

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 6, 2026

The Jesup City Council met in a regular council meeting on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. in Jesup City Hall Council Chambers, 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 7:15 pm.

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

Absent: None.

Motion by Gosse, seconded by Wright, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Gosse, seconded by Hamilton, to approve the consent agenda and adopt the following items on the consent agenda: 1. Approve the minutes of March 16, 2026, regular city council meeting and the March 26, 2026, special city council meeting. 2. Approve the claims and give directions to pay. 3. Approve liquor license application – St. Athanasius School. Roll Call: Ayes: Bell, Gosse, Hamilton, Wright, Jones. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

CLAIMS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APRIL 6, 2026

WARRANTS WRITTEN SINCE THE MARCH 16, 2026, MEETING:

Accounts Payable	Payroll ACH - 3-20-26	21,655.59
IPERS	City and employee share, retirement	9,172.90
Farmers State Bank	Payroll Taxes - Federal, Medicare, Social Security	6,339.64
Treasurer, State of Iowa	State payroll withholding tax	1,338.88
AFLAC	Employee Paid Insurance	101.84
Wellmark	City and employee share, Health Insurance	11,765.30
Hartford Life Insurance	Life Insurance	150.00
Delta Dental	City share, Dental and Vision Insurance	875.00
Accounts Payable	Payroll ACH - 04-03-26	19,874.51
Farmers State Bank	Payroll Taxes - Federal, Medicare, Social Security	5,866.94
Jesup Postmaster	April water bills	314.96
Employee Benefit Systems	Claims processing/self-funding	1,126.14
Top Grade Excavating	Pay req #5 retainage SRF	34,261.68
Metering and Technology	Meters	59,686.58

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AMAZON	BOOKS/NOTEPADS/BEADS - CH, LIB, PD, ST	535.12
BADGER METER	BEACON HOSTING SERVICE - WA	188.69
BLACK HAWK RENTAL	DIAGNOSTIC FEE - ST	156.60
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	MEDICAL SUPPLIES - AMB	354.57
BUCHANAN CO HEALTH	DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING - ST	73.02
CASELLE	SEMI-ANNUAL SUPPORT - CH, WA, WW	7,320.00
CITY LAUNDERING	MATS, MOPS, RAGS, TOWELS-CH, ST, WA, WW	339.73
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY	200 GALS DSL – ST	798.00
CORKERY PAINT	POWDER COATING - PK	50.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY	PLOW BLADE/REPAIR SLEEVES - ST, WA	1,256.95
DAVID BECKER ELECTRIC	LIGHTS/SERVICE TO VETERANS PARK	12,163.48
FARMERS MUTUAL	PHONE/INTERNET - ALL	675.65
FEHR GRAHAM	ENGINEERING	8,714.00
FRATZKE, BETHANY	WATER DEPOSIT REFUND - WA	68.82
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY	CONTRACT/OVERAGES - LIB	66.42
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT 1ST QUARTER	172.12
MENARDS	POTTING MIX - PK	96.36

METERING AND TECHNOLOGY	METERS – WA	2,277.44
MICROBAC	WATER/WASTEWATER ANALYSIS - WA, WW	1,739.50
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	GAS, ELECTRIC - ALL	9,186.75
MIDWEST BREATHING	QUARTERLY AIR TEST/SERVICE - FD	677.47
OELWEIN PUBLISHING	MINUTES/PUBLIC NOTICE - CH	322.17
OVERDRIVE	EBOOKS/AUDIOBOOKS - LIB	845.31
PCC	MEDICAID ENROLLMENT RENEWAL - AMB	150.00
PETERSON HARDWARE	KEY BLANK/METER REPAIRS - LIB, WA	176.15
PETTY CASH	REPLENISH POSTAGE - LIB	4.25
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY	MONTHLY IT/COMPUTER - CH, PD, WA, WW	605.70
PRINSCO	STORM SEWER TILE PROSPECT & HOPKINS	283.90
PRINT EXPRESS	GOLF CART LABELS - CH	218.00
SPAHN & ROSE	GLASS INSERT - WW	93.54
STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROGRAM	178.21
THOMAS JAMES	GARBAGE – ALL	44.00
TREASURER OF THE STATE OF IOWA	SALES/WET TAX	2,640.50
UTILITY EQUIPMENT	METER CONNECTIONS - WA	153.00
VISA	ADOBE/AEMT/DOMAIN/DVD - ALL	483.56
WEX	FUEL – ALL	1,908.70
TOTAL		55,137.68

CITIZEN INPUT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Chris Even and Lisa Kremer, Downtown Revitalization Committee spoke regarding a Commercial Façade Grant program. This program is written for all commercial businesses, not just the downtown businesses. Even stated that this is a local grant program administered by the city and the goal of this program is to preserve the historic character of businesses while encouraging investment in building improvements. The objective of the program is to provide a 40% matching grant up to \$40,000.00 per property. This matching grant would be a reimbursement to the business owner after the renovations are completed. Council member Jones stated he would like this to be a modernization of businesses, not just to preserve historic character. The council discussed how this program would be funded by the city. Council member Hamilton would like the committee to discuss this program with business owners to see how many potential projects there will be. The council discussed the need for this grant program to be reviewed by the city attorney. The council discussed the amount to include in the city budget for this program on a yearly basis. Council member Bell is in favor of the program but concerned about using taxpayer money to fund the renovation of an individual commercial business. Motion by Gosse, seconded by Jones, to approve the City of Jesup Commercial Façade Grant Program, subject to review and approval by the city attorney. Roll Call: Jones, Wright, Hamilton, Gosse. Nays: Bell. Motion carried 4:1.

Jill Johnson, Vogel Insurance Agency, spoke regarding the renewal rates for the City property, casualty, and workers' compensation insurance effective April 1, 2026. Johnson has received the quote from Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP). The ICAP quote is \$108,418.00, which is \$14,825.00 lower than Employers Mutual Company. The clerk stated that the city receives a dividend check back each year from EMC. The council discussed the Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association quote. The council discussed the fire department certifications of Fire Fighter 1, the requirement of a physical by each volunteer and the required list of items that need attention that the IMWCA agent put together prior to the quote. Johnson will obtain this list from the agent.

NEW BUSINESS

Lucas Elsbernd, Fehr Graham spoke regarding the Water Tower Painting project. Elsbernd stated that the current design has the top of the tower as blue and the base of the tower is orange. The design has the City of Jesup logo and a J-Hawk on the top of the tower. This design can still be changed. The council discussed having the base of the tower as white because the orange color will fade over time faster than white. Motion by Wright, seconded by Gosse, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-41 RESOLUTION ORDERING WATER TOWER PAINTING PROJECT AND FIXING DATE FOR HEARING THERON AND TAKING OF QUOTES THEREFOR.** Roll Call: Ayes: Wright, Jones, Bell, Hamilton, Gosse. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Mayor Masteller spoke regarding the disposal of the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe police vehicle. Police Chief Evans has sold the Tahoe to Chicago Motors through the Purple Wave auction site for \$22,500.00. Motion by Bell, seconded by Hamilton, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-42** RESOLUTION APPROVING DISPOSAL OF 2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE. Roll Call: Ayes: Gosse, Hamilton, Wright, Jones, Bell. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Gosse, seconded by Jones, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-43** RESOLUTION INCREASING THE SALARIES OF THE LIBRARY ASSISTANTS OF THE CITY OF JESUP, IOWA, EFFECTIVE MARCH 28, 2026. Roll Call: Ayes: Bell, Jones, Gosse, Hamilton, Wright. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Mayor Masteller spoke regarding RAGBRAI coming to Jesup. RAGBRAI riders will be in Jesup on July 23rd, 2026, as the last pass-through town before staying in Independence overnight. The council discussed whether some of the riders would decide to stay in Jesup overnight and the vendor fees for non-local vendors. The council discussed lowering the number of miles from ten miles to five miles outside of city limits that would be considered a local vendor. Motion by Gosse, seconded by Bell, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-44** RESOLUTION SETTING DATE AND COMMERCIAL BOOTH FEES FOR RAGBRAI PER CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN THE CITY OF JESUP, IOWA with lowering the number of miles from ten miles to five miles outside of city limits for a local vendor. Roll Call: Ayes: Wright, Gosse, Bell, Jones, Hamilton. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Mayor Masteller spoke regarding the preliminary plat and final plat for the Douglas Street Third Addition. The plat is taking the existing three lots and now creating four lots. The developer can then sell the existing duplex to two different owners. Motion by Bell, seconded by Jones, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-45** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF THE DOUGLAS STREET THIRD ADDITION. Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Jones, Wright, Gosse, Bell. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Jones, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-46** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE DOUGLAS STREET THIRD ADDITION. Roll Call: Ayes: Bell, Gosse, Hamilton, Jones, Wright. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Mayor Masteller spoke regarding the quote to purchase a grass truck for the fire department. This is the first of the three grass trucks that the fire department would like to purchase. Motion by Wright, seconded by Gosse to approve purchasing a grass truck from Roling Ford in the amount of \$75,555.00 and approve upfitting the grass truck from Feld Fire in the amount of \$37,408.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Wright, Bell, Jones, Gosse, Hamilton. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Mayor Masteller spoke regarding the map and affected areas that need seal coated. Motion by Hamilton, seconded by Gosse, to approve the seal coating quote from Prairie Road Builders in the amount of 85,049.68. Roll Call: Ayes: Jones, Hamilton, Wright, Bell, Gosse. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Mayor Masteller spoke regarding upgrading our Laserfiche system to the cloud. Laserfiche is where all the city documents are stored. This will remove the documents from our server and move them to the cloud. Motion by Gosse, seconded by Bell, to approve the quote from OPG-3 Inc. to upgrade the city Laserfiche to the Cloud in the amount of \$7,088.00. Roll Call: Wright, Gosse, Jones, Bell, Hamilton. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Hamilton, seconded by Jones, to appoint Jason Thompson and Keith Wieland to the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried 5:0.

Council member Craig Wright stated that the Public Safety committee has met with two of the three department heads within Public Safety. Mayor Masteller stated that the job posting for the Street Superintendent is ready and may need a committee to conduct interviews.

Motion by Bell, seconded by Gosse, to set the public hearing date for April 20th, 2026, to approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Gosse, seconded by Wright, to set the public hearing date for May 4th, 2026, to approve the budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Bell, seconded by Gosse, to set May 9th, 2026, as the date for the citywide Clean-up Day. Motion carried 5:0.

ADJOURN

Motion by Gosse, seconded by Hamilton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5:0. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Koley Mead
City Clerk