

**BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
Monday January 5, 2026
At 6:00 P.M.
138 Jackson Street, Brooklyn, IA**

The Brooklyn City Council met in regular session on Monday January 5, 2026 in the Municipal Building at 138 Jackson Street with Mayor VanTomme opening the meeting at 6:00 P.M. with Councilmen Willy Wonick, Matt Goodrich, Bill McLain, Skip Solem and Leah Keller. Others present: Brian VanTomme-Supt. of Public Works, Sheri Sharer- City Clerk, Simone Bates with the Montezuma Record, Troy Meldrem, John Meyer and Amelia Eggert.

AGENDA

Motion by McLain, 2nd by Goodrich to approve the Regular Council meeting minutes from December 15, 2025. 3 Ayes, Wonick and Keller abstained, Motion carried.

FINANCE

Motion by Wonick, 2nd by Goodrich to approve the following claims. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Audas Sanitation, stickers	157.70
Audas Supply, recycling	8,086.50
BGM School, pool contribution	1,000.00
Brooklyn Mun. Utilities	5,449.54
Brooklyn Mun. Utilities, billing fee	299.50
Brooklyn Service Center, fuel	123.10
Brooklyn Telecommunications	339.79
Cintas Loc 22M, rug contract	130.08
EPAS, \$1 per member	20.00
First State Bank, W/H	9,422.70
Ford, Loren, hauled sand	1,027.90
Global Reach, monthly hosting fee	118.50
IA. Underground, digging permits	23.40
IPERS, W/H	6,011.59
John Deere Financial, oil for mower	52.98
Live Deep Publishing, legal publishings	140.20
Municipal Pipe Tool, sewer cleaning	41,821.50
Napa, supplies	256.43
National Sign Company, tire chains	650.84
New Century FS, fuel shop barrel	561.12
Omni Site, lift station	290.00
Poweshiek Co. Sheriff, contract	12,592.68
Poweshiek Water Assn., water purchased	13,120.80
Secur-Serv, annual computer maint	1,132.06
Treas. St. of IA, sales tax	3,142.07
Treas. St. of IA., W/H	833.85
Uline, vacuum City Hall	394.84
United Healthcare, life insurance	32.25
Visa, toilet & pesticide testing	320.30
Wellmark, premium	7,658.16
Wendling Quarries, Inc., supplies	1,042.70
Payroll	50,922.25
Total	167,175.33

2025 Wages

Sheri Sharer	56,218.32	Steven Plants	18,375.00
Brian VanTomme	73,429.23	Robert Hanlon	1,560.00
James Clayton	54,450.49	Tonya Lemire	9,037.50
Andrew McCulley	330.00	Andrew Day	1,232.00
Tamara Kriegel	1,980.29	Braden McClenathan	42,089.88
Marcy Vanwyk-Haddrell	16,341.65	Natalie Wilmes	47,328.82
Joseph Clayton	58,423.00	Matthew Goodrich	7,054.00
Laila Morrison	1,880.00	William McLain	920.00
Leslie Taylor	2,000.00	Angela Hurst	2,768.00
Samantha DeGeorge	880.00	Logan Allbee	2,688.00
Richard Wilson	14,046.49	Joshua Gerard	42,873.88
Dennis Solem	760.00	Katlin Fuller	4,086.19
William Wonick	800.00	Lauren McCammant	444.00
Nancy Klein	1,207.50	Julia Doyle	24.00
Traci Smith	53,126.96	Laura Emerson	1,083.00
		Toshia Williams	312.00

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

RESOLUTION 2026-01: INVESTMENT POLICY CITY OF BROOKLYN, IOWA. Motion by Goodrich, 2nd by McLain to approve this resolution. All Ayes, Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-02: A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FIRST STATE BANK OF BROOKLYN, IOWA AS A DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BROOKLYN, IOWA NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000.00. Motion by Solem, 2nd by Goodrich to approve this resolution. All Ayes, Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-03: A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE RECORD AS THE OFFICAL LEGAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF BROOKLYN, IOWA FOR THE YEAR 2026. Motion by Wonick, 2nd by McLain to approve this resolution. All Ayes, Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Troy spoke with Council about making the entryway to City Hall safer. He asked Council if they would be willing to go half on the project. Council would like to see some numbers to see how much the project will cost.

OTHER**Revenue by Fund for December 2025:**

General \$59,696.74; Fire Department Taxation \$11,746.66; Sidewalk \$1,204.00; Library \$11,070.08; LOST \$39,177.86; TIF \$4,456.71; Street Improvement \$585.46; Road Use Tax \$16,667.32; Employee Benefits \$4,471.15; W. Des Moines \$655.83; 2016 WWTP Rev Bond Sinking \$11,865.00; Water Rev. Bond Sinking \$1,376.67; West Des Moines Project \$35.80; Water Utility \$37,981.16; Sewer Utility \$42,958.00; Storm Water Utility \$1,419.77. Total \$245,368.21

Expenses by Fund for December 2025:

General \$46,379.01; Sidewalk \$20,745.40; Library \$13,398.73; Shop Equipment \$86.45; Road Use Tax \$13,843.33; Employee Benefits \$13,157.30; 2016 WWTP Rev Sinking \$15,190.00;

Water Rev Sinking \$140.00; Series 2016 WWTP (use to be TIF) \$8,820.00; Water Utility \$28,027.09; Sewer Utility \$25,454.16; Storm Water Utility \$19.60. Total \$185,261.07

Brooklyn Public Library fourth quarter 2025 report was available for review. Patrons: 2,652; Adult Non-fiction 65; Adult Fiction 1,511; Adult Total: 1,576. Juvenile Non-fiction 5; Juvenile Fiction: 957; Juvenile Total: 962; Periodicals: 60; Total Printed Materials: 2,598. Videos: 106; Audios 44; Bridges eLibrary 906; Digital Archives 2,900; Total Non-Print: 3,956; Puzzles & Boardgames 4. Grand total for quarter: 6,558. End of year numbers: Patrons we served for 2025 11,164; Physical items checked out for 2025 12,877; Digital items checked out 2025 3,323; Amount our patrons saved (from ONLY physical items) \$146,225. We had 51 reference requests. 354 patrons used our computers. 238 people accessed our Wi-Fi. There were 42 meetings in our conference room. We welcomed 22 new members and renewed 37 memberships. We had 286 participants for Story Time. 40 people came to book clubs. We provided books to 34 patrons via our Bookmobile. 303 students competed in our E-Sports program. 58 came to Friends' games. We provided notary services 174 times. Thank you for your continued support! It helped us have our best year to date! Sincerely, Josh Gerard, Library Director

Moved by Wonick to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Matt VanTomme, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri Sharer, City Clerk