BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
Monday November 16, 2026
At 6:00 P.M.
138 Jackson Street, Brooklyn, IA

The Brooklyn City Council met in regular session on Monday November 16, 2026 in the Municipal Building at 138 Jackson Street with Mayor Matt VanTomme opening the meeting at 6:00 P.M. with Councilmen Bill McLain, Leah Keller and Matt Goodrich (called in at 5:59 P.M.). Absent: Willy Wonick and Skip Solem. Others present: Brian VanTomme-Supt. of Public Works, Sheri Sharer- City Clerk, Simone Bates with The Record, Jason Roudabush, Melissa Strovers with Poweshiek Economic Development, Rusty Clayton, Kim Bauman, Kathy Hash, Amanda Christensen and Jennifer Boelen.

AGENDA
Motion by McLain, 2nd by Keller to approve the Regular council meeting minutes from November 2, 2026. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Council reviewed Library Board minutes from November 2, 2026.

FINANCE
RESOLUTION 2026-32: RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYING THE INTEREST AND FEES ON THE NEW WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT LOAN NUMBER C0770R FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $14,070.00. Motion by Keller, 2nd by Goodrich to approve this resolution. All Ayes, Motion carried

RESOLUTION 2026-33: RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER AMOUNT OF $7,120.00 FROM THE SEWER FUND 610 INTO THE SERIES 2016 WWTP GO LOAN SEWER DEBT 257 TO PAY THE INTEREST AND FEES FOR THE NEW WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT LOAN NUMBER C0760G. Motion by McLain, 2nd by Keller to approve this resolution. All Ayes, Motion carried.

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

Ace Pest Control, PSB	80.00
Audas Supply, dumpsters	98.10
Bear Creek Insurance, new fire truck & plow truck	2,249.00
Brooklyn Grocery, fuel	397.58
Brooklyn Lumber, street repair supplies	21.99
Brooklyn Pub. Library, tax allocation	972.95
Brooklyn Service Center, fuel	95.50
Cintas Loc 22M, rug contract	147.63
East Poweshiek Ambulance, vet payment	1,330.00
First State Bank, W/H	3,302.67
Global Reach, website hosting fee	118.50
Harden Bros., furnace filters	96.00
Iowa DNR, Rick Wilson Waste water fee	30.00
IPERS, W/H	2,127.71
Itron, Inc., mobile radio	103.01
Live Deep Publishing, legal publishings	182.77
Manatts Inc., supplies	1,444.26
Petty Cash, postage	39.70
Storey Kenworthy, W2s & envelopes	179.64
TIP/REC, lift station	169.02

Treas. St. of IA., W/H	312.53
Visa, IMFOA conference	325.34
Wellmark, premium	3,829.11
Xerox, copier contract	90.50
Payroll	17,285.94
Total	**35,029.45**

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Melissa Strovers, Executive Director with Poweshiek Economic Development addressed the council regarding the opportunity for the City of Brooklyn to become a member of the organization's initiative to help promote and support the community. Poweshiek Economic Development works to identify grant opportunities that may help fund projects within the city and helps identify parcels within the city that may be suitable for new businesses or industries seeking property. A motion was made by Councilmember Keller, 2nd by McLain to donate $2,500 annually to Poweshiek Economic Development starting with FY27-28 budget. All Ayes, Motion carried

Motion by McLain, 2nd by Keller approving application for a 12 month Class C Beer Permit (BC) Commercial for Dollar General at 3973 V18 Road, Brooklyn, Iowa. Expiration Date: 1/4/28. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Mayor VanTomme updated the council on the plans for the back parking lot. The North side of the parking lot will stay the same. Contractors that are working in the city use that space to park their equipment there. Brooklyn Economic Development and the Brooklyn Chamber are planning on making a space where people can hang out and have farmers markets back in the parking lot. Any design will not hinder how the city employees come in and out of the shop. The next meeting is December 2, 2026 at 4:00 if anyone would like to attend.

Councilmember McLain contacted the City of Huxley and the City of Des Moines to gather information regarding the operational costs associated with splash pads and reviewed those figures with the Council. Council recognizes the positive recreational opportunities it could provide for residents and visitors. However, the City currently does not have sufficient funds available to cover the ongoing operational expenses, maintenance requirements, repairs, utility costs, and long-term upkeep. While the donation itself is valued, the City must carefully consider the financial impact of accepting an amenity that would create continuing obligations beyond the initial installation. After discussion, Council agreed to table further consideration of the splash pad project until January 2027 to allow for review of future budget projections and determine whether taking on such a project would be financially feasible for the City.

PUBLIC WORKS

Concrete was poured last week on Mills Street where it was gravel. It is all done and the road is back open. The city employees have been busy street patching and getting equipment ready for winter.

BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING

Council reviewed building permits.

OTHER

Brooklyn Public Library third quarter 2026 report was available for review. Patrons: 3,030; Adult Non-fiction 99; Adult Fiction 1,628; Adult Total: 1,727. Juvenile Non-fiction 17; Juvenile Fiction: 1,588; Juvenile Total: 1,605; Periodicals: 68; Total Printed Materials: 3,400. Videos: 56; Audios 4; Bridges eLibrary 1,118; Digital Archives 991. Total Non-Print: 2,201; Puzzles & Boardgames 32. Grand total for quarter: 5,601. We had 49 reference requests. 181 patrons used

our computers. There were 57 meetings in our conference room. We welcomed 29 new members and renewed 39 memberships. We brought weekly Story Time to 641 young people. 32 came to the monthly book club. We provided books to 35 patrons via our Bookmobile to Brooklyn Community Estates. 9 people accessed our digital archives. We provided notary services 72 times. 78 attended weekly Friends of the Library games. And 41 young patrons participated in our E-Sports program. Thank you for your continued support! Sincerely, Josh Gerard, Library Director

Moved by Keller to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 P.M.

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Matt VanTomme, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheri Sharer, City Clerk