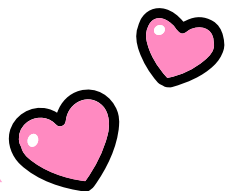


NEWSLETTER



CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Feb 4- **Library Board Meeting-**
2 PM, Pioneer Heritage Library
- Feb 10- **Council Meeting-**
6 PM, Monet Center
- Feb 14- **Valentine's Day**
- Feb 16- **President's Day-**
City Hall Closed
- Feb 19- **Fire Meeting-**
7 PM, Fire Station
- Feb 26- **Parks & Rec Meeting-**
6 PM, Monet Center
- Mar 4- **Library Board Meeting-**
2 PM, Pioneer Heritage Library
- Mar 10- **Council Meeting-**
6 PM, Monet Center
- Mar 12- **EMS Meeting-**
7 PM, Fire Station
- Mar 17- **St Patrick's Day**
- Mar 19- **Fire Meeting-**
7 PM, Fire Station
- Mar 26- **Parks & Rec Meeting-**
6 PM, Monet Center
- Mar 28- **Easter Egg Hunt-**
8:30 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

Parking is not allowed along Main Street. These are designated bike lanes, with "No Parking" signs along the street.

Iowa Rural Utilities Association (IRUA) is raising their water rates by 14%. The city council has passed ordinances matching the increase in water rates, but lowered sewer rates to maintain a minimum bill. This will be reflected on the February 1 bill.

Golf Cart permits expired December 31, 2025. To register your golf cart, please stop by City Hall. Golf cart permits are \$20.00.

Jacob Oetker has been appointed to the Le Grand City Council to fill a vacancy.

Le Grand Planning and Zoning is looking for two member to fill vacancies on the board. Please contact City Hall with any questions.

JOIN LE GRAND PARKS AND RECREATION
AND CELEBRATE LE GRAND
FOR THE ANNUAL

EASTER EGG



HUNT



MARCH 28, 2026 AT THE LE GRAND
COMMUNITY CENTER
THERE IS A FREE-WILL DONATION
BREAKFAST FROM 8:30 TO 10:30
MEET THE EASTER BUNNY FROM 8:30 TO 10:30
EGG HUNT STARTS AT 9:30.

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**ALERT
IOWA**

Sign up today to receive emergency notifications that matter to you!

Contact City Hall to get signed up

It's winter time, so that means snow . Here is Le Grand's Snow Ordinance:
69.12 SNOW REMOVAL. No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during snow removal operations unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. 69.13 SNOW EMERGENCY. A snow emergency parking ban shall continue from its proclamation throughout the duration of the snow or ice storm and the 48-hour period after cessation of such storm except as above provided upon streets which have been fully opened.

January 13, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

The Le Grand City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Monet Center with Mayor, Jodi L Abrahams, presiding. Public Attendance: 9 citizens
Roll Call: Jodi L Abrahams, Judy Cecak, Blair Ulery, 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 Agenda, Mayor removed Item #13 from the agenda and stated that item #16 can be discussed during item #10. Cecak motioned to approve the agenda with item #13 removed. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: 4-1.
Appointment to Fill Vacancy for Term Ending 12/31/2027. Clerk stated that one interested citizen, S Drury is not present due to being ill. Clerk asked the present interested citizens why they are interested in the position. T Underhill stated that he had a lot of people approach him and he was elected for four years, so he should finish the four years. J Oetker stated that he has had several people approach him regarding the subject and he feels like it is time to see the town grow and make a difference in the community. Clerk questioned that based on the current involvement in the community, what is one issue the school and city could collaborate better on. Underhill stated that parking, especially on game days, safety of the students and daycare. Oetker stated that he agrees with Underhill. Clerk questioned what ongoing commitment does each citizen have that demonstrates their commitment to the community beyond

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE

LIBRARY



Coffee & Conversation is every Monday at 10 AM.

Join us for a program on Charcuterie Board Design on February 5 at 1:00 PM.

Registration is required. Contact the library to sign up.

February 8 is Take Your Child to the Library Day!

Join us for an Adults Mini Craft on February 12 from 3 to 4 PM.

The next Nei3a meal for seniors will be on February 19 at noon. Seniors 60+ should contact the library to sign up before February 15.

Please note that the library will be closed when East Marshall CSD is closed or if evening activities are cancelled due to inclement weather.

Did you know that the Pioneer Heritage Library has a food pantry in the lobby that is open during our regular business hours?

Follow the Le Grand Pioneer Heritage Library Facebook page to stay informed about pop-up events at the library.

attending meetings. Underhill stated that he had many projects that were completed while on council, he works with the school on projects, lives in town, and runs his business in town. Oetker stated that he has been part of the booster club for the past 4 years, grew up outside of town and has lived within city limits for about 20 years and was a member of the fire department for several years. Weitzell questioned if Drury was still being considered. Clerk stated that yes, she was, but she was unable to attend to answer the questions. Citizen C Weitzell stated that council should consider why the position is open and that she would like to see someone new in the seat. Weitzell stated that his decision is based on the election and that Drury was the next for the 4 year term behind Ulery. Weitzell motioned to appoint S Drury. No Second. Motion failed. Cecak stated that she understood Underhill and that the projects he has completed are nice. Cecak motioned to appoint T Underhill. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: Cecak- Y, Cooling-Y, Ulery-N, Weitzell-N, Vacant-N. Motioned failed. Ulery motioned to appoint J Oetker. No second. Motion failed. C Weitzell questioned about putting names in a hat and drawing. Ulery motioned to put names in a hat. Seconded by Weitzell. Underhill stated that council should consider that they have heard from two of them, but the third hasn't answered the same questions. Underhill stated that the council should consider whether they want more than one Emergency or Fire personnel on council. Weitzell stated he didn't believe it was fair if Dury wasn't present to answer the question. Cooling stated she did not like the hat idea. Item tabled. Cooling motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried. December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. December 18, 2025 Joint Meeting Minutes. December 18, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes: Budget Workshop. December 2025 Financials. January 2026 Claims for Payment. Dollar General Liquor License Renewal.

Departmental Reports: Marshall County Sheriff's Office: Deputy Thompson reported. 34 documented business checks, 70 miscellaneous patrol sessions, 2 school checks, 7 park checks, 1 case follow up, 2 traffic stops, 2 wanted person check, 9 calls for service. Cooling questioned if any citations had been given for parking in front of the Post Office. Deputy Cecak responded that none have been issued to his knowledge, but it will be addressed at the next department meeting.

Water: PWD reported. There was a water main leak that Public Works was unable to find. The leak ended up being underneath a driveway on S Webster and leaking into a tile line that flowed out of town. Due to the rain, there has been some settling in holes from the water main project and JQ Construction has been contacted.

Wastewater: PWD reported. Council should consider a scheduled discharge in the spring, due to the fact that an emergency discharge was done from the lagoons due to rainfall. Weitzell questioned if there were any sewer

lining projects scheduled. PWD stated that there is one that is waiting on the engineer to get a construction permit from the DNR so the project can proceed. Mayor questioned if Veenstra & Kimm is the engineer on the project. PWD stated that is true.

RUT: PWD reported. An option that has been researched to replace the flashing red light at the school has been solar powered stop signs. The light costs on average \$45.00 a month to power and that Marshall County paid about \$1,600.00 per stop sign from Neuman Signs in North Dakota. Brush dump has been burnt and is waiting on ground to firm up to do clean up.

Library: Library Director S Foster reported. December door count was 866 and handed out 61 goodie bags at the Christmas Extravaganza. 1,290 items checked out so far in FY26 and 308 eBooks. Patrons saved over \$52,000.00 in 2025 by borrowing from the library. The library has purchased a laminator and is charging \$.75 per page to laminate.

Parks & Rec: Board member L Wilson reported. 250 to 300 people attended the Christmas Extravaganza. The next event will be on March 28, 2026 for Easter. Ulery thanked Parks & Rec for their time.

Fire: Chief T Parrish reported. 5 calls for the month of December, with a total of 59 calls total for 2025. Parrish stated he is the new fire chief and if anyone has any comments, questions or concerns to contact him.

EMS: Director S Wolf reported. 9 calls for the month of December and 3 so far in January. Total number of calls for 2025 is 108.

Mayor read the first reading of Ordinance No 265, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Le Grand, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates. Rates are increasing due to the IRUA increase of 14%. Residential rates shall be a base rate of \$9.72 with a per thousand rate of \$13.26. Commercial rates shall be a base rate of \$10.62 with a per thousand rate of \$13.26. The council reserves the right to review any IRUA increase and determine what percentage rates shall be increased by. Cecak motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance No 265. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: Cooling-Y, Cecak-Y, Ulery-Y, Weitzell-Y, Vacated-N. 4-1. Carried. Weitzell motioned to waive the second reading of Ordinance No 265. Seconded by Ulery. Roll Call: Weitzell-Y, Cecak Y, Cooling- Y, Ulery-Y, Vacated-N. 4-1. Carried. Cooling motioned to waive the third reading of Ordinance No 265. Seconded by Cecak. Roll Call: Ulery-Y, Cooling-Y, Cecak-Y, Weitzell- Y, Vacated-N. 4-1. Carried. Cecak motioned to adopt Ordinance No 265. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: Ulery-Y, Cooling-Y, Cecak-Y, Weitzell-Y, Vacated-N. 4-1. Carried.

Mayor read the first reading of Ordinance No 266, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Le Grand, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Rates. Sewer rates are being lowered to maintain a minimum bill. Residential rates shall be a base rate of \$44.66 with a per thousand rate of \$5.84. Commercial

rates shall be a base rate of \$44.66 with a per thousand rate of \$12.09. Cooling motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance No 266. Seconded by Weitzell. Roll Call: Cecak-Y, Weitzell-Y, Cooling-Y, Ulery-Y, Vacated-N. 4-1. Carried. Cecak motioned to suspend the second reading of Ordinance No 266. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: Cecak-Y, Ulery-Y, Cooling-Y, Weitzell-Y, Vacated-N. 4-1. Carried. Cooling motioned to suspend the third reading of Ordinance No 266. Seconded by Cecak. Roll Call: Weitzell-Y, Cecak-Y, Cooling-Y, Ulery-Y, Vacated-N. 4-1. Carried. Weitzell motioned to adopt Ordinance No 266. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: Cooling-Y, Weitzell-Y, Cecak-Y, Ulery-Y, Vacated-N. 4-1. Carried.

Discussion took place prior to the first reading of Ordinance No 267, An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Le Grand, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Snow Removal. PWD stated that there were two options presented from Iowa Codification and option one would ban parking from November 1 to April 1. The second option has changes recommended by the PWD to be for a weather event with ice or more than two inches of snow predicted and that the proclamation would last 48 hours past the end of the event. Option two also requires any proclamation to be published to the media. Weitzell stated that he agrees option two would be better, but the option does not contain any language regarding penalties if someone were to park on the street during a snow emergency. PWD stated that it is possible to add the language that if a person does park on the street during a snow emergency, the vehicle may be towed at the owner's expense without involving the Sheriff's office. Item tabled.

Mayor opened the discussion on Resolution No 01-2026, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Amended and Restated Loan and Disbursement Agreement and Amended and Restated General Obligation Water Improvement Bond. The resolution is needed due to the City receiving \$281,692.00 in forgiveness for the water main project, bringing the loan for the project from \$396,000.00 to \$114,308.00. The project was estimated to cost over \$1,000,000.00 but with loan forgiveness and the CDBG grant, the city only owes the \$114,308.00. Weitzell stated that he is grateful to CGA and the work L Wilson has done. PWD stated that the project started when the DNR informed him of the BIL Loan forgiveness. Weitzell motioned to approve Resolution No 01-2026. Seconded by Cecak. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Mayor opened the discussion on Resolution No 02-2026, A Resolution Approving Informal Resolution in Iowa Public Information Board Case No 25FC0106. The resolution approves the informal resolution passed at the December 9, 2025 meeting. Cecak motioned to approve Resolution No 02-2026. Seconded by Cooling. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Mayor opened the discussion on Resolution No 03-2026, A Resolution to Appoint a Proxy to the Marshall County Iowa Emergency Management Commission Board.

The board requires each city to appoint a proxy and the mayor is the board member. Mayor stated that the proposed proxy is Don Weitzell. Cooling motioned to approve Resolution No 03-2026. Seconded by Ulery. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Mayor tabled Resolution No 05-2026, A Resolution Assigning Council Committees for Calendar Year 2026. Ulery opened the discussion on Inclement Weather & Snow Removal Recommendations. Ulery stated that the biggest problem is the Post Office and who is responsible for snow removal and maintenance of the ramp. Another concern is the state of the ramp and what needs to be done to bring it up to code. Mayor clarified that the ramp was built prior to using Veenstra & Kimm as Zoning Administrators. Ulery questioned when the ramp was built. Mayor stated that the ramp was built with guidance from ADA, and that potentially the best course of option would be to contact Veenstra & Kimm. Clerk stated that a certified letter has been sent and that the fourteen day window is not closed yet. Mayor stated that if there is no response within the fourteen days, reach out to council and begin treating it as a nuisance. PWD stated that current owner is very easy to work with. C Weitzell questioned if the current owner is aware of the condition. PWD stated that he had walked around the ramp with the property manager. Ulery stated that the last item is communication of timelines and notifications to the public regarding snow events and creating a clear process for citizen to report any concerns. Cooling stated that usually people just call. Ulery stated that it is 2026 and people may want to email or text rather than a phone call. Mayor questioned what kind of communications are being considered. Ulery stated that email or an app allowing announcements that would be an option. Clerk stated that she spoke to the Postmaster in Marshalltown regarding snow removal and the Post Office was not aware that snow removal was included in the lease. Postmaster had stated that the current postal worker would be responsible and that the city would have to cope when he is not there. Mayor stated that the city may have to contact whoever is above the Marshalltown Postmaster and address the concerns. Mayor stated that if Public Works clears the snow, it makes the city liable and that now would be the time to address the issue. Ulery questioned if there is a way to enforce penalties for not removing the snow or charging for snow removal when the city clears it. Mayor stated that the goal should be when the ramp is replaced, it is done in a way to allow for easier removal of snow. Mayor opened the discussion on 2026 Winter MPI Registration for Deputy Clerk. The highlighted classes provided to the council were the required courses needed for the Deputy Clerk, with a total of \$240.00 for classes. Ulery motioned to approve the Deputy Clerk attending the requested classes. Seconded by Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Mayor opened the discussion on the FY27 Wage and Budget Discussion. Mayor stated that a special meeting would be beneficial for the discussion and that the main discussion would be wages and LOSST. Cecak stated that a special meeting would be good. After discussion, meeting was set for January 28, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Council Reports: Ulery stated that she had sent out an email regarding the Keep Iowa Beautiful Grant and the grant could potentially be used for the Community or Monet Center. L Wilson stated that Parks & Rec had reviewed the grant, but did not believe it aligned with what the plan was for the Community Center.

Cooling Motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Cecak. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted, KyLee Stone, City Clerk/Treasurer. Transcribed by Nicole Paustian, Deputy Clerk.

Minutes published prior to approval.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>EXPENSES 12/10/2025 - 1/13/2026</u>	
3E-GENERATOR DIVISION	SEWER- MAINT	\$693.54	001	GENERAL FUND \$14,144.95
ALLIANT ENERGY	SEWER-UTILITIES	\$318.67	110	ROAD USE TAX \$6,221.37
ALLIANT ENERGY	MULTI DEPT UTILITIES	\$3,151.21	169	LIBRARY GIFT \$456.08
AMAZON	MULTI DEPT SUPPLIES	\$433.59	600	WATER \$23,903.64
B3 TECHNOLOGIES	LIB GIFT- TECHNOLOGY	\$38.00	610	SEWER \$12,275.23
BDH TECHNOLOGY	MULTI DEPT TECHNOLOGY	\$403.00		TOTAL FUNDS \$57,001.27
CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION CO	WATER- CAP OUTLAY- DEC 25 MAI	\$80.28		
CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK	SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENTAL	\$80.00		REVENUE 12/01/2025 - 12/31/2025
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	PUBLICATION- INTENT TO FILL	\$34.92	001	GENERAL FUND \$10,522.56
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	CLERK- PUBLICATIONS DEC MINS	\$186.35	110	ROAD USE TAX \$10,361.65
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	CLERK- PUBLICATIONS 12/18 MIN	\$66.29	112	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT \$837.88
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	CLERK PUBLICATIONS JOINT MINS	\$75.68	121	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX \$20,803.36
DAKOTA SUPPLY CO	WATER- CAP OUTL MAIN BREAK	\$334.00	169	LIBRARY GIFT \$8,000.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,688.75	600	WATER \$19,351.17
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$253.20	602	CDBG WATER PROJECT \$5,561.05
IAMU	MULTI DEPT DUES	\$696.00	610	SEWER \$26,579.81
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	2025 ANNUAL SALES TAX	\$1,014.39	613	SEWER SINKING \$8,373.34
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	WATER- EXCISE TAX DEC 2025	\$836.23		TOTAL FUNDS \$110,390.82
IOWA WORKFORCE DEV	Q4 UNEMPLOYMENY OCT-DEC 25	\$22.90		
IPERS	IPERS REGUALR	\$2,983.60		
IRUA	WATER- OTHER CONT SERVICES	\$5,165.11		
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	MULTI DEPT SUPPLIES	\$15.97		
JQ CONSTRUCTION LLC	WATER- MINOR EQUIP	\$2,000.00		
KB EXCAVATING	WATER- CAP OUTLAY	\$1,525.00		
LE GRAND SANITATION	MULTI DEPT GARBAGE	\$90.00		
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C.	ATTORNEY FEES	\$27.50		
MEDIACOM	MULTI DEPT PHONE/COMMUN	\$374.54		
MEDIACOM	LIBRARY- PHONE/COMM	\$283.26		
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WATER- TESTING	\$17.50		
MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT CORP	WATER- CAPITAL OUTL MAINBREAK	\$1,200.00		
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	WATER- METERS	\$1,545.00		
OMNISITE	SEWER- MAINT CONTRACT	\$455.00		
XEROX BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	CLERK- RENT/LEASE COPIER	\$79.65		
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL	C CENTER PEST CONTROL	\$42.91		
SENSUS USA, INC.	WATER/SEWER TECHNOLOGY	\$4,699.00		
STATE INCOME TAXES	STATE TAXES	\$1,005.94		
STATE INCOME TAXES	STATE TAX	\$25.00		
STRUVE PLUMBING	FIRE- BUILDING REPAIR/MAINT	\$1,506.60		
TIMES REPUBLICAN	CLERK- PUBLICATIONS	\$67.20		
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY INC	FIRE- DUES	\$10.80		
UNITY POINT CLINIC	DRUG TESTING	\$158.00		
USPS	WTR/SWR- UB POSTAGE DEC 2025	\$157.99		
VERIZON	MULTI DEPT- PHONE/COMMU	\$156.98		
VISA CREDIT CARD	MULTI DEPT SUPPLIES	\$126.32		
WARD, DIANE	LIBRARY GIFT- PROGRAM	\$150.00		
WEX BANK	MULTI DEPT FUEL	\$606.86		
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