American Legion Post 394-\$ 22,931.00:Fema-Flood 2024-\$ 4,079.13:Water-\$ 13,853.97:Usda Grant Water Well-\$ 3,126.00:Sewer-\$ 9,902.24:Garbage-\$ 6,975.77:Storm Water-\$ 116.04:-\$ 88,036.91;

AUGUST 2026 RECEIPTS

General	\$ 16,137.07
Water	\$ 22,528.32
Sewer	\$ 14,925.51
Garbage	\$ 12,215.75
Storm Water	\$ 1,701.42
	\$ 67,508.07

The suggestion from residents there Gary and Jo Edwardson has a tree on their property that they took down, and it was questioned rather the City should have taken the tree down instead of them, because of the right-of-way measurements. Council discussed it and there is a difference between the old Highway 71 right-of-way and the right-of-way in the City Code. That is where the misunderstanding happened. There were a couple of other issues that were brought up. One of which was from the Hometown Pride Committee, they are wanting to apply for the \$3,000.00 for trees from the Iowa Living Roadway's Community Visioning Program, the trees would have to be planted on public ground, and Hometown Pride would organize volunteers to help plant and water and care for the trees for the first little bit. The city would help decide the best places for the trees and plan the best outcome. Council decided that they liked this plan.

Several of the main street business owners (the ones that own the blank lots) were invited to the meeting to discuss plans or ideas for Main Street. Everything is still in the planning stages, however if anyone has an idea or if the city needs help, they are here to help and open to any and all ideas.

Wernimont moved to approve the request of Beth Fraser close Main Street from 1st street to 2nd street on October 3, 2026, from 8:00 – 5:30 for Fall Fest, it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Garberding. Motion carried.

Cynthia Garthoff requested to borrow City Hall (the new library portion) on October 3rd for Fall Fest for a Chili Cook Off, Gunderson made a motion to approve this request it was seconded by Thompson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Garberding. Motion carried.

The Community Catalyst Grant Application was to be reviewed by Council; however, no one turned anyone in.

City Council decided that October 8th, 2026, would be the best date to schedule Fall Clean Up Days.

There was a representative from Sioux Rapids Model Railroaders, and they were just discussing their option for a new location and options for the future. County Supervisor Kelly Synder is helping.

City Council review all the bids that were submitted for the Phase 1 archaeological survey that needs to be completed for the FEMA Buyout project for 314 1st. Wernimont moved to go with the bid from Tallgrass Archaeology, and it was seconded by Pierce. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Garberding. Motion carried.

Wernimont moved to approve Resolution No. 948A – Award ESA Service for FEMA Buyout Program, it was seconded by Pierce. Roll being called, Ayes: Gunderson, Pierce, Thompson, and Wernimont. Nays: None Absent: Garberding. Motion carried.

Wernimont moved to approve Resolution No. 949 – Housing Buyout Approving Grant Agreement, it was seconded by Gunderson. Roll being called, Ayes: Gunderson, Pierce, Thompson, and Wernimont. Nays: None Absent: Garberding. Motion carried.

Wernimont moved to approve Resolution No. 950 – Housing Buyout Project Grant Administration Agreement, it was seconded by Gunderson. Roll being called, Ayes: Gunderson, Pierce, Thompson and Wernimont. Nays: None. Absent: Garberding. Motion carried.

Pierce moved to approve Resolution No. 951 – Pay Application No. 11 Sioux Rapids Health Clinic, it was seconded by Kevin. Roll being called, Ayes: Gunderson, Pierce, Thompson and Wernimont. Nays: None. Absent: Garberding. Motion carried.

Amanda went over the new contract that was signed this last week with Cahoy with City Council and updated them on the upcoming meeting on September 17th for construction updates.

City Council also discussed the option of rezoning different areas if need be to residential so that more housing or apartments could be built. No decision has been made yet.

Amanda notified City Council that the November Council Meeting fell on November 11 which was Veteran's Day so they rescheduled the Council Meeting. They decided to have the Council Meeting November 4th, 2026.

Wernimont moved to approve payment to Graves Construction in the amount of \$18,546.40 for Sioux Rapids Health Clinic, it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Garberding. Motion carried.

Wernimont moved to approve payment to Woodell Tree Service in the amount of \$11,250.00, it was seconded by Pierce. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Garberding. Motion carried.

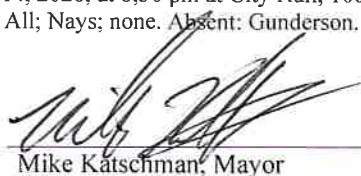
Thompson moved to approve payment to Simmering & Cory/Iowa Codification in the amount of \$2,000.00 for grant administration, it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: Garberding. Motion carried.

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

Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: All; Nays: none. Absent: Gunderson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

ATTEST;


Amanda Caraway, City Clerk


Mike Katschman, Mayor