BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
Monday August 3, 2026
At 6:00 P.M.
138 Jackson Street, Brooklyn, IA

The Brooklyn City Council met in regular session on Monday August 3, 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 and Leah Keller. Absent: Skip Solem. Others present: Brian VanTomme-Supt. of Public Works, Sheri Sharer- City Clerk, Poweshiek County Sheriff Matt Maschmann, Derek Mead with the Iowa Interstate Rail and Braden McClenathan.

AGENDA

Motion by Wonick, 2nd by Goodrich to approve the Regular council meeting minutes from July 20, 2026. All Ayes, Motion carried.

FINANCE

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

Audas Supply, July recyl	13,418.50
Brooklyn Mun. Utilities	4,368.86
Brooklyn Mun. Utilities, billing fee	285.50
Brooklyn Telecommunication	348.59
Brooklyn Vol. Fire Department, fuel	200.20
Caldwell & Brierly, legal services	150.00
First State Bank, W/H	4,575.63
Global Reach, hosting fee	118.50
Iowa One Call, digging permits	13.50
IPERS, W/H	2,174.02
Municipal Supply, Inc., meters	2,340.82
Napa, supplies	80.84
Poweshiek Co. Treas., closed landfill fee	250.34
Poweshiek Water Assn., water purchased	16,421.64
TM Home Service, mowing contract	2,950.00
Treas. St. of IA., sales tax	2,597.35
Treas. St. of IA., W/H	465.06
United Healthcare, life insurance	43.00
Wellmark, premium	3,829.11
Payroll	23,080.37
Total	**77,711.83**

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Council discussed with the Brooklyn Fire Department about the Iowa Interstate Rail train ride fundraiser between the Brooklyn Fire Department, Victor Fire Department and Poweshiek County Emergency Management. Motion by Wonick, 2nd by Keller to proceed with the fundraiser. All Ayes, Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Matt stated The Wall that Heals went really well and there weren't many issues last month in the City.

PUBLIC WORKS

Brian discussed parking issues on Adams Street. He feels there should be no parking on either side of the street as the street is narrow and Audas has a hard time dumping trash weekly and plowing snow on the street is very difficult. There are vehicles that are parked there for weeks at a time and they should be moved every 48 hours. The City Clerk will contact the Sheriff's Department to see what can be done before possibly making it no parking on either side of the street.

Mayor VanTomme discussed the South Orchard Bridge. He feels maybe a fresh coat of paint would make the bridge look a little better until the City can replace the bridge. Brian will look into how much paint will cost to paint the bridge.

Mayor VanTomme discussed with Council about appliances and furniture on the City curbs. The City has an ordinance that states these items can not be placed on the curb. The City Clerk will send letters to citizens who have placed items out on the curb. If they are not cleaned up in a timely manner the City will clean it up and send the owner a bill. If the bill is not paid it will be assessed to the property owner's taxes.

BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING

Council reviewed building permits.

OTHER

Revenue by Fund for July 2026:

General $35,631.08; Fire Department Taxation $1,229.63; Sidewalk $569.00; Library $2,074.99; LOST $23,956.46; Shop Equipment $2,000.00; TIF $1,203.33; Street Improvement $546.20; Road Use Tax $17,705.24; Employee Benefits $751.86; RIF $10,000.00; W. Des Moines $111.06; 2016 WWTP Rev Bond Sinking $11,845.00; Water Utility $40,378.37; Sewer Utility $45,622.21; Storm Water Utility $1,511.89. Total $195,136.32

Expenses by Fund for July 2026:

General $88,010.93; Library $16,765.15; LOST $2,000.00; Shop Equipment $10.99; TIF $10,000.00; Road Use Tax $98,550.35; Employee Benefits $12,097.59; RIF $2,000.00; Water Utility $25,268.04; Sewer Utility $30,901.07; Storm Water Utility $10.22. Total $285,614.34

Moved by Wonick to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 P.M.

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Matt VanTomme, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheri Sharer, City Clerk