

- 1) The Van Meter City Council met for a regular council meeting on Monday, November 10, 2025, at the United Methodist Church located at 100 Hazel Street, Van Meter, IA 50261. Mayor Herman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The following council members were present upon roll call: Joel Akers, Travis Brott, Blake Grolmus, Quin Pelz and Penny Westfall (via telephone). Incoming council members present: Jarin Young, Joe Lake and Jason Barney. Staff present: City Attorney John Fatino, City Engineer Randy Johnson, Police Chief Mike Brown, Public Works Director Drew McCombs, Library Director Jonatha Basye, Parks and Recreation Director Sam Chia, City Clerk Travis Cooke and City Administrator Liz Faust. Members of the public present: Lynn Lyon, Neil Levine, Kathy Bradshaw, Paul Scieszinski and Sofie Herran.
- 2) Mayor Herman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Introductions were made.
- 4) Mayor Herman read a Civility Statement setting expectations of respect for the meeting.
- 5) Akers moved, supported by Grolmus, to approve the agenda with Item #7e and #7g moved to a future meeting. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Pelz – YES; Westfall – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 6) Citizen Hearing: Kathy Bradshaw, West Des Moines, spoke in opposition to the city’s rental inspection program and the inspector. Neil Levine, 414 Wilson St. spoke in opposition to the city’s rental inspection program and the inspector. Lynn Lyon, 5175 Kelsey Dr. spoke in opposition to the rental inspection program and the inspector. Paul Scieszinski, 414 Wilson St. spoke in opposition to the city’s rental inspection program and the inspector. Sofie Herran, Tucson, AZ asked for information on the potential data center development.
- 7) Mayor Herman asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda which included the following:

a. Minutes of October 13, 2025, City Council Regular Business Meeting

b. Minutes of October 27, 2025, City Council Workshop

c. Minutes of September 29, 2025 Park Board Meeting

d. October Claims List

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ALLIANCE CONSTRUCTION GROUP	ARLINGTON AVE PAY EST #5	110,664.58
ACCO	CHLORINE	558.9
ADAM BOECK	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	95
ADT SECURITY SERVICES	ALARM MONITORING SERVICE PLAN SEWER	172.62
AGSOURCE COOPERATIVE SERVICES	TESTING SERVICES SEWER	63.25
AINSLEY WATSON	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	90
AIYANNA DIXON	FALL 2025 SOCCER REF	120
ALL AMERICAN TURF BEAUTY	FALL APPLICATION	2,636.00
ALLIANCE CONSTRUCTION GROUP	ARLINGTON AVE PAY EST #6	1,140.00
AMERICAN UNDERGROUND SUPPLY	SERVICE SUPPLIES	36.01
ANDREW DEA	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	190
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES WATER	59.79
AT&T MOBILITY	PD CELL PHONES	277.69
AVEY WATSON	SOCCER REF	20
AYLA LANSMAN	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	95
BASE	MONTHLY CAFETERIA	30
BLAKE SKINNER	SOCCER REF FALL 25	55
BOLTON & MENK INC	VM/RICHLAND RD TRAIL PROJECT	66,382.62
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC	2025 BRIDGE RATING & INSPECT	990
CALVIN VERDI	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	25
CARTER CONSTRUCTION GROUP LLC	WATERMAIN REPAIR	1,000.00
CHARLOTTE GUNNUFSON	SCHOOL/LIBRARY VISIT	100
COLBY HERRON	TACKLE FOOTBAL FEE REIMBURSEMENT	7,926.00
CONTRACTOR SOLUTIONS	MONTHLY SEWER PUMP RENTAL	2,124.00
CORE & MAIN	HYDRANT REPAIR	7,415.00
CULLIGAN	WATER LIBRARY	77.11
DALLAS CO RECORDER	TRAIL RECORDING FEE	171
DANE BERNHARDT	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	160
DANIEL WIEBELHAUS	FLAG FB REF	30
DENMAN	FY 25 AUDIT LIBRARY	12,000.00
DRAKE WHITE	FLAG FB REF	30
EMERSYN BAHR	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	40
FENIX USA LLC	MONTHLY HOSTING CHARGE SEWER	328.75
FIRE SAFETY USA	5 STORZ X 6" FEMALE ADAPTER"	1,164.46
FULLER PETROLEUM SERVICE	DIESEL FOR GENERATOR	127.74
GABE SCOTT	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	55
GRAYSON ELLIOT	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	80
GRAYSON WIGANT	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	310
HACH	FLUORIDE	313.5
HADLEY BENGE	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	60
HEARTLAND BUSINESSES SYSTEM	IT SUPPORT POLICE	4,355.94
HUDSON SODERHOLM	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	150
INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS	LIFT STATION DEGREASER	641.71
IOWA CODE ENFORCEMENT	MONTHLY SERVICE FEE	600

IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	21.5
IOWA PUMP WORKS INC	ROTATING ASSEMBLY	2,961.00
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC	COMMUNITY DUES MEMBERSHIP	365
JACK JACOBS	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	10
JACK KRIEGER	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	105
JAKE COLE	STUMP GRINDING CITY HALL	135
JAXON BICKFORD	FLAG FB REF	30
JEM GONG-BROWNE	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	30
JIMMER PETERSEN	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	60
KADENCE WIGANT	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	115
KAEGAN WIGANT	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	85
KONICA MINOLTA	COPIER USAGE SEWER	162.45
LANDON LUKAN	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	130
LANE OBERMEIER	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	40
LAURA KUNKEL	CLEANING 9/28 10/12 10/26	75
LEVI LUKAN	SOCCER REF	160
LEXIPOL LLC	POLICE 1 ACADEMY	441.32
LOUNSBURY SAND & GRAVEL	TOP SOIL - CEMETERY	606.76
LOWE'S	FIELD PAINT	729.01
MAINLINE CONSTRUCTION	RICHLAND CULV REP PAY EST 3 RETAINAGE	1,840.47
MATHESON TRI GAS INC	OXYGEN	43.48
MEDIACOM	PD INTERNET	576.95
MEMPHIS VIS	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	10
MICAH HUNTER	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	20
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	GAS/ELECTRIC PARKS	2,400.92
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY RECPLEX	SOCCER FIELD RENTAL	656
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR	785.81
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	VIRGINIA ST MANHOLE	549
NATE SCHRECK	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	105
NIC WIGANT	SOCCER REF	355
P&M APPAREL	FD UNIFORMS	246
PENELOPE MARTIN	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	10
RACCOON RIVER RENTAL	DOSER BLADE RENTAL	775
STAR EQUIPMENT LTD	EQUIPMENT RENTAL-STREETS	210.9
STIVERS FORD	EMS EXPLORER REPAIRS	5,857.57
TAYESEN PARKER	REF CERTIFICATE REIMBURSEMENT	93
THORPE WATER DEV CO	MONTHLY AFFIDAVIT CHARGE WATER	400
UNITED UTILITIES & EXCAVATION	WATER MAIN P1 PAY EST #6	81,803.78
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WATER TREATMENT PLANT DESIGN	53,919.16
WASTE CONNECTIONS	GARBAGE CONTRACT	13,338.21
WASTE SOLUTIONS OF IA	KYBOS - BASEBALL FIELDS	1,168.00
WILL NIXON	FALL 25 SOCCER REF	25
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	10/13/25 MINUTES	323.6
TREAS - ST OF IA SALES TX	SEPTEMBER WET TAX	2,064.59
GATEHOUSE MEDIA IA HOLDINGS	10/27/25 WORKSHOP MINUTES	35.6
EARLHAM SAVINGS BANK	EFT ACH FEES	25
WEX BANK	AUG-SEPT FUEL FD	1,236.39
FORTE	POS CREDIT CARD PROCESSING	20.63
FORTE	WEB CC PROCESSING FEES	569.41
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE LIBRARY	8,542.13
DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL & VISION LIBRARY	762.32
ELAN FINANCIAL - EBANK CC	CANVA	44
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTAL:		408,036.63

- e. October Financial Reports (moved to a future meeting).
- f. October IPAIT Report
- g. FY25 Street Finance Report (moved to a future meeting).
- h. October Building Permit Report
- i. Resolution #2025-120 Approving Member to be Appointed to the Van Meter Volunteer Fire Department -Cunningham.

Grolmus moved, supported by Brott, to approve the consent agenda without Item #7e and Item #7g. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Pelz – YES; Westfall – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**

8) Grolmus moved, supported by Brott, to approve Resolution #2025-119 Approving the Van Meter Reimbursement Memorandum of Understanding with Microsoft Corporation. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Pelz – YES; Westfall – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**

- 9) Brott moved, supported by Akers, to approve Resolution #2025-121 Approving Arlington Avenue Street Project final payment and accept project. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Pelz – YES; Westfall – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 10) Grolmus moved, supported by Pelz, to approve Resolution #2025-122 Authorizing the Submission of a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Construction Loan Application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the Water Treatment Plant and associated Water System Improvements. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Pelz – YES; Westfall – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 11) Akers moved, supported by Brott to approve Resolution #2025-123- Authorizing Sale of 1999 Toyne Pumper Truck. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Pelz – YES; Westfall – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 12) Pelz moved, supported by Grolmus to approve Resolution #2025-124 authorizing Cash Rent Proposal for Parcel 1527300027 and authorize the Mayor to sign the final agreement. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Pelz – YES; Westfall – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**
- 13) Moved by Grolmus, supported by Pelz to approve fee waiver for the Van Meter Community Development Corporation’s Holidays are Sweeter in Van Meter and approve associated liquor license contingent of Thirsty Pigs meeting all necessary requirements. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – ABSTAIN; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Pelz – YES; Westfall – YES. **YES (4) NO (0) ABSTAIN (1) ABSENT (0)**
- 14) Staff Reports: Presented as written in the packet.
- 15) Grolmus moved, supported by Brott, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call the votes were as follows: Akers – YES; Brott – YES; Grolmus – YES; Pelz – YES; Westfall – YES. **YES (5) NO (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT (0)**. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Joe Herman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Travis Cooke, City Clerk