

City of Van Meter, Iowa

City Council Workshop Minutes – January 27, 2025

1) The Van Meter City Council met for a workshop on Monday, January 27, 2025, at the Van Meter United Methodist Church located at 100 Hazel Street, Van Meter, IA 50261. Mayor Herman called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. The following council members were present upon roll call: Joel Akers, Travis Brott, Quin Plez and Penny Westfall. Councilman Blake Grolmus was absent.

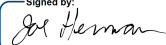
Staff present: Library Director Jonatha Basye, Fire Chief Mark Schmitt, Police Chief Michael Brown, Parks & Recreation Director Sam Chia and City Clerk Jessica Drake.

2) Brott moved, supported by Akers, to approve the agenda. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Pelz – YES; Westfall – YES. **YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (1)**

3) Brott moved, supported by Akers, to adopt Resolution #2025-19 Approving FY25 Interfund Transfers. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Pelz – YES; Westfall – YES. **YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (1)**

4) City Clerk Drake led a discussion regarding the proposed FY26 Budget including a brief description of the proposed FY25 proposed budget amendment. Highlights of the proposed FY26 budget include an increase in capital project spending on projects including public infrastructure relating to economic development activities, water treatment facility design, water main replacement, and street resurfacing projects as well as the funding of the new fire truck approved for purchase in FY24 to be completed & delivered in FY26. Recent legislation intended to provide property tax relief has placed significant limitations on property tax revenue available to local governments experiencing growth of which Van Meter is experiencing. These limitations will create issues in maintaining funding for certain programing into the future of the growth restrictions continue. The proposed tax rate will be in the range of \$14.10-\$14.25 to align with the Council's desire to keep the tax rate stable. Staff anticipates setting the date for public hearing on the proposed tax rate at the February 10 regular council meeting.

5) Brott moved, supported by Westfall, to adjourn. On roll call the votes were as follows Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Pelz – YES; Westfall – YES. **YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (1)** Mayor Herman adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

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