

NEWSLETTER



CITY EVENTS

- May 7-** Library Board Meeting-
2 PM, Pioneer Library
- May 13-** City Council Meeting-
6 PM, Monet Center
- May 15-** EMS Meeting-
7 PM, Fire Station
- May 18-** East Marshall Graduation-
2 PM, High School
- May 22-** Fire Department Meeting-
7 PM, Fire Station
- May 23-** East Marshall Last Day of
School
- May 26-** Memorial Day- City Hall
Closed
- June 3-** First Day of LEAP-
10 AM, Community Center
- June 4-** Library Board Meeting-
2 PM, Pioneer Library
- June 10-** City Council Meeting
6 PM, Monet Center
- June 19-** Fire Department Meeting-
7 PM, Fire Station
- June 21-** City Wide Garage Sales
- June 26-** Last Day of LEAP-
10 AM, Community Center

CITY HALL HOURS

- Monday** 7-4:30
- Tuesday** 7-4:30
- Wednesday** 7-12
- Thursday** 7-4:30
- Friday** 8-12

LIBRARY HOURS

- Sunday** 2-6
- Monday** 10-3:30
- Tuesday** 1-6:30
- Wednesday** 10-3:30
- Thursday** 12-5:30

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

Water Rates for FY26 will remain the same as FY25, and the city retains the right to match any increase from IRUA.

Work has begun on the Water distribution Upgrade project. We appreciate your cooperation and patience while work takes place!

The playground construction is going well. Equipment is up, with progress being made on the landscaping. Anticipated opening date is June 1, so the city asks that you stay off the equipment until the opening is announced. Just a reminder: if you are driving your gold cart on the streets, you need permit. Swing by City Hall to pick up an application.

City Wide Garage Sales will be June 21st. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Post office to be put on the list.

LEAP will be taking place this June every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10 until 2, beginning June 3. To sign up you kid (ages 5-11) , visit legrandiowa.com or swing by City Hall.

If you are needing sand for the kids to play in, or just want some to play in yourself, there is a sand pile at the brush dump that is free for the taking.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY

Enjoy sharing stories over a cup of joe? Join us at the Pioneer Heritage Library Mondays at 10 AM for Coffee and Conversation! Mother's Day is coming up! Bring your child in Tuesday May 6 from 4 to 5:30 to create finger print magnet hearts for Mom! Always losing your page? Join us on May 8 from 2 to 4 PM to make a beaded bookmark to solve that problem!

Join us and learn how to make molded mints on Wednesday, May 14 at 10:30! Call the library to sign up. and space is limited to 15.

The second Nei3a luncheon will be May 15 at noon for ages 60+. Please call the library during open hours to sign up.

With graduation season in full swing, please be aware that parking around the library may be limited on Sundays, due to graduation parties being hosted in the Community Center and Monet Center.

The library will be closed for Memorial Day Monday, May 26. Thanks to grant money, local donations and donations from Dollar General in Le Grand, the Little Free Pantry continues to be open. The Pantry is located in the library lobby and is open during library hours. If you have any questions, please contact the library at 641-479-2122.

April 1 2025 Proposed Tax Levy Hearing

The Le Grand City Council held a Special Meeting at the Monet Center at 6:00 PM, April 1, 2025 with Mayor Jodi L Abrahams presiding. Roll call: Judy Cecak, Lou Ann Cooling, Troy Underhill, Don Weitzell. Absent: Todd Parrish. Also Attending: KyLee Stone-City Clerk/Treasurer, Rod Fehrmann-Public Works, Andrew Lynn- Public Works. 3 citizens attending.

Approval of Agenda: J Cecak motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 4-0. Carried.

Mayor opened the Public Hearing regarding the FY26 Proposed Property Tax Levy at 6:00 PM. Citizen questioned the amount being asked for. Clerk stated it is based on cost of expenses and revenue and the city's ability to handle inflation of costs. Citizen asked how the city determines the homeowner's property assessment. Clerk stated that the city does not establish how much the citizen's property is worth, but the county is the one to establish that amount.

T Underhill motioned to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by D Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-0. Carried.

D Weitzell motioned to adjourn. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 4-0. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted, KyLee Stone

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April 1 2025 Special Council Meeting

The Le Grand City Council held a Special Meeting at the Monet Center at 6:30 PM, April 1, 2025 with Mayor Jodi L Abrahams presiding. Roll call: Judy Cecak, Lou Ann Cooling, Troy Underhill, Don Weitzell. Absent: Todd Parrish. Also Attending: KyLee Stone-City Clerk/Treasurer, Rod Fehrmann-Public Works, Andrew Lynn- Public Works. 3 citizens attending.

Approval of Agenda: T Underhill motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by D Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-0. Carried.

Mayor J Abrahams opened the discussion regarding the FY26 Property Tax and Budget. Mayor stated that the item was on the agenda to allow for any discussion following the Property Tax hearing and that the budget is ready to go. No council input given. Clerk stated that the best date to have a Public Hearing for the adoption of the budget would be April 16th at 6 PM. Council was in agreement for the date. J Cecak motioned to approve Resolution No 27-2025, A Resolution Fixing a Date for Public Hearing for the Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 4-0. Carried.

Mayor J Abrahams opened the discussion regarding Resolution No 28-2025, A Resolution Approving Contract and Performance and/or Payment Bonds for the Water Distribution System Improvements Project. L Wilson, CGA Project Manager, presented. Contracts have been received from the contractor and the bonding and paperwork is in place. L Wilson stated that the next steps are to approve contracts so the mayor can sign and send all paperwork back to Dorsey and Whitney. The April 8 meeting will have a resolution to set a public hearing on the loan with the hearing being at the May council meeting and approve the loan by resolution at the May meeting as well. L Wilson stated that this would close the loan at the end of May and the city would be able to start drawing on that. L Wilson stated that he will coordinate a Pre-Construction meeting for the project within the next few weeks and hopefully the contractor will be starting shortly after that. Mayor questioned who should be present at the Pre-Construction meeting. L Wilson stated that typically it would be Public Works, sometimes the Mayor and a Water or Sewer Committee member, the clerk, the contractor and sub-contractors and any utility providers that want to come. L Wilson stated that once they have the notice to proceed, there will be a door hanger to be posted for the project including a brief map and timeline, as well as notices for City Hall. L Cooling motioned to approve Resolution No 28-2025. Seconded by J Cecak. Roll Call: 4-0. Carried.

J Cecak motioned to adjourn. Seconded by T Underhill. Roll Call: 4-0. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, KyLee Stone, City Clerk/Treasurer.

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April 8 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

The Le Grand City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Monet Center with Mayor, Jodi L Abrahams, presiding. 6 citizens attending.

Roll Call: Jodi L Abrahams, Judy Cecak, Todd Parrish, Lou Ann Cooling, Troy Underhill, Don Weitzell. Also attending: KyLee Stone- City Clerk/Treasurer, Rod Fehrmann- Public Works Director.

Prior to approval of the agenda, Mayor requested that item 15 be tabled until the April 16, 2025 Special Meeting. J Cecak motioned to approve the agenda with the removal of item 15. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Amended Urban Revitalization Plan for the Le Grand Urban Revitalization Area at 6:01 PM. No public or council comments made. J Cecak motioned to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

T Underhill motioned to approve Resolution No 29-2025, A Resolution Adopting Restated Plan for the Le Grand Urban Revitalization Area. Seconded by T Parrish. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

L Cooling motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by D Weitzell. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

Consent Agenda: A. March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. B. March 2025 Financial Reports. C. April 2025 Claims for Payment.

Departmental Reports: Deputy Cecak gave the report for Marshall County Sheriff's Office. 34 documented business checks, 86 miscellaneous patrol sessions, 4 park checks, 1 council meeting, 5 school checks, 6 school traffic, 1 traffic stop, 6 calls for service.

Public Works Director gave the report for Water/Wastewater. 23 meters left to change to radio read and 3 lead checks left to complete. 283 meters are now radio read. Public Works is waiting on a response from Municipal Pipe for a date for sewer jetting and televising.

Public Works Director gave the report for RUT. Brush dump is now open to the public Fridays at 8 AM to Mondays at 2 PM. Public Works has been working on the storm drain at the end of Main Street but is waiting on KB Excavating to come finish digging it out. Once temperatures are above 70 degrees, Public Works will be doing cold patching and line painting.

Library Liaison L Cooling read the report for the Library. March door count was 828 and 306 check outs for the month. 558 eBooks have been checked out for this year so far. April programs are in the city newsletter.

Parks & Rec member L Wilson gave the report for Parks and Rec. The new fridge is in the Community Center. Easter event is April 12 from 8:30 AM to 10 AM with an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 AM. Playground equipment is ordered and the project is on track for the June 1 completion date.

Assistant Chief gave the report for Fire/EMS. 10 fire calls in March. Fire department would like an agenda item for May to be approved for a grant application for a gear washer. Pancake Breakfast will be April 26 from 7:30 AM to 10 AM. 13 EMS Calls in March. Total calls for first quarter is 39. Call logs will be submitted to City Hall at the end of May.

City Clerk gave the report for Clerk. IPAIT gained approximately \$2,993.00 in March. Total interest earned since enrolling in IPAIT is approximately \$12,300.00. Clerk recommended council review the cash report and consider increasing the amount of funds invested in IPAIT. Clerk will be absent April 10 and April 14.

Due to changes to the ordinance, Mayor re-read the first reading of Ordinance 255, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Le Grand, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Service Rates. The water service rates for FY26 shall remain at the same amount as FY25 for both residential and commercial customers. L Cooling motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 255. Seconded by J Cecak. Roll Call: Weitzell-Y, Underhill-Y, Parrish-Y, Cecak-Y, Cooling-Y. 5-0. Carried. No motion made to suspend second reading.

Mayor read the third reading of Ordinance 256, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Le Grand, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Rates. The sewer service rates for FY26 shall remain at the same amount as FY25 for both residential and commercial customers. D Weitzell motioned to approve the third reading of Ordinance 256. Seconded by T Parrish. Roll Call: Cecak-Y, Weitzell-Y, Cooling-Y, Parrish-Y, Underhill-Y. 5-0. Carried. J Cecak motioned to approve the adoption of Ordinance 256. Seconded by L Cooling, Roll Call: Underhill-Y, Cooling-Y, Parrish-Y, Weitzell-Y, Cecak-Y. 5-0. Carried.

Mayor read the second reading of Ordinance 257, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Le Grand, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Solid Waste Licensing. The fee for a Solid Waste Collector Permit will increase from \$25.00 to \$75.00. T Parrish motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance 257. Seconded by J Cecak. Roll Call: Underhill-Y, Cooling-Y, Cecak-Y, Parrish-Y, Weitzell-Y. 5-0. Carried.

Mayor tabled the first reading of Ordinance 258, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Le Grand, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Service Systems.

CGA Project manager L Wilson gave the update on the 23-WD-0053 Water Distribution Project. The preconstruction meeting is set for April 16 at 10 AM at the Monet Center with all utility companies and contractors have confirmed their attendance, as well as the DNR, Dorsey & Whitney, Region 6 and Tim Oswald from Piper Sandler. L Wilson stated that the contractor will possibly start on the project within a week or two of the preconstruction meeting. L Wilson stated that Resolution 31-2025 is to set a not to exceed principal amount for the SRF loan and the amount is lower than what was anticipated. The amount is calculated by adding all costs for the project and a small SRF fee minus what was granted in CDBG funding. L Wilson stated that the Public Hearing will be at the May meeting and with approval at the meeting, the loan will be set to close May 30. L Cooling motioned to approve Resolution No 30-2025, A Resolution Approving Acceptance of Engineering Invoice#503018 in the amount of \$286.00 for the 23-WD-0053 Le Grand Water Main System Improvements Project by Clapsaddle-Garber Associate (CGA) of Marshalltown, Iowa for the City of Le Grand, Iowa. Seconded by D Weitzell. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried. T Parrish questioned a line regarding property tax in Resolution 31-2025. L Wilson stated that Dorsey & Whitney placed the wording as a just in case solution for funding for the project. T Parrish motioned to approve Resolution No 31-2025, A Resolution to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter Into a General Obligation Water Improvement Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to Borrow Money thereunder in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$397,000.00. The resolution sets the hearing date as May 13, 2025 at 6 PM. Seconded by J Cecak. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

Parks & Rec Board Member L Wilson spoke regarding the Parks & Rec Playground Update project. The Parks & Rec board received 3 bids for the pickleball courts and bids were reviewed at City Hall. Bidders were Con-Struct, M-town Asphalt and Paving, and A&A Concrete, with the low bid being A&A Concrete. L Wilson stated that the bid not only included the concrete for the pickleball courts, but also concrete pads for the benches, a concrete sidewalk to the courts, installation of the nets and posts and any grading that would need to be completed. A&A Concrete could potentially start in late April or early May with a possible completion day of June 1. T Underhill questioned if there were going to be fences around the pickleball courts. L Wilson stated that there were not going to be fences, as the cost was greater than what was funded. The courts will also be concrete, not a specialty surface due to cost. T Underhill motioned to approve Resolution No 32-2025, A Resolution Approving Acceptance of Engineering Invoice# 503089 in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the 25-DS-0069 Le Grand Pickleball Courts by Clapsaddle-Garber Associate (CGA) of Marshalltown, Iowa for the City of Le Grand, Iowa. Seconded by J Cecak. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried. J Cecak motioned to approve Resolution No 33-2025, A Resolution Approve Contract from A&A Concrete for the Le Grand Parks & Recreation Playground Project Pickleball Courts. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

Clerk opened the discussion on Resolution 34-2025, A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from Fire and EMS Savings into Fire Capital Reserve: Emergency Service Equipment for the Remaining Balance of Interest Earned. The transfer is for interest earned for Fire and EMS savings that were not transferred prior in the amount of \$26.62. D Weitzell motioned to approve Resolution 34-2025. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

Mayor opened the discussion regarding Security Cameras for City Hall. BDH has supplied an updated and current quote for 3 cameras, as well as installation for \$1,665.00. There will be two outdoor cameras and one camera inside. Clerk stated that it is a one-time fee, with no recurring fees and the installation fee is correct due to the wiring already being in place. D Weitzell questioned if the cameras would have audio capabilities? Mayor stated that all cameras have audio capabilities. J Cecak motioned to approve the quote from BDH in the amount of \$1,665.00. Seconded by T Underhill. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried. The policy has one change, changing "city manager" to "mayor". Assistant Fire Chief requested a copy of the policy once approved. D Weitzell motioned to approve Resolution No 36-2025, A Resolution Establishing Policy & Procedures for the use of Security Cameras Located on City Property in Le Grand, Iowa. Seconded by T Parrish. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

Mayor opened the discussion on the Policy Book. There are three resolutions to approve for retiring old policies, approving new or amended procedures and approving the policy book. Mayor stated it has been a long time since the policy book has been updated. Public Works and City hall staff have reviewed their policies to ensure they are current and correct. J Cecak motioned to approve Resolution No 37-2025, A Resolution Authorizing the Retirement of Outdated Policies for the City of Le Grand, Iowa. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried. D Weitzell motioned to approve Resolution No 38-2025, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving New & Updated City Policies for the City of Le Grand, Iowa. Seconded by J Cecak. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried. J Cecak motioned to approve Resolution No 39-2025, A Resolution Approving the City of Le Grand Policies & Procedures Manual. Seconded by D Weitzell. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

Public Works Director opened the discussion on the 302 S Prairie St Culvert issue. The issue with the culvert is that it holds water and is always wet around it due to the Right Of Way being lower than the culvert. Public Works Director stated that he believes the best solution would be to put a drain in and then tile it down. Public Works hasn't had KB Excavating look at it, and also may ask Brian Hoover to look at it. T Parrish questioned if the quote will be presented at the May meeting. Public Works stated that it will be. Mayor questioned if there would be enough in the current FY budget to cover the project or if it would need to be split between FY25 and FY26. Public Works stated that he believes it should be able to be paid out of FY25 budget.

Clerk opened the discussion on 2025 LEAP Director and Counselors Wage Structure. The counselors will be paid \$8.50 an hour as starting, with a \$0.25 increase for the returning counselors. Trish Dobson has agreed to being the LEAP Counselor with a potential wage of \$3,000.00. L Cooling motioned to approve the wages for the 2025 LEAP program. Seconded by J Cecak. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

T Underhill opened the discussion on the Potential Street Repair project. Public works and Streets and Alleys are planning the same kind of project as was completed last year. Streets that have been proposed are Drury Lane, N Fremont St and a couple of smaller roads that are being considered while staying within budget for the project. T Underhill stated that the biggest issue may be Drury Lane and that if the city is doing the project, there should be no parking allowed on Drury. If the citizens want to make their driveways bigger, the city could supply the culvert. T Underhill stated he does not want the city to redo a road and it be breaking within a year of completion. L Cooling stated that there will be push back from citizens on the no parking issue. T Underhill stated that there are issues with people parking on the street on Drury. Mayor questioned that the city would be allowing citizens to widen the driveways with a culvert being installed and that the city would provide the culvert. T Underhill stated that that is the propose that. D Weitzell questioned what would happen if no parking was enforced and someone is entertaining. T Underhill stated that the citizen could talk to city hall about parking. Mayor questioned what about allowing citizens to use the front yard for parking. D Weitzell stated that there are already citizens who do use the front yard for parking. Mayor questioned if the ordinance is to be changed. T Underhill stated that the proposal is to change the ordinance in order to do Drury Lane. D Weitzell stated that his concern is that if the project is to be completed during FY25, there would be a large issue with the short amount of time. L Cooling stated that if the ordinance to be changed, Public Works could potentially find a new section to complete and push Drury Lane back a year. Public Works stated that Drury is really the only street with parking issues. T Parrish questioned if it would be possible to send a letter to the citizens on Drury Lane to get feedback on the project. Mayor stated that yes, the city can reach out to citizens for feedback. Discussion tabled.

Council Report: D Weitzell questioned if the city has any right to deal with the sidewalk in front of the Post Office and who would be liable for any injury caused by it. Mayor stated that state law is the city would be liable and she has spoken to Public Works regarding the sidewalk in front of City Hall.

L Cooling motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by J Cecak.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM

Respectfully submitted, KyLee Stone, City Clerk/Treasurer.

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Claims:

APRIL 2025 CLAIMS REPORT			MAGAZINE SUBSCRIP		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	SERVICE	LIB GIFT - SUBSCRIPTIONS	
AAA SEPTIC SERVICE INC	PARKS - RENTAL/LEASE SEWER -	85.00	MARSHALL COUNTY LANDFILL	LANDFILL - 2ND EXPENSE 24/25	163.50 1,810.00
ALLIANT ENERGY/IPL	UTILITIES/LIFTSTATION	249.89	MEDIACOM	MULTI DEPT - TELEPHONE/COMMUNI	337.36
ALLIANT ENERGY/IPL	MULTI DEPT - UTILITIES	2,572.95	MEDIACOM	LIBRARY - TELEPHONE/COMMUNICAT	182.81
ALLIANT ENERGY/IPL	MULTI DEPT - UTILITIES	2,822.84	MEDIACOM	FIRE - PHONE/COMMUNICATION	178.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MULTI DEPT - SUPPLIES	218.03	MEDIACOM	MULTI DEPT - TELEPHONE/COMMUNI	698.17
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, INC	FIRE MINOR EQUI/VEHICL MAINT	298.42	MENARDS MICROBAC	MULTI DEPT - SUPPLIES	471.92
B3 TECHNOLOGIES	LIBRARY GIFT - TECHNOLOGY	38.00	LABORATORIES INC	WATER - TESTING	17.50
BDH TECHNOLOGY	MULTI DEPT TECHNOLOGY LIBRARY GIFT - COMPUTER HARDWA	353.00 1,350.00	BEAR'S INC. OK TIRE STORE	SEWER - VEHICLE MAINT	1,572.12
BIBLIONIX BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	EMS - OTHER SUPPLIES	431.92	SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL	COMM CENTER - PEST CONTROL	42.91
CAPITAL ONE-WALMART	MULTI DEPT SUPPLIES	227.49	STATE INCOME TAXES	STATE TAXES	904.63
CLAPSADDLE-GARBER ASSOC	CAPITAL PLAY PRJT - PARKS	3,286.00	STUBBS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	LIBRARY GIFT BOOKS	17.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	CLERK - PUBLICATIONS	35.97	TOBY KID		
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	CLERK - PUBLICATION 040125 MIN	33.93	KLAUENBERG	LIB GIFT - PROGRAMS	373.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	CLERK - PUBLICATION 040125 MIN	57.90	TOP NOTCH TREE SERVICE, INC.	PARKS CAPITAL - PLAYGROUN PRJT	2,150.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	CLERK/PUBLISHING	127.80	UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY INC	FIRE - DUES	8.10
DO ART PRODUCTIONS	RECREATION - LEAP PROGRAM	350.00	UNITY POINT CLINIC	DRUG TESTING	96.37
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	3,043.53	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	WATER/SEWER - UB POSTAGE	153.44
FIRE SAFETY USA, INC.	FIRE - MINOR EQUIP	457.90	VERIZON	MULTI DEPT PHONE/COMMUNICATION	162.96
HAWKINS, INC.	WATER - CHEMICALS	1,442.04	VERIZON	MULTI DEPT PHONE/COMMUNICATION	162.96
IAMU	QTR 2 DUES	663.00	WEX BANK	MULTI DEPT FUEL	621.90
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	WATER - EXCISE TAX MARCH	902.99	XEROX CORPORATION	LIBRARY - RENT LEASE COPIER	75.77
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, INC	RUT - POSTS/SIGNS	1,332.50	Accounts Payable		
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	QTR 1 2025 UNEMPLOYMENT	49.93	Total	Refund Checks Total	35,643.08
IPERS	IPERS REGULAR	2,418.18	Payroll Checks		13,923.60
IPERS	IPERS REGULAR	2,418.18	** REPORT TOTAL **		49,566.68
IRUA	WATER - MARCH 2025	5951.02	GENERAL		15,240.70
KYLEE STONE	CLERK - TRAINING	144.20	ROAD USE TAX		7,266.70
LE GRAND SANITATION	MULTI DEPT GARBAGE	90.00	CAPITAL RESERVE		4,500.00
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C	ATTORNEY FEES	220.00	LIBRARY GIFT		2,007.96
			WATER		14,103.88

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April 16, 2025 FY26 Budget Hearing and Special Meeting

The Le Grand City Council held a Special Meeting at the Monet Center at 6:00 PM, April 16, 2025 with Mayor Jodi L Abrahams presiding. Roll call: Judy Cecak, Don Weitzell, Todd Parrish, Lou Ann Cooling, Troy Underhill. Also Attending: Nicole Paustian- Deputy Clerk. No citizens attending.

Approval of Agenda: J Cecak motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

Mayor opened the Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 at 6:01 PM. No citizen or council comment made. T Underhill motioned to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by D Weitzell. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried. Public Hearing closed at 6:01 PM

T Parrish motioned to approve Resolution No 40-2025, A Resolution Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025- June 30,2026 and Certifying Tax Levies to the Marshall County Auditor. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

Mayor opened the discussion regarding the City of Le Grand Employee Handbook. L Cooling stated that the discussion should begin at section 4.4. Mayor read the section regarding payout of vacation and retention of vacation payout until city property is returned. The attorney who reviewed the employee handbook recommended that if the employee leaves without notice or is terminated, vacation time should be forfeited. After discussion, Mayor stated that section 4.4 shall state "All accrued vacation time shall be paid out if the employee is in good standing and has given notice of 14 days or more." Mayor questioned the council's opinion of current bereavement leave, which is 40 hours for immediate family. After discussion, council agreed that bereavement shall stay as written. L Cooling moved the discussion to section 8.6, regarding overtime. The attorney questioned what hours counted towards overtime. After discussion, mayor states that "Leave hours (vacation/sick) and holiday hours are not counted for the purpose of calculating overtime." Mayor moved the discussion to section 8.5, regarding the deduction from the final paycheck the amount owed to the city for any property not returned. The attorney states that the city can only deduct from a paycheck with a signed authorization of payroll deduction form. Mayor states that the attorney will supply the form. Mayor moved the discussion to section 9.2, regarding purchases made by volunteers. After discussion, council agreed to leave the section as written. L Cooling moved the discussion to section 10.9, regarding the policies listed in the handbook. After discussion, the council agreed to leave the previously approved policies out of the handbook. D Weitzell motioned to approve Resolution No 41-2025, A Resolution Approving the Revisions of the City of Le Grand, Iowa employee Handbook. Seconded by T Underhill. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

T Parrish motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by J Cecak. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Nicole Paustian, Deputy Clerk.

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