

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 20, 2026

The Jesup City Council met in a regular council meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in Jesup City Hall, 791 6th Street, Jesup, Iowa. Public access to the meeting was accessible through YOUTUBE from a computer, tablet, smartphone, or telephone.

Mayor James Masteller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members were present: Denny Bell, Cindy Gosse, Andrew Hamilton, and Merritt Jones.

Absent: Craig Wright.

Motion by Bell, seconded by Gosse, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4:0.

Motion by Hamilton, seconded by Jones, to approve and adopt the following items on the consent agenda. 1. Approve the minutes of April 6, 2026, special city council meeting and April 6, 2026, special city council meeting. 2. Approve the City Clerk reports. 3. Approve the claims and give directions to pay. Roll Call: Ayes: Bell, Gosse, Hamilton, Jones. Nays: None. Motion carried 4:0.

CLAIMS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APRIL 20, 2026

WARRANTS WRITTEN SINCE THE APRIL 6, 2026, MEETING:

Accounts Payable	Payroll ACH - 4-17-26	20,594.95
IPERS	City and employee share, retirement	8,641.95
Farmers State Bank	Payroll Taxes - Federal, Medicare, Social Security	6,011.25
Treasurer, State of Iowa	State payroll withholding tax	1,302.40
AFLAC	Employee Paid Insurance	101.84
Wellmark	City and employee share, Health Insurance	12,466.78
Hartford Life Insurance	Life Insurance	150.00
Delta Dental	Dental/Vision	875.00
Employee Benefit Systems	Claims processing/self-funding	349.04

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AMAZON	LAPTOP/SCANNER/TOWELS - AMB, FD, PD	1,661.93
BLACK HAWK WASTE	MARCH CARDBOARD/RECYCLING	1,167.20
BOUND TREE	MEDICAL SUPPLIES/MATTRESS - AMB	970.87
BUGSY'S	PEST CONTROL - AMB, CH, FD, PD, WW	240.00
CITY LAUNDERING	MATS, MOPS, RAGS, TOWELS-CH, ST, WA, WW	143.03
DEL-CLAY	FUEL INJECTOR/1000 HR SERVICE – ST	4,145.92
GORDON FLESCH	TELEPHONES/COPIER - CH, PD, WA, WW	763.80
HAWKEYE TILE	MAIN BREAK FILL DIRT – WA	125.00
HAWKINS	CHLORINE – WA	583.98
LYNCH DALLAS	LEGAL FEES – CH	1,320.00
MEGAN CROSS	REIMB. MILEAGE IAMU/IMFOA	318.24
METERING AND TECHNOLOGY	METERS – WA	584.01
OPG-3	LASERFICHE/CLOUD MIGRATION - ALL	7,088.00
ROBERTS, STEVENS & PRENDERGAST	LEGAL FEES - BLDG, CH	1,268.75
US CELLULAR	CELLPHONE - AMB, BLDG, FD, WA, WW	109.56
UTILITY EQUIPMENT	METER VALVE – WA	121.93
VERIZON WIRELESS	MOBILE BROADBAND/CELLPHONE - PD	187.95
TOTAL		20,800.17

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Gosse, seconded by Bell, to open the public hearing on the matter of adopting the budget for fiscal year 2026-2027. Motion carried 4:0. The clerk reported no oral or written objections had been filed. Mayor Masteller opened the floor for any objections. Hearing none, the Mayor requested a motion to close the public hearing. Motion by Jones, seconded by Hamilton, to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4:0. The Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

City Attorney Heather Prendergast questioned the current and new levy rate. Council member Gosse stated that the current levy rate is \$14.43025 and the new levy rate will be \$14.30975. Motion by Hamilton, seconded by Gosse, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-47 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**. Roll Call: Ayes: Gosse, Bell, Hamilton, Jones. Nays: None. Motion carried 4:0.

CITIZEN INPUT

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Masteller commended the Ambulance Department on their community involvement with Winding Creek Assisted Living. Motion by Bell, seconded by Jones, to accept the department reports. Motion carried 4:0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Masteller spoke regarding the changes to the union contract. Masteller stated that the union contract is for three years, the deputy clerk position was removed from the union contract and a 5% raise in the first year, a 4% raise in year two and a 4% raise in year three. Motion by Gosse, seconded by Hamilton, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-48 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UNION CONTRACT FROM JULY 1, 2026, TO JUNE 30, 2029**. Roll Call: Ayes: Bell, Jones, Hamilton, Gosse. Nays: None. Motion carried 4:0.

Mayor Masteller spoke regarding the resolution supporting the construction of single-family residential homes. West Jesup Development is applying for a Workforce Housing Tax Credit grant. This grant would be for eleven homes in the West Echo addition. Motion by Bell, seconded by Jones, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-49 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOMES**. Roll Call: Ayes: Jones, Gosse, Bell, Hamilton. Nays: None. Motion carried 4:0.

Michael Fekkether, Public Works Director, spoke regarding the quote to asphalt Prospect Street from Main Street to 10th Street. The council discussed the 3-inch depth of asphalt versus the 2.5-inch depth of asphalt. Motion by Jones, to approve the quote from Kluesner Construction in the amount of \$60,656.00 for the 2.5-inch depth of asphalt. The motion died for a lack of a second. Motion by Bell, seconded by Gosse, to approve the quote from Kluesner Construction in the amount of \$72,360.00 for the 3-inch depth of asphalt on Prospect Street from Main Street to 10th Street. Roll Call: Ayes: Gosse, Jones, Hamilton, Bell. Nays: None. Motion passed 4:0.

Mayor Masteller spoke regarding the job description for a Street Superintendent. The council discussed what they would like to see included in the description. Motion by Gosse, seconded by Hamilton, to approve the 2018 job description for Street Superintendent and post a job opening for Street Superintendent. Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Bell, Jones, Gosse. Nays: None. Motion carried 4:0.

Chris Even and Erika Havlik spoke on the coordination of the upcoming RAGBRAI event. Havlik and Even discussed the theme, sponsorships from local businesses, and fundraising to pay for expenses related to RAGBRAI.

ADJOURN

Motion by Gosse, seconded by Jones, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4:0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Megan Cross
Deputy City Clerk

REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

	REVENUES	EXPENSES
GENERAL	63,304.06	99,404.61
ROAD USE TAX	23,805.07	.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	6,779.86	14,942.57
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	30,128.81	.00
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	.00	.00
DEBT SERVICE	11,176.17	.00
WASTEWATER TREATMENT	.00	.00
SRF SPONSORED PROJECT	14,261.68	34,261.68
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT	.00	.00
SPLASH PAD	.00	.00
VETERANS PARK	1,750.00	5,650.00
PROSPECT & HOPKINS STREET	.00	.00
WATER	36,665.57	89,911.10
SEWER	71,285.22	20,687.55
WATER DEPOSITS/SALES TAX	2,420.47	2,377.76
TOTAL	261,576.91	267,235.27