

OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Le Grand City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Monet Center. Mayor, Jodi L Abrahams, presiding. 6 citizens attending.

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

Prior to approval of the agenda, Mayor requested that Item 16 be moved to Item 11. Cooling motioned to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by Parrish. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Mayor opened the Public Hearing on FY26 Budget Amendment #1 at 6:01 PM. The budget amendment is to increase Water Debt Services \$24,182.00 and increase Mayor and Council compensation by \$9,300.00. No council or citizen comment. Weitzell motioned to close the public hearing. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried. Public Hearing closed at 6:02 PM.

Weitzell motioned to approve Resolution No 82-2025, A Resolution Amending the Current Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026- Amendment No 1. Seconded by Parrish. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the Electrical Line Easement of 206 N Vine St at 6:03 PM. S Morken, Mi-Tech Right of Way Agent was Present. The proposed easement is 5 ft along the east edge of the lot at 206 N Vine St, to allow for underground cable. S Morken stated that no electrical boxes would be placed, it is strictly for underground use. No council or citizen comment. Cooling motioned to close the public hearing. Seconded by Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried. Public Hearing closed at 6:04 PM.

Parrish motioned to approve Resolution No 83-2025, A Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Perpetual Electrical Line Easement to Interstate Power and Light. Seconded by Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Cooling motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried. October 14, 2025 Minutes, October 2025 Financials, November 2025 Claims for Payment, Approval of Board of Adjustment Member L Weitzell for a 5 year term ending June 2030, Approval of Planning and Zoning Member J Oetker for a 2 year term ending June 2027.

Citizens Forum: Citizen S Clay supplied samples of his water for council to view. The samples were taken one month apart. S Clay stated that it did not look like clean water to him. L Wilson, CGA Project Manager, questioned if S Clay knew of anyone else in the neighborhood of Grandview/Willow were also having issues with their water. S Clay stated that he knows of a couple who are. L Wilson stated that the residue in the water may be from years of buildup in the existing service lines and that it may take some time for that residue to diminish. PWD requested that S Clay contact him the next the filter for the whole house system is changed. B Weitzell presented a statement regarding fire calls and response times. The fire department had 53 calls in the past year, with 100% response and the average response time is 3 minutes and 47 seconds. The fire department encourages anyone willing to pick up an application and join the department.

Department Reports: Marshall County Sheriff's Office: Written report. 26 business checks, 68 miscellaneous patrol sessions, 2 school checks, 3 school traffic, 6 park checks, 6 case follow ups, 1 officer initiated, 1 extra duty, 1 extra patrol, 2 traffic stops, 1 wanted person check, 8 calls for service.

Water: PWD reported. They are still waiting on repairs on the meter pit at IQ Terrace to be completed. Meters at the laundromat and car wash have been changed due to sediment causing issues. Lead checks and meter change out notices have been sent, with 19 remaining. Addresses on the list requiring a meter change out will have a notice posted on their door on the 17th and a shut off notice posted December 1st. Anyone not scheduled after December 1 will be disconnected.

Wastewater: PWD reported. Lining project is still being organized.

RUT: PWD reported. Scraper bars have been installed on plows and salter is ready to go.

Library: Library Director S Foster reported. Door count was 719. There are several upcoming programs that are already full, and multiple programs planned for December.

Parks & Rec: Board Member L Wilson reported. P&R board are gearing up for their December 19th event.

Fire: Assistant Chief B Weitzell presented. 6 calls in October. Plumbing has been installed and inspected for the gear washer and extractor, so the department is just waiting on delivery. The department has been granted a two year gaming license, so they are having a raffle to raise money for the new fire truck. Fliers will be posted regarding the raffle.

EMS: Assistant Director T Humpfer reported. 10 calls in October. Director S Wolf will be attending the IEMSA Conference.

Clerk: Clerk reported. City Hall has been receiving a lot of calls regarding election results and that results should be received after canvass is complete on November 12. Clerk is out of the office on November 13 for budget training. GWorks conversion has been pushed back to May. The FY24 Exam report has been delivered and the FY25 exam is scheduled for the week of December 8. Clerk requests to meet with Finance Committee soon to start budget discussions.

Discussion regarding the First Reading of Ordinance No 264, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Le Grand, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Parking Violations, took place. After discussion, more information was requested. Item tabled.

Mayor opened the Request for Pioneer Heritage Library to apply for the East Marshall Philanthropy Club Grant. S Foster stated that she is seeking approval so that the food pantry can continue to be filled. The grant is for \$1,000.00 and is due in January 2026.

Cooling motioned to approve the Pioneer Heritage Library applying for the East Marshall Philanthropy Club Grant for the continuation of Filling the Food Pantry. Seconded by Parrish. Roll Call:4-1. Carried.

L Wilson, CGA Project Manager gave the 23-WD-0053 project update. The punch list has been completed and the clerk has been sent the paperwork required from IFA. L Wilson will give the clerk a USB drive with all relevant paperwork for the entirety of the project. The resolution is the statement of completion, as well as the Davis Bacon Wage report and the BABA compliance form. T Parrish questioned if all fire hydrants are fixed and operating properly. L Wilson stated that all issues have been resolved. The retainage check can be cut, but should be held for 30 days before being sent. Weitzell motioned to approve Resolution No 84-2025, A Resolution

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Accepting Work Covering the Water Distribution System Improvements Project in the City of Le Grand, Iowa. Seconded by Parrish. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Clerk opened the discussion investing funds in IPAIT. Clerk did reach out to Citizens Savings Bank regarding 6 and 12 month CD rates. IPAIT offers T bills, which are similar to CDS. Clerk stated she would like to put the \$160,000 approved for the purchase of a new fire truck into a T bill until needed, and invest \$50,000.00 from Water and \$100,000.00 from Sewer Savings into IPAIT. T Parrish questioned if there are any penalties associated with withdrawing funds early from a T bill. Clerk stated that she was informed by IPAIT that T bills are so popular, any fees that may be associated with early withdrawal may be waived. Cooling motioned to approve Resolution No 85-2025, a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from Citizen Savings Bank to IPAIT as written. Seconded by Cecak. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Mayor opened the discussion on Resolution No 86-2025, A Resolution Setting a Minimum Reserve Amount for Ending Fund Balances. Clerk stated that most clerks in similar towns use 3 months or 25% of an annual budget for a reserve amount. Mayor stated that the resolution is needed to put a recommendation from the Auditor in writing. After discussion, item was tabled.

Mayor opened the discussion on Resolution No 87-2025, A Resolution Approving a Contract with Tru Green Commercial for FY27 Lawn Services for the Le Grand Parks & Recreation Department. Clerk stated that nothing has changed from the previous year. Parrish motioned to approve Resolution No 87-2025. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Mayor opened the discussion on Resolution No 88-2025, A Resolution Approving the City of Le Grand Annual Finance Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. Weitzell motioned to approve Resolution No 88-2025. Seconded by Parrish. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Mayor opened the discussion on Parks & Recreation request to send a letter of intent for the Marshall Conty Community Foundation grant. L Wilson stated that P&R were asked to withdraw their request the previous cycle, due to receiving all funds for the playground update. The letter is due by end of November and the grant is for potential funds for a drinking fountain and outdoor restroom. Parks & Rec do not intend to ask for more donations to help fund this project and have been gathering potential costs for a restroom, whether it be a stick build or premade. L Wilson Stated that if Parks & Rec are not approved for the grant, the bathroom portion would not move forward, but they currently have the funds for a drinking fountain. Cooling motioned to approve the request to submit a letter of intent. Seconded by Cecak. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Council Report: Cecak requested that the Fire Association provide the total amount they have in any accounts under the Association, and that she has already requested the same from Parks & Rec. Parrish stated that the amount will be provided to her.

Mayor Report: Marshall County Mayor's group will be meeting Saturday at Sunrise Café.

Cooling motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Cecak. Roll Call:4-1. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted, KyLee Stone, Clerk/Treasurer. Minutes Transcribed by Nicole Paustian, Deputy Clerk. Minutes published prior to approval.

Claims:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alliant Energy	Multi Dept Utilities	\$2,188.68
Alliant Energy	Sewer – Utilities	\$327.17
Amazon	Lib Materials	\$303.03
Arnold Motor Supply	Fire - Vehicle Maint	\$13.10
B3 Technologies	Lib Gift - Tech	\$38.00
BDH Technology	Multi Dept Technology	\$403.00
Column	Clerk - Publications	\$28.38
Column	Clerk - Publications	\$390.97
Column	Clerk - Publications	\$26.62
EFTPS	Fed/FICA tax	\$3,442.53
Happy Trails Trolley	Comm Center - Minor Equip	\$1,000.00
IEMSA	EMS - Meetings	\$200.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Water - Excise Tax	\$886.99
IPERS	IPERS Regular	\$2,653.49
IRUA	Water Readings	\$8,463.44
John Deere Financial	Multi Dept Supplies	\$337.13
JQ Construction	Water Project - CDBG	\$33,314.46
Kadner Construction	Parks – Grounds Maint/ Repair	\$580.00
Le Grand Sanitation	Multi Dept Garbage Fees	\$90.00
Lynch Dallas	Attorney Fees	\$715.00
Mediacom	Library - Phone	\$264.30
Mediacom	Multi Dept Phone	\$338.61
Mediacom	Fire - Phone	\$363.31
Menards	Multi Dept Supplies	\$590.61
Microbac Labs	Water - Testing	\$17.50
Micromarketing	Lib Gift - Books	\$111.29

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Municipal Supply	Water - Meter	\$1,180.00
Xerox Business Solutions	Clerk- Rent Lease Copier	\$200.55
Raven Creek Repair	Fire - Vehicle Maint	\$1,534.00
Region 6	Water Project CDBG	\$7,512.00
Schendel Pest Control	Community Center - Pest	\$42.91
Times Republican	Clerk - Publications	\$196.00
Top Notch Tree Service	Parks -Tree Removal	\$1,800.00
Toyne	Fire - Vehicle Maint	\$338.00
Tru Green	Parks – Ground Maint	\$376.95
United Benefit Society	Fire - Dues	\$12.15
USPS	Water/Sewer Postage	\$156.77
Verizon	Multi Dept Phone	\$156.98
Visa	Multi Dept Supplies	\$714.64
WEX Bank	Multi Dept Fuel	\$628.71
<u>Xerox Corporation</u>	<u>Library - Rent/Lease Copier</u>	<u>\$93.22</u>
Accounts Payable Total		\$72,030.49
UB Refund Checks Total		\$0.00
Payroll Checks		\$14,942.07
	***** Report Total *****	\$86,972.56

Expenses 10/15/2025 - 11/11/2025

001	General	\$16,121.02
110	Road Use Tax	\$5,517.35
169	Library Gift	\$433.33
600	Water	\$16,811.07
602	CDBG 2023 Water Project	\$40,826.46
610	Sewer	\$7,263.33
	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>\$86,972.56</u>

Revenue 10/01/2025 - 10/31/2025

001	General	\$107,116.61
110	Road Use Tax	\$10,372.05
112	Employee Benefits	\$11,088.20
121	Local Option Sales Tax	\$10,651.94
171	Park & Rec Gift	\$181.00
600	Water	\$21,064.51
610	Sewer	\$29,011.87
613	Sewer Sinking	\$8,373.34
	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>\$197,859.52</u>