BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
Tuesday September 8, 2026
At 6:00 P.M.
138 Jackson Street, Brooklyn, IA

The Brooklyn City Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 8, 2026 in the Municipal Building at 138 Jackson Street with Mayor VanTomme opening the meeting at 6:00 P.M. with Councilmen Willy Wonick (called in at 5:58 P.M.), Bill McLain, Leah Keller and Skip Solem. Absent: Matt Goodrich. Others present: Brian VanTomme-Supt. of Public Works, Sheri Sharer- City Clerk, Poweshiek County Sheriff Matt Maschmann, Simone Bates with The Record, Julie Winter with Region 6 Resource Partners, Rusty Clayton and Kim Bauman.

AGENDA
Motion by McLain, 2nd by Solem to approve the Regular council meeting minutes from August 17, 2026. 3 Ayes, Wonick abstained, Motion carried.

FINANCE
RESOLUTION 2026-26: RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR PAY REQUEST FROM PRAIRIE SAGE LLC, 134 JACKSON STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,000.00. Motion by Keller, 2nd by McLain to approve this resolution. All Ayes, Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-27: A RESOLUTION PROPOSING SALE AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PURPOSE OF CLEARING TITLE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE PERVIOUSLY TRANSFERRED BY THE CITY OF BROOKLYN, POWESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA. Motion by Keller, 2nd by McLain to approve this resolution. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Motion by McLain, 2nd by Keller to approve the Annual Financial Report for FY June 30, 2026. All Ayes, Motion carried.

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

Ace Pest Control, PSB	75.00
Audas Supply, July recycling & dumpsters	13,563.60
Brooklyn Grocery, supplies & fuel	411.88
Brooklyn Hardware, supplies	50.96
Brooklyn Utilities	4,307.70
Brooklyn Utilities, billing fee	286.50
Brooklyn Service Center, fuel	284.10
Brooklyn Telecommunication	340.51
First State Bank, W/H	4,651.95
Ford, Loren, hauled rock	514.85
Hach, sewer supplies	751.06
IPERS, W/H	2,292.12
Live Deep Publishing, LLC, legal publishings	135.77
Manatts Inc., tire repair	89.27
Martin Marietta Materials, road stone	796.82
Microbac Labs Inc., water/sewer testing	864.50
Municipal Supply Inc., supplies	104.25
Napa, supplies	105.55
New Century FS, fuel barrel	910.27
Office Express, supplies	261.43
Petty Cash, postage	79.37
Poweshiek Co. Sheriff, August contract	13,229.00

Poweshiek Co. Treas., closed landfill	250.34
Poweshiek Water Assn., water purchased	15,157.14
Prairie Sage LLC, RIF application	8,000.00
TM Home Services LLC, mowing contract	2,950.00
Treas. St. of IA., sales tax	2,439.21
Treas. St. of IA., W/H	471.80
UMB Bank, service fee W. Des Moines	600.00
United Healthcare, life insurance	43.00
Visa, sewer training Rick	575.00
Wendling Quarries, Inc., fill sand	278.08
Xerox, copier contract March	110.31
Payroll	23,422.77
Total	**98,471.11**

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
Julie Winter with Region 6 Resource Partners addressed the council in regards to the Commercial Façade program. In order to apply for the grant there has to be eight properties that would have to apply. Three properties are located in the flood plain zone so they don't qualify. At this time there is not enough properties to apply for the grant.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Matt informed council that calls were up last month, the jail is pretty full and the hours were up for the month of August. After talking to the tenants on Adams Street and mailing letters to the landlords, the parking issue seems to have resolved itself.

PUBLIC WORKS
The South Orchard bridge has been all painted and Brian is still waiting to hear from the water tower company on when they are going to clean the water tower. Mayor VanTomme asked if the cross walks downtown could be repainted as they are not very visible. Brian stated he would get some street paint ordered.

BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING
Council reviewed building permits.

OTHER
Rusty Clayton and Kim Bauman spoke to council about a recreational opportunity located out by Bear Creek Kids Campus. They are on the agenda for October 5, 2026 to discuss the plans in more detail.

Revenue by Fund for August 2026:
General $44,142.86; Fire Department Taxation $11,674.37; Sidewalk $571.00; Library $2,567.59; LOST $18,454.53; TIF $2,764.27; Street Improvement $464.96; Road Use Tax $22,037.15; Employee Benefits $394.71; W. Des Moines $69.35; 2016 WWTP Rev Bond Sinking $11,845.00; Water Utility $38,242.08; Sewer Utility $43,515.64; Storm Water Utility $1,367.69. Total $198,111.20

Expenses by Fund for August 2026:
General $63,075.71; Library $9,656.44; Road Use Tax $10,113.92; Employee Benefits $13,450.57; West Des Moines $600.00; Water Utility $30,949.00; Sewer Utility $26,060.32; Storm Water Utility $10.22. Total $153,916.18

Brooklyn Public Library second quarter 2026 report was available for review. Patrons: 3,566; Adult Non-fiction 63; Adult Fiction 1,477; Adult Total: 1,540. Juvenile Non-fiction 31; Juvenile Fiction: 1,945; Juvenile Total: 1,976; Periodicals: 72; Total Printed Materials: 3,588. Videos: 87;

Audios 0; Bridges eLibrary 1,031; Digital Archives 2,800; Cake pans 1. Total Non-Print: 3,926; Puzzles & Boardgames 7. Grand total for quarter: 7,514. We had 49 reference requests. 529 patrons used our computers. There were 36 meetings in our conference room. We welcomed 72 new members and renewed 147 memberships. There were 72 competitors for the weekly Friends of the Library Game Gang. We had 681 participants for Story Time. 23 people came to book clubs. We provided books to 35 patrons via our Bookmobile to Brooklyn Community Estates. 75 people accessed our digital archives. We provided notary services 112 times. And 229 young patrons participated in our E-Sports program. Thank you for your continued support! Sincerely, Josh Gerard, Library Director

Moved by McLain to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 P.M.

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Matt VanTomme, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheri Sharer, City Clerk