

# CITY COUNCIL

## FEBRUARY 16, 2026

The Jesup City Council met in a regular council meeting on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in Jesup City Hall, 791 6<sup>th</sup> 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, Craig Wright and Merritt Jones.

Absent: None.

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

Motion by Hamilton, seconded by Jones, to approve and adopt the following items on the consent agenda. 1. Approve the minutes of February 2, 2026, regular city council meeting. 2. Approve the City Clerk reports. 3. Approve the claims and give directions to pay. Roll Call: Ayes: Bell, Gosse, Hamilton, Wright, Jones. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

### CLAIMS PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2026

#### WARRANTS WRITTEN SINCE THE FEBRUARY 2, 2026, MEETING:

Jesup Postmaster	February water bills	316.37
Accounts Payable	Payroll ACH - 02-06-2026	21,405.09
Farmers State Bank	Payroll taxes - Federal, Medicare, Social Security	6,659.42
Employee Benefit Systems	Claims processing/self-funding	85.00

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AMAZON	POLO SHIRTS – PD	391.59
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL	JANUARY RECYCLING/CARDBOARD	1,468.65
BOUND TREE	MEDICAL SUPPLIES - AMB	25.68
BUCHANAN CO FIRE OFFICERS	2026 DUES – FD	30.00
CITY LAUNDERING	MATS, MOPS, RAGS, TOWELS-CH, ST, WA, WW	250.38
CJ COOPER	ANNUAL QUERY - ST	30.00
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY	OIL – WW	77.79
DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS	REFUND OVERPAYMENT - AMB	131.29
DON'S TRUCK	WELD MOLDBOARD/SERVICE - ST	765.03
ESRI	ARCGIS ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION - ST, WW	400.00
EVEN, SHAWN	REMIB MEALS – FD	63.62
FEHR GRAHAM	ENGINEERING	12,970.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	FIRE EXT INSPECTION/REPAIR - ALL	1,192.00
HEARTLAND TECHNOLOGY	NEW PROJECTOR/WIRING - AMB, FD	864.55
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES – WA	22.50
MENARDS	DOOR LOCK - WATER TOWER	179.00
METERING AND TECHNOLOGY	METERS – WA	7,132.88
MICROBAC	WATER/WASTEWATER ANALYSIS - WA, WW	2,499.00
O'REILLY	OIL FILTERS - ST, WW	23.80
ROBERTS, STEVENS & PRENDER	LEGAL FEES - CH, WA TOWER, WW	1,137.50
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TOXICITY TESTING - WW	593.50
STOREY KENWORTHY	PAPER PRODUCTS - CH, PD, ST, WW	191.80
THOMAS JAMES	GARBAGE – ALL	44.00
TITAN MACHINERY	BATTERIES – ST	400.86
TREAS-ST OF IA	SALES/WET TAX	2,430.58
TRUMBAUER, BRYAN	REMIB MILEAGE/MEALS - FD	243.27

US CELLULAR	CELL PHONES - AMB, BLDG, WA/WW	376.97
VANDER WERFF, ANNIE	WATER DEPOSIT REFUND	125.00
VERIZON	MOBILE BROADBAND/CELLPHONE - PD	98.54
WEBER, CHRIS & LAURA	WATER DEPOSIT REFUND	125.00
WEX	FUEL – ALL	1,551.52
TOTAL		35,836.30

### CITIZEN INPUT

None

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Motion by Gosse, seconded by Bell, to accept the department reports. Motion carried 5:0.

### OLD BUSINESS

Lisa Kremer, Downtown Revitalization Committee, spoke regarding the downtown businesses for the CDBG grant. Kremer stated that there was not enough interest from the downtown businesses to move forward with the CDBG grant. The Downtown Revitalization Committee would like to proceed forward with a Catalyst Building Remediation program through Iowa Economic Development. The Catalyst program is for one downtown business per year. Kremer stated there is one business owner that is interested. This business owner would like to come and present a proposal to the council at the next council meeting. The council would like the committee to find out if there are other businesses that would be interested in the Catalyst program.

### NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Director Michael Feththether spoke regarding naming Blake Frush as the Water Operator. Frush has the certifications to be Water Operator. Frush will take over responsibility for the Water Department. Motion by Gosse, seconded by Wright, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-36 RESOLUTION NAMING BLAKE FRUSH AS THE WATER OPERATOR/SUPERINTENDENT AND SETTING THE SALARY EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 14, 2026.** Roll Call: Ayes: Wright, Jones, Bell, Gosse, Hamilton. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Fethkether spoke regarding the quotes for lawn mowers. Fethkether would like to replace both mowers this year and then go back to replacing one mower per year next year. Motion by Wright, seconded by Gosse, to approve purchasing two John Deere lawn mowers, including trade-in, for \$10,288.38 from PK Midwest Co. Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Gosse, Bell, Jones, Wright. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Fethkether spoke regarding purchasing two hundred water meters. The meter reader is a Windows 10 application and cannot be updated. Fethkether stated that all water meters will need at least the top replaced so they can be read electronically. Some of the meters will need the whole meter replaced. Motion by Bell, seconded by Gosse, to approve purchasing two hundred water meters from Metering and Technology Solutions. Roll Call: Ayes: Jones, Bell, Wright, Hamilton, Gosse. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Fethkether spoke regarding safety training for the city employees. Fethkether recommends the training through HSI. There are approximately 70 classes and they are all on-line. The council discussed requiring the employees to complete at least two training classes per month. Gosse questioned the city insurance quote from Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association (IMWCA). Gosse stated that if the city has insurance through IMWCA, safety training is free. Motion by Hamilton, seconded by Gosse, to table safety training until the quote is obtained from IMWCA. Motion carried 5:0.

Chief Evans spoke regarding a new 2026 Chevrolet Traverse. Evans would like to replace the 2021 Chevy Tahoe with a 2026 Chevrolet Traverse. Evans stated after upfitting the new 2026 Traverse, the total price not including disposing of the 2021 Chevy Tahoe would be \$53,242.19. City Attorney Heather Prendergast questioned paragraph six of the Additional Terms of Contract within the purchase agreement. Prendergast would like this paragraph removed from the agreement. Motion by Hamilton, seconded by Gosse, to approve purchasing a 2026 Chevy Traverse from Karl Chevrolet in the amount of \$53,242.19, subject to striking paragraph six of the Additional Terms of Contract within the purchase agreement. Roll Call: Ayes: Gosse, Bell, Wright, Jones, Hamilton. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Mayor Masteller spoke regarding the change order for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Sponsored Project. This change order is adjusting for final quantities. Motion by Hamilton, seconded by Wright, to approve change order #7 in the amount of \$23,298.25 decrease for the SRF Sponsored Project. Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Jones, Gosse, Wright, Bell. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Bell, seconded by Jones, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-37** RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT #4 FOR THE SRF SPONSORED PROJECT. Roll Call: Ayes: Bell, Wright, Hamilton, Jones, Gosse. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Bell, seconded by Jones, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-38** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING IMPROVEMENTS – SRF SPONSORED PROJECT. Roll Call: Ayes: Jones, Gosse, Wright, Bell, Hamilton. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Hamilton, seconded by Gosse, to approve **Resolution No. 2026-39** RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT #5 - RETAINAGE FOR THE SRF SPONSORED PROJECT. Roll Call: Ayes: Bell, Wright, Jones, Hamilton, Gosse. Nays: None. Motion carried 5:0.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Bell, to appoint Chris Even to the Planning and Zoning Commission, with the term expiring on December 31, 2026, Motion carried 5:0.

The council reviewed and discussed departmental budgets.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Gosse, seconded by Wright, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5:0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

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Koley Mead  
City Clerk

**REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

	<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>
GENERAL	81,335.55	95,822.30
ROAD USE TAX	28,878.58	.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	919.89	15,045.92
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	40,759.95	.00
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	.00	.00
DEBT SERVICE	2,060.24	.00
WASTEWATER TREATMENT	7,686.79	.00
SRF SPONSORED PROJECT	.00	.00
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT	.00	2,315.69
SPLASH PAD	.00	.00
VETERANS PARK	1,158.25	.00
PROSPECT & HOPKINS STREET	.00	72,873.85
WATER	38,965.24	14,738.92
SEWER	74,582.43	20,718.57
WATER DEPOSITS/SALES TAX	2,415.61	2,611.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>278,762.53</b>	<b>224,126.80</b>