

MINUTES- Regular Meeting of the Collins City Council

- 1. CALL TO ORDER-** Collins City Council met on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 7pm at the Collins Community Center, 219 Main St.
- 2. ROLL CALL-** Mayor Alex Rainey asked for Roll Call. Council Members present: Dawnell Kennedy, Stephanie Smith, Stacy Howell, Stephanie Coughenour, Jerry Courter. Absent- None. Guests- Deputy Logan Powers, Quinn Albrecht, Mark Atwood, Marty Chitty, Deb Shepherd, Jennifer Luengas-Otto, Jeremy Vortherms. City personnel present: Public Works Director Darren Kennedy, City Clerk Katie Baldwin, Library Director Sara Coree.
- 3. APPROVAL OF POSTED AGENDA-** Motion by Kennedy to approve, 2nd by Smith, All Ayes, M/C
- 4. CONSENT AGENDA:** Minutes- July 9, 2026, July Cash Report, July Revenue Report, July Expense Report, July Treasurer's Report, July Accounts Receivable Audit Report, August Bills- Motion by Howell to approve, 2nd by Smith, All Ayes, M/C
- 5. JULY SHERIFF'S REPORT-** Council discussed several issues with Deputy Powers including burnouts, reckless driving, speeding and jake brakes on Hwy 65, passing lines on Hwy 65 (he referred council to the DOT for that). We also discussed agenda item #10 during the Sheriff's Report.
- 6. PUBLIC FORUM-** Mark Atwood asked what the process for reporting junk vehicles is and council advised on the process. Deb Shepherd asked why there are not speed limit signs posted in town. Council advised that there are signs posted on Main Street. Marty Chitty introduced himself as the Republican candidate for Story County Supervisor. Jennifer Luengas-Otto introduced herself as the new Story County Economic Development Director.

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CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ALLIANT ENERGY/IPL	GAS/ELECTRIC	6,746.03
ARMOUR ROOF CO.	CWC ROOF REPAIRS	6,500.00
BADGER METER, INC.	MAY FEES & SVC RENEW	819.66
BRIAN NETTLETON EXCAVATING, INC	WATERMAIN-STORY CO.ARP GRANT	61,044.43
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	PWD, CH, LIB, CWC PURCHASES	1,591.81
CENTRAL IOWA BROADBAND	PHONE/INTERNET	917.58
CINDY MITCHELL	CWC KEY FOB BUY BACK	10.00
CENTRAL IOWA SHORTLINE LLC	STAKE FLAGS, VALVES, FILTERS	71.73
CITY-CWC WATER	CWC UTILITIES	94.90
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	3,581.63
EMMA KENNEDY	CWC KEY FOB BUY BACK	10.00
EXCHANGE STATE BANK	SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX FEE	12.00
GARBAGE GUYS	MAY/JUNE GARBAGE/RECYCLE SERVICES	7,563.00
GANNETT IOWA LOCALIQ	PUBLISHING	859.23
GCMOA	GCMOA MTG.06-10-26	15.00
HOKEL MACHINE SUPPLY	PWD SHOP SUPPLIES	65.03
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	23.40
IPERS	IPERS	2,461.56
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSN	JUNE 2/JULY 1 METER READS	9,313.46
JEAN BIENFANG	CWC REIMBURSEMENT	19.14
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	THEISENS PWD PURCHASES	103.49
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	LAWN MOWER PAYMENTS	1,117.34
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	TRACTOR LEASE PAYMENTS	1,178.48
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SKID LOADER LEASE PAYMENTS	2,302.90
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC.	WATER TESTING	182.25
KSM CONCRETE SERVICES	FRISBEE GOLF PADS- TIF GRANT	4,540.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS	PWD SHOP SUPPLIES	208.21
LEAF	CITY SECURITY CAMERAS	8,127.38
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	FY27 ANNUAL DUES	639.00

MARGE PARHAM	CWC KEY FOB BUY BACK	5.00
MARSHALL COUNTY LANDFILL	JUNE LANDFILL FEES	1,404.92
MENARDS-AMES	FIRE DEPT. CYLINDER	310.55
MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INC	WATERMAIN CRS- ST.CO.ARPAGRANT	8,511.70
GROWMARK INC	PWD VEHICLE FUEL	3,571.67
POSTMASTER	CERTIFIED MAIL, STAMPS, UB POSTAGE	237.02
RJ ELECTRIC	CACC ELECTRICAL REPAIRS	255.81
SENSAPHONE	LAGOONS AUTO DIALER	299.40
STEPHANIE SMITH	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	37.80
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	JUNE WET TAXES	803.18
U.S.CELLULAR	PWD LAPTOP	58.98
PAYROLL	JULY	11,641.96
REPORT TOTAL		147,256.63

FUND	REVENUES	EXPENSES
GENERAL	3,793.23	9,820.92
LIBRARY	0.00	3,222.48
WELLNESS CENTER	2,391.72	7,661.23
ROAD USE TAX	5,473.01	5,733.74
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	0.00	24.00
EMERGENCY LEVY	0.00	0.00
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	8,336.63	8,127.38
DEBT SERVICE	1,060.37	0.00
TIF	0.00	0.00
2019/20STREETIMPR.	0.00	0.00
CACC & PARKS CAP. PROJECTS	0.00	4,540.00
SCHTF-OOR GRANTS	0.00	0.00
FEMA/STATE DERECHO	0.00	0.00
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT	2548.83	69,556.13
DETENTION POND	0.00	0.00
214 MAIN STREET PROJECT	0.00	0.00
WATER	16,749.95	19,866.10
WATER SINKING	0.00	0.00
SEWER	17,800.35	9,677.53
SEWER SINKING	5933.34	0.00
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	6,244.84	9,027.12
TOTAL FUNDS	70,332.27	147,256.63

TRANSFERS

SEWER TO SEWER SINKING- 5,933.34

7. Concerning the pooling of water that happens where 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Streets meet Hwy 65, Jeremy Vortherms from the DOT updated that the DOT installed the water intakes along Hwy 65 when they replaced the highway years ago, but the city is responsible for the maintenance of them

8. Jeremy Vortherms from the DOT explained that with the culvert replacement project they are proposing at Hwy 65 and 4th Street, the city would be responsible for relocating the water main that runs below the culvert. This would need to be completed by October of 2027. Council advised that the city is not interested in incurring hundreds of thousands of dollars of debt for this project, which would be necessary to pay for water main relocation, and they are choosing not to proceed with the project.

9. Motion by Courter to approve sewer credit- 707 Main Street, 2nd by Coughenour, All Ayes, M/C

10. Discussed the formal complaint and procedures the city can take regarding reckless driving with Deputy Powers during the Sheriff's Report

11. Motion by Howell to approve Resolution 2026-18. "Resolution approving the transfer of funds monthly to the sewer sinking fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027", 2nd by Coughenour, Roll Call- All Ayes, M/C
12. Motion by Howell to approve raising the cost of "extra garbage" items from \$10 to \$17 due to Garbage Guys raising the cost to the city by \$7, 2nd by Coughenour, All Ayes, M/C
13. Motion by Courter to approve engagement letter with Gronewold, Bell, Kyhnn & Co. for FY26 annual exam, 2nd by Kennedy, All Ayes, M/C
14. Discussed Story County Economic Development Group annual funds and how they can be spent, some ideas were mentioned- will add to September agenda
15. Tabled to September meeting- tree removal- 105 3rd Avenue
16. No action taken- this will be discussed during budget season- security cameras for west park
17. Historical Society roof leaks and CACC/Historical Society inspection by ServePro- city is waiting on those results and suggestions from ServePro- will add this to September agenda
18. City-wide cleanup day was set for October 3rd from 8am-12pm- will begin advertising soon
19. Council advised Clerk to notify Story County Housing Trust Fund of a city owned residential property the SCHTF could potentially purchase to build a house on
20. Reviewed resolution 2025-13 and updated Mayor Rainey on the employee evaluations that are to happen each year
21. **REPORTS-** **Kennedy-** Would like to split the funds up during budget season and have each council member work on a specific fund, to help keep the budget meetings shorter. Would also like to have 3 budget meetings rather than 2 meetings to help with the meeting length. **Howell-** Would like a letter sent to a resident for excessive acceleration. Alert residents to mow their yards and to not blow the grass in the street, per city code. Stated that some properties along Hwy 65 are looking especially bad. **Courter-** None. **Coughenour-** None. **Smith-** Asked for an update on the new playground equipment assembly. PWD has everything assembled and is ready for installation. **CWC-** Written. **City Clerk-** Starbucks (Nevada) fundraiser will take place at the CACC on August 22nd. Asked what size of dumpsters residents/businesses can have for the \$61 monthly charge. The consensus was anything up to 1.5 yard dumpsters. Asked for council approval to attend the Iowa League of Cities annual conference on September 23-25 in Bettendorf. Council approved this and approved up to \$300 for hotel costs. Clerk dispersed the FY25 Examination Report. Council will look this over and address any questions with Clerk. **PWD-** Written and verbal. **Library-** Written.
22. **ADJOURNMENT- 9:20pm Motion by Howell, 2nd by Kennedy, All Ayes, M/C**