

Council Meetings

Van Meter United Methodist Church
100 Hazel St, Van Meter, IA 50261

Joe Herman, Mayor

Council Members

Travis Brott, Mayor Pro Tem

Joel Akers

Jarin Young

Jason Barney

Joe Lake

City Staff

Liz Faust, City Administrator

Travis Cooke, City Clerk

Drew McCombs, Public Works Director

Sam Chia, Parks & Rec Director

Jonatha Basye, Library Director

Michael Brown, Police Chief

Mark Schmitt, Fire Chief

John Fatino, Whitfield & Eddy, PLC

Randy Johnson, Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.

*NOTE: All public comments require that an individual sign in at the beginning of the meeting. **Comments will generally be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per person.** Under Iowa law, the City Council is prohibited from discussing or taking any action on an item not appearing on its posted agenda. Any issue raised by public comment under the Citizen Hearing will be referred to staff for a decision on whether it should be placed on a future agenda. All comments from the public, Council, and Staff shall address the presiding officer, and upon recognition by the presiding officer, shall be confined to the question under debate, avoiding all indecorous language and references to personalities and abiding by the following rules of civil debate. • We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another. • All comments will be directed to the issue at hand. • Personal attacks will not be tolerated.*

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Civility Statement**
5. **Approval of the Agenda**
6. **Citizen Hearing**
7. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes of December 8, 2025 City Council Regular Business Meeting
 - b. Minutes of December 4, 2025 Park Board Meeting
 - c. Minutes of December 22, 2025 Board of Adjustment Meeting
 - d. December Claims List
 - e. October and November Financial Reports
 - f. December Building Permit Report
 - g. Resolution #2026-1 Approving CY26 Council Meeting Schedule
8. **Discussion and Consideration:** Resolution #2026-2 319 Van Buren Address Assignment
9. **Discussion and Consideration:** 29365 Hickory Lodge Tax Abatement
10. **Discussion and Consideration:** Resolution #2026-3 Awarding Contract for the Richland Road Trail Project
11. **Discussion and Consideration:** Resolution #2026-4 Set Employee Wages CY26
12. **Discussion and Consideration:** Resolution #2026-5 Approving City Administrator's Employee Contract
13. **Discussion and Consideration:** Resolution #2026-6 Approving the City Attorney Retainer Agreement with Whitfield & Eddy
14. **Discussion and Possible Approval:** Resolution #2026-7 Appointments to Council Committees and Board Liaisons for CY26
15. **Reports:**

a. City Administration	b. Public Works
c. Police	d. Fire
e. Library	f. Parks & Rec
g. City Engineer	h. City Attorney
16. **Adjournment**

Posted: Friday, January 9, 2026