

OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Le Grand City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Monet Center. Mayor, Jodi L Abrahams, presiding. 5 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.

Cecak motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Weitzell motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Parrish. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried. November 11, 2025 Minutes.

November 2025 Financials. December 2025 Claims for Payment.

Citizen's Forum: B Ulery questioned who is responsible for shoveling the Post Office steps and ramp. Mayor stated that City Hall had spoken to the owner and it is the responsibility of the Post Office to do so, and Public Works try to do it when they have the time.

Departmental Reports: Marshall County Sheriff's Office: Deputy McMillen reported. 35 documented business checks, 72 miscellaneous patrol sessions, 3 school checks, 1 school traffic, 6 park checks, 1 case follow up, 1 traffic stop, 1 officer initiated, 9 calls for service.

Water: PWD reported. IRUA is raising water rates 14%, so due to wording in the ordinance, he is proposing sewer be lowered to maintain a minimum bill amount. The meter pit at IQ Terrace has been repaired.

RUT: PWD reported. There has been a lot of pushing snow lately. Alert Iowa worked well for sending out notifications of a snow ordinance.

Parks & Rec: Member L Wilson reported. Planning is still ongoing for the December 19, 2025 event. B Ulery questioned if Parks & Rec needed help. L Wilson stated that there were high schoolers who would be volunteering during the event.

Clerk: City Hall is on Day 2 of the annual exam and the auditor would be there through Thursday. Not a lot of questions have been asked.

L Wilson, CGA Project Manager gave the update on the 23-WD-0053 Water Project. CGA and Clerk are working with IFA to close out the loan, so forgiveness can be figured. Current projected forgiveness amount is 47%, which is up from the original amount of 44%. Cecak motioned to approve Resolution No 89-2025, A Resolution Approving Acceptance of Engineering Invoice #504317 in the amount of \$3,655.35 for the 23-WD-0053 Le Grand Water Main Systems Improvements Project by Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA) of Marshalltown, Iowa for the City of Le Grand, Iowa. Seconded by Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-1.

Mayor opened the discussion on Resolution No 90-2025, IPIB Proof of Compliance- Informal Resolution. Weitzell motioned to approve Resolution No 90-2025. Seconded by Cecak. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Resolution No 91-2025, A Resolution Setting a Minimum Reserve Amount for Ending Fund Balances. Clerk stated that the amounts provided to council were for FY24, FY25 and projected amounts for FY26. Cecak stated that there should be at least 1 year in reserve based off of FY26 for General fund. Mayor suggested that amounts be rounded for easier figuring. Cecak stated that General could be rounded to \$350,000.00. Cecak stated that Water could be \$215,000.00 and Sewer could be \$275,000.00. Cecak motioned to approve Resolution No 91-2025 with the amounts as General fund at \$350,000.00, Water at \$215,000.00 and Sewer at \$275,000.00. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Resolution No 92-2025, A Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement Confirming and Continuing the Solid Waste Commission of Marshall County, Iowa as Amended. Resolution is for the addition of several small rural communities to the Solid Waste Commission. Parrish motioned to approve Resolution No 92-2025. Seconded by Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Mayor opened the discussion on Resolution No 93-2025, A Resolution Approving A 3 Year Business Service Agreement with MCC Telephony of Iowa (MediaCom) for the City of Le Grand, Iowa. The current contract had expired and Clerk had negotiated new rates for the contract. Fire would pay \$139.94 per month, City Hall would pay \$205.75 per month and Library would pay \$145.89 per month. Cecak motioned to approve Resolution No 93-2025. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Resolution No 94-2025, A Resolution Approving Updated Rates for Trade Permit Services Provided by Veenstra & Kimm, Inc for the City of Le Grand, Iowa. Veenstra & Kimm provided an updated Trade Permit application with updated fees. The fees increased were any alteration for electrical, plumbing or mechanical from \$85.00 to \$100.00. Weitzell questioned why the City is required to do Trade Permits. Mayor stated that it is due to current code and if the council wishes to change it, an ordinance will have to be passed. Weitzell motioned to approve Resolution No 94-2025. Seconded by Cecak. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Iowa Regional Utilities Association Notice of 14% Water Rate Increase Effective Jan 1, 2026. Mayor stated that the code states that the increase must be matched and that the ordinance should be changed to allow the council flexibility to choose how much of the increase will be matched. PWD stated that the current proposal is to match the 14% water increase, but decrease sewer to allow the minimum bill to remain the same amount. Cecak motioned to match the IRUA increase of 14% and decrease sewer to maintain a minimum bill. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Notice of Intent to Fill a Vacancy. Vacancy to be filled is for a 2 year term. Letters of intent must be submitted to City hall no later than 4:00 PM on January 8, 2025. Cooling motioned to approve the Notice of Intent to Fill a Vacancy. Seconded by Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

FY27 Budget Discussion Clerk stated that a joint meeting needs to be scheduled with the township and asked for input on dates and times. After discussion. Afternoons were determined to be better. Clerk will reach out to Township to determine a date for the meeting. Clerk stated that she had done a very rough first draft of the budget, anticipating \$1,187,990.00 in revenue and \$1,153,632.00 in expenses without LOSST. Clerk stated that Local Option Sales Tax is anticipated to decrease 4% in FY27. Discussion tabled.

Clerk administered the Oath Of Office to Jodi L Abrahams for the position of Mayor.

Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Lou Ann Cooling for the position of Council Member.

Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Blair Ulery for the position of Council Member.

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Mayor reported. County have sent the LEM/911 agenda and the City has to appoint a proxy for Marshall County 911. Weitzell stated that he attended the County EOP meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted, KyLee Stone, City Clerk/Treasurer. Minutes transcribed by Nicole Pausitan, Deputy Clerk.

Minutes published prior to approval.

Claims:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ALLIANT ENERGY	SEWER – UTILITIES	\$279.57
ALLIANT ENERGY	MULTI DEPT - UTILITIES	\$2,270.06
AMAZON	LIBRARY - SUPPLIES	\$437.19
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	RUT - VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$227.01
B3 TECHNOLOGIES	LIBRARY GIFT - TECHNOLOGY	\$38.00
BARRON, SHELLEY	LIBRARY - PART TIME WAGES	\$540.00
BDH TECHNOLOGY	MULTI DEPT - TECHNOLOGY	\$403.00
CENTRAL IA DISTRIBUTING	C.CENTER OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$218.00
CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION	RUT-STREET MAINT	\$62.64
CLAPSADDLE-GARBER	WATER PROJECT - CONSTRUCTION	\$3,655.35
COLUMN SOFTWARE	CLERK PUBLICATIONS	\$208.28
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,045.17
GWORKS	GENERAL - ANNUAL FEE	\$5,400.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	GENERAL GOVT - INSPECTIONS	\$160.75
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	WATER- EXCISE TAX NOV 2025	\$970.36
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	DEBT SERVICE - WATER LN PYMT	\$4,996.88
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SEWER LAGOON LOAN PAYMENT	\$12,740.00
IOWA ONE CALL	RUT - LOCATES SEPT 2025	\$19.80
IPERS	IPERS REGULAR	\$2,366.68
IRUA	WATER - OTHER CONT SERV	\$6,076.14
JQ CONSTRUCTION, LLC	WATER - IQ METER PIT REPAIR	\$3,100.00
KYLEE STONE	CLERK - TRAINING/REIMBUR	\$133.00
LE GRAND SANITATION	MULTI DEPT - GARBAGE	\$90.00
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C	ATTORNEY FEES	\$1,760.00
MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF	PAYMENT -OTHER AGENCIES -QTR3	\$6,617.50
MEDIACOM	MULTI DEPT PHONE/COMM	\$338.61
MEDIACOM	LIBRARY - PHONE/COMM	\$283.26
MEDIACOM	FIRE - PHONE/COMM	\$363.31
MENARDS	MULTI DEPT SUPPLIES	\$55.47
MICROBAC LABORATORIES	MULT DEPT = TESTING	\$63.50
MICROMARKETING	LIBRARY GIFT - MATERIALS	\$237.45
MILLER, D	MONET CENTER DEPOSIT REFUND	\$75.00
XEROX BUSINESS SOLUT	CLERK - RENT/LEASE COPIER	\$82.99
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL	COMMUNITY CENTER - PEST CONT	\$42.91
TIMES REPUBLICAN	CLERK -PUBLICATIONS	\$196.00
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY	FIRE - DUES	\$8.10
U.S.P.S	WATER/SEWER - POSTAGE NOV 2025	\$155.55
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC.	OCTOBER 2025 PERMITS	\$705.00
VERIZON	MULTI DEPT - PHONE/COMM	\$156.98
VISA CREDIT CARD	MULTI DEPT - SUPPLIES	\$369.77
WEX BANK	MULTI DEPT - FUEL	\$836.10
<u>XEROX CORPORATION</u>	<u>LIBRARY - COPIER/LEASE</u>	<u>\$71.01</u>
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTAL		\$59,856.39
REFUND CHECKS TOTAL		\$0.00
<u>PAYROLL CHECKS</u>		<u>\$13,535.16</u>
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$73,391.55

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EXPENSES 11/12/2025 - 12/09/2025

001	GENERAL FUND	\$23,896.52
110	ROAD USE TAX	\$4,992.63
169	LIBRARY GIFT	\$679.61
200	DEBT SERVICE	\$17,736.88
600	WATER	\$24,351.41
601	2023 WATER MAIN PROJECT	\$3,655.35
610	SEWER	\$6,542.59
	TOTAL FUNDS	\$81,854.99

REVENUE 11/01/2025 - 11/30/2025

001	GENERAL FUND	\$10,025.08
110	ROAD USE TAX	\$10,998.45
121	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$870.20
169	LIBRARY GIFT	\$103.00
200	DEBT SERVICE	\$24,182.24
600	WATER	\$21,869.06
602	CDBG WATER PROJECT	\$203,313.00
610	SEWER	\$25,964.70
613	SEWER SINKING	\$8,373.34
	TOTAL FUNDS	\$305,699.07