

City Council Meeting
March 12, 2025

The City Council of Fonda, Iowa met in regular session at Fonda City Hall in Fonda, Iowa at 104 West 2nd Street at 5:30 pm on March 12, 2025. Those present were Mayor Don Wolf presiding and the following council members answered to roll call: John Wells(Via Zoom), Tim Hess, Brian Larsen, Cory Walker and Greg Statuer. Public Works – BJ Nieland and Mike Hinkel. A twenty-four-hour notice of the meeting was posted. Stauter/Larsen motion to approve the **Agenda**. Walker/Hess motion to approve the **Consent Agenda** Roll call vote: Ayes: Hess, Wells, Walker, Larsen and Stauter. Consisting of February 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Also including the following reports: Accounts Payable list of January claims, February Treasurer’s Report, February Balance Sheet and Delinquent Accounts Reports.

Business

MAGS – Judy Hess – Have new trees that will be donated to the City of Fonda. City guys will need to go around with Mags to determine where to place them. City Guys will need to water the new trees that are in the city park. Approved on a motion from Councilmember Walker and seconded by Councilmember Larsen. The following members voting aye: Hess, Walker, Larsen, Stauter and Wells. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Stewart Anderson – water leak - Approved on a motion by Councilmember Hess and Seconded by Councilmember Stauter to approve sewer credit of \$95.57. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wells, Hess, Larsen, Walker and Stauter. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

ISG – Engineering Report – Contractor Media Replacement – BJ reviewed the report with the council.

Media Replacement Bids - Approved on a motion by Councilmember Stauter and Seconded by Councilmember Walker to approve Bid of \$32,025. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wells, Hess, Larsen, Walker and Stauter. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Insurance Bids – Per the Mayor we need to wait till next renewal

Siepkner Insurance changes – Council reviewed the information and decided not to change anything.

Garbage – Pocahontas Landfill/Carroll County Landfill Comparison – No action taken

28E – Pocahontas County Sheriff Department – go with the per capita amounts and have City Attorney review it.

Homes for Iowa – City Utilities – Will have Todd Reiling install the Sill plate and fasten it down. City guys to do the steps.

Plumbing Bids – Homes for Iowa House – Mayor opened the sealed bids. Pedersen Septic Service - \$6,500. Ray’s Plumbing & Heating - \$5,900. Approved on a motion from Councilmember Stauter and seconded by Councilmember Hess to award bid to Ray’s Plumbing and Heating. The following members voting aye: Hess, Walker, Larsen, Stauter and Wells. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Pocahontas County Economic Development Alternate - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Hess and seconded by Councilmember Walker to appoint Greg Stauter as Alternate. The following members voting aye: Hess, Walker, Larsen, Stauter and Wells. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Pocahontas County Economic Development FY25 - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Larsen and seconded by Councilmember Stauter to cancel the \$5,000 payment for FY25 due to budget constraints. The following members voting aye: Hess, Walker, Larsen, Stauter and Wells. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

gWorks – Time and Attendance – Get additional information

Gworks Cloud – Iowa User Group Onboarding Meeting – March 25 - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Walker and seconded by Councilmember Larsen. The following members voting aye: Hess, Walker, Larsen, Stauter and Wells. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Help Wanted – Mowing – Post in paper

Help Wanted – Public Works Director – Interview to be held 3/19/25 at 6:30 pm

Capital Improvement Plan Charges to Utility Bill - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Hess and seconded by Councilmember Larsen to start the process to add to the Tax Levy. The following members voting aye: Hess, Walker, Larsen, Stauter and Wells. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-03 SETTING THE SALARIES FOR 2025-2026 - Approved a 3% raise on a motion from Councilmember Larsen and seconded by Councilmember Walker. The following members voting aye: Walker, Larsen and Wells. Nay: Hess and Stauter. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04 - RESOLUTION SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE CONSOLIDATED GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY’S FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Hess and seconded by Councilmember Larsen. The following members voting aye: Hess, Walker, Stauter, Larsen and Wells. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #712-2024 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 – WATER RATES, SECTION 92.02 – RATES FOR SERVICE AND CHAPTER 99 – SEWER SERVICE CHARGES, SECTION 99.02 – RATES OF THE CITY CODE OF FONDA – 2nd READING - Second reading approved on a motion by Councilmember Hess and second by Councilmember Walker. On roll call the vote was Ayes: Hess, Wells, Walker, Larsen and Stauter. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

NMPP Electric Rate Increase Memo – NMPP has issued the City of Fonda a 7% increase on electric. We will need to pass this on to customers.

ORDINANCE #713-2025 - AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE ELECTRIC RATES FOR THE CITY OF FONDA – reviewed and will move forward with Public Hearing and readings

2025-05 RESOLUTION 2025-05 - SETTING TIME AND PLACE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOLICITING WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS ON ORDINANCE NO. 703-2024 TO MODIFY THE ELECTRIC RATES - Approved on a motion from Councilmember Larsen and seconded by Councilmember Walker. The following members voting aye: Hess, Walker, Stauter, Larsen and Wells. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

AMI Project Update – reviewed progress

Nuisance Properties – 111 Queen Street – no action taken

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April 25 City Council meeting – Date Changed to **April 8, 2025 Tuesday 5:30 pm**

Council Member committee reports

Public Works – Monthly update

Adjournment at 7:51 pm Motion by Councilmember Stauter and seconded by Councilmember Walker to adjourn.

CLAIMS REPORT FEBRUARY 1, 2025 THRU FEBRUARY 28, 2025

AIRGAS	OXYGEN AMB	\$565.54
3E ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	GENERATOR WATER PLANT SERVICE	\$2,102.84
AT&T	CELL PHONES	\$354.87
BASE	HRA MONTHLY MARCH 25	\$30.00
BLACK HILLS	NATURAL GAS	\$2,504.76
BMO	CITY CREDIT CARD CHARGES	\$1,658.16
BOMGAARS	CHAINS FOR CHAINSAW	\$256.78
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	CITY CREDIT CARD CHARGES	\$255.59
CARLA BIRKLEY-COON	TOILET BRUSH FOR BATHROOMS	\$7.48
CARROLL COUNTY SOLID WASE	LANDFILL	\$1,005.36
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCA	FUEL	\$319.39

CITY OF FONDA	STREET LIGHTS	\$1,304.16
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	WHOLESALE ELEC	\$6,442.25
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$5,501.13
GFC LEASING - WI	COPIER CLICKS 1/25 - 2/24/25 & 2/25 - 3/24/25	\$506.16
I & S GROUP, INC	CHLORIDE COMPLIANCE	\$142.50
IPERS	IPERS	\$4,057.96
NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR	OLD BUCKET TRUCK - NO START	\$929.78
POCAHONTAS CO SHERIFF OFC	COUNTY POLICE COVERAGE DEC 24	\$5,500.00
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP	LIFE INS/DISABILITY INS	\$267.78
REBNORD TECHNOLOGIES INC	ANTI-VIRUS/REMOTE MANAG/FIREW	\$622.30
STORM CITY AUTO PARTS	FIRE DEPT - TRUCK MAINT	\$17.02
US POST OFFICE	JAN2025 BILLS	\$102.56
WELLMARK	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS	\$7,832.35
WESSELS OIL CO INC	DIESEL FUEL	\$1,539.56
PAYROLL CHECKS	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$20,283.30
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$64,109.58
	EXP BY FUND	
	GENERAL FUND FUND	\$22,331.36
	ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$5,975.94
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	\$3,478.11
	WATER FUND	\$6,760.10
	SEWER FUND	\$6,478.67
	ELECTRIC FUND	\$12,759.26
	SOLID WASTE FUND	\$6,326.14
	FUNDS TOTAL	\$64,109.58
	REVENUES BY FUND	
	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,903.83
	ROAD USE TAX TOTAL	\$6,417.05
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TOTAL	\$0.00
	EMERGENCY TOTAL	\$0.00
	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX TOTAL	\$4,876.37
	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING TOTAL	\$0.00
	DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	\$0.00
	2014 STREET PROJECT TOTAL	\$0.00
	WATER TOTAL	\$13,079.61
	SEWER TOTAL	\$6,192.84
	ELECTRIC TOTAL	\$45,559.15
	SOLID WASTE TOTAL	\$8,379.04
	STORM WATER TOTAL	\$312.72
	REVENUES BY FUND TOTAL	\$87,720.61