MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2026

26C-0385 – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Renner called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers at 101 Green Street on 28 September 2026.

26C-0386 – ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Gates, Johnson, Petitgout, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Wienen, Renner.

26C-0387 – ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Mayor Renner announced a quorum of board members present to conduct city business.

26C-0388 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

26C-0389 – REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

26C-0390 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments.

CONSENT AGENDA CA26-18

26C-0391 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

26C-0392 – APPROVAL OF THE COUNTRY FAIR WEEKEND AND HALLOWEEN PARADE PUBLIC PARKING LOT OPERATIONS PLAN

26C-0393 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUGUST 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

26C-0394 – APPROVAL OF BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS

26C-0395 – APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH GALENA COUNTRY FAIR CHARITIES, INC. FOR THE USE OF GRANT PARK FOR GALEN COUNTRY FAIR, OCTOBER 7-11, 2026, AND THE REC PARK PARKING LOTS ON OCTOBER 10 AND 11 FOR REMOTE EVENT PARKING

Motion: Wienen moved, seconded by Gates, to approve Consent Agenda, CA26-18.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Johnson, Petitgout, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Wienen, Gates, Johnson, Renner
NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS

26C-0396 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR THE FALL 2026 STREET REPAVING PROGRAM

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by Johnson, to approve the contract for the Fall 2026 Street Repaving program to BlueBird Contracting, Inc., with a base bid of $686,152.15, with an alternate bid of $152,317.70, for a total of $838,469.85, 26C-0396.

Discussion: Westemeier pointed out that this is a new company that the city hasn't used before. He is hopeful they will do a good job and that people on those streets will be happy. He thanked the staff who worked on the proposal.

Acknowledging that BlueBird is a new company, Tegtmeyer asked where staff were with the review process since that was noted in the agenda packet.

City Engineer Bryson Winsky explained that he asked for BlueBird's qualifications and references from previous projects. Winsky said that so far the references have checked out; the company seems to have the equipment and manpower to complete the work. Once the notice of award is sent to them, BlueBird will provide the bonds and insurance for the contract.

Johnson asked if BlueBird has completed a job of this size in the past. Winsky said the company has done streets and street patching but not to this scale.

Roll Call: AYES: Petitgout, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Wienen, Gates, Johnson, Renner
NAYS: None

26C-0397 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CONTRACT WITH GEOSTAR MECHANICAL FOR BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE INSPECTION AT $70.00 PER DEVICE

Motion: Wienen moved, seconded by Westemeier, to award the contract for backflow prevention device inspection to Geostar Mechanical at $70.00 per device, 26C-0397.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Wienen, Gates, Johnson, Petitgout, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

26C-0398 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION, ACCIDENT, LIFE AND DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES, HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS AND ALTERNATIVE HEALTH INCENTIVES

Motion: Tegtmeyer moved, seconded by Gates, to approve the renewal of the employee health, dental, vision, accident, life and disability insurance policies, Health Savings Account distributions and alternative health incentives, 26C-0398.

Discussion: Renner said it seems as though everything is increasing in price but that is understandable. The insurance broker is still double checking some of the dental costs.

Gates also pointed out the numbers will probably increase some because more employees will be added with the water and wastewater transition.

Roll Call: AYES: Westemeier, Wienen, Gates, Johnson, Petitgout, Tegtmeyer, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

26C-0399 – WARRANTS

Motion: Wienen moved, seconded by Johnson, to approve the warrants, 26C-0399.

Discussion: Tegtmeyer asked why the city purchases mulch from Dubuque. Public Works Director Jason Bingham explained that the Dubuque company is able to provide the quantity necessary as well as the specific playground mulch required.

Roll Call: AYES: Wienen, Gates, Johnson, Petitgout, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

26C-0400 - ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Advance thanks – Tegtmeyer thanked in advance everyone involved in all the upcoming October events – Oktoberfest, Country Fair, 20 Dirty Hands, the Halloween Parade. Gates asked that everyone be patient and vigilant over the next several weeks.

Thinking of Brandel family– Westemeier asked the council to keep Keith and Tina Brandel in their prayers after Tina's recent emergency surgery.

Street repaving – Gates is excited that so many streets will be repaved this fall.

26C-0401 – CITY ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

Culvert permits – Oldenburg said the permits have been requested with the state and federal agencies for the Galena River Trail repair after the design option was selected. There is a 90-day review period and the city has asked that be expedited.

Election petitions - Those wishing to run for seats in the April 2027 Consolidated Election can take out papers beginning Tuesday, Aug. 25. Wards 1, 3, 4 and at-large are up for election as is the city clerk position. Wards 1, 4 and at-large are four-year terms, while Ward 3 and city clerk are two-year unexpired terms. Papers can be filed between Nov. 16-23.

26C-0402 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Oct. 13 meeting – Because of the Monday holiday, the first city council meeting in October will be Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Thanks – With all the events coming up in October, Renner thanked the police department, EMS, and city crew for their work. He also thanked Winsky for the work he did to compile the street repaving plan.

26C-0403 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Wienen moved, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn, 26C-0403

Roll Call: AYES: Gates, Johnson, Petitgout, Tegtmeyer, Westemeier, Wienen, Renner
NAYS: None

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hillary Dickerson
City Clerk