

# NEWSLETTER



## CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Jan 1- **New Year's Day**-  
City Hall Closed
- Jan 7- **Library Board Meeting**-  
2 PM, Pioneer Heritage Library
- Jan 8- **EMS Meeting**-  
7 PM, Fire Station
- Jan 13- **Council Meeting**-  
6 PM, Monet Center
- Jan 15- **Fire Meeting**-  
7 PM, Fire Station
- Jan 19- **Martin Luther King Day**
- Jan 29- **Parks & Rec Meeting**-  
6 PM, Monet Center
- 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

### 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.

Le Grand Parks & Rec and Celebrate Le Grand would like to congratulate the winners of this year's Lighting Contest: 1- Ken Brown, 2- Lou Ann Cooling, 3- Tristan Patterson.

The newly elected officials for the City of Le Grand are: Jodi L Abrahams- Mayor, Lou Ann Cooling- Council Member, Blair Ulery- Council Member.

The City of Le Grand has a vacancy on the City Council. If you are interested in serving, please submit your name in writing to City Hall for consideration no later than 4:00 PM on January 8, 2026. The vacancy will be filled at the January 13, 2026 Regular City Council meeting.

Iowa Rural Utilities Association (IRUA) is raising their water rates by 14%. The City ordinance states that increases are matched. However, the City is lowering sewer rates in order to maintain a minimum bill. Larger amounts may be slightly higher. This will be reflected on the February 1 bill.

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.

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## December 9, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting 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.

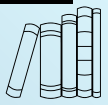
RUT: PWD reported. There has been a lot of pushing snow lately. Alert Iowa worked well for sending out notifications of a snow ordinance.

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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE



## LIBRARY



Coffee & Conversation is every Monday at 10 AM.

The library will be closed on January 1, 2026 for New Year's.

The winter reading program for all ages will begin on January 4, 2026. Stop by the library for details!

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

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.

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.

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 Paustian, Deputy Clerk.  
Minutes published prior to approval.



Claims:

Vendor	Reference	Amounts
Alliant Energy	Sewer Utilities	\$279.57
Alliant Energy	Multi Dept Utilities	\$2,270.06
Amazon	Lib Materials	\$437.19
Arnold Motor Supply	RUT- Vehicle Maint	\$227.01
B3 Technologies	Lib Gift- Tech	\$38.00
Barron, Shelley	Library- Part Time Wages	\$540.00
BDH Technology	Multi Dept Technology	\$403.00
Central Iowa Distribution	C Center- Operating Supp	\$218.00
Cessford Construction	RUT- Street Maint	\$62.64
Clapsaddle Garber	Water Project- Construction	\$3,655.35
Column	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 Loan	\$4,996.88
Iowa Finance Authority	Sewer Lagoons Loan Pmnt	\$12,740.00
Iowa One Call	RUT- Locates Sept 2025	\$19.80
IPERS	IPERS Regular	\$2,366.68
IRUA	Water- Other Cont Services	\$6,076.14
JQ Construction	Water- IQ Meter Pit Repair	\$3,100.00
KyLee Stone	Clerk- Training/Reimburse	\$133.00
Le Grand Sanitation	Multi Dept Garbage Fees	\$90.00
Lynch Dallas	Attorney Fees	\$1,760.00
Marshall County Sheriff	Payment- Other Agency Q3	\$6,617.50
Mediacom	Multi Dept- Phone	\$338.61
Mediacom	Library- Phone	\$283.26
Mediacom	Fire-Phone	\$363.31
Menards	Multi Dept Supplies	\$55.47
Microbac Labs	Multi Dept- Testing	\$63.50
Micromarketing	Lib Gift- Books	\$237.45
Miller, D	Monet Center Deposit Ref	\$75.00
Xerox Business	Clerk- Rent/Lease Copier	\$82.99
Schendel Pest	Community Center- Pest	\$42.91
Times Republican	Clerk- Publications	\$196.00
United Benefit Society	Fire- Dues	\$8.10
USPS	Water/Sewer Postage	\$155.55
Veenstra & Kimm	October 2025 Permits	\$705.00
Verizon	Multi Dept Phone	\$156.98
Visa	Multi Dept Supplies	\$369.77
WEX Bank	Multi Dept Fuel	\$836.10
<u>Xerox Corporation</u>	<u>Library- Rent/Lease Copier</u>	<u>\$71.01</u>
Accounts Payable Total		\$59,856.39
UB Refund Checks Total		\$0.00
<u>Payroll Checks</u>		<u>\$13,535.16</u>
<b>***** Report Total *****</b>		<b>\$73,391.55</b>

<u>EXPENSES 11/12/2025 - 12/09/2025</u>		
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
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$81,854.99</b>

<u>REVENUE 11/01/2025 - 11/30/2025</u>		
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
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$305,699.07</b>



# December 18, 2025 Special Joint Council Meeting

The Le Grand City Council and Le Grand Township Trustees met in special session at 2:00 PM on December 18, 2025 at the Monet Center with Mayor Jodi L Abrahams presiding. Roll Call: Jodi L Abrahams, Judy Cecak, Don Weitzell. Todd Parrish Township Roll Call: Chuck Grove, Carl Rasmussen, Rob Schrader, Rhonda Hendricks, Township Clerk. Also Attending: KyLee Stone, City Clerk/Treasurer, Brad Weitzell, Assistant Fire Chief. Attending Virtually: Spencer Wolf- EMS Director, Tyler Humpfer- Assistant EMS Director. 5 citizens attending. Cecak motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Mayor opened the discussion regarding the FY27 Fire Budget. Clerk supplied Township and Council with the Fire and EMS budget worksheets that had been submitted to her, as well as her worksheets. Weitzell stated that the amounts for certain line amounts have been shifted to maintain the budget. Mayor Abrahams informed that the Fire Department requested budget amount is the same as FY26 request, which is \$43,000.00. Hendricks questioned why there was more money put in the uniform line. T Parrish stated that the funds were taken from the pay line and placed in the uniform line to allow for the purchase of the t-shirts and sweatshirts for current members. B Weitzell questioned the longevity pay that the State is offering. The Clerk mentioned that she had spoken with other clerks and no one really has a clear answer on how the program works, but if the information that has been gathered is correct, then the program may not be beneficial to the City. B Weitzell said this program now has a portal, and he will email the link for the City to review. Two sets of bunker gear are typically budgeted for annually. There are three volunteers that are needing bunker gear replaced. T Parrish stated that a maintenance item that would be coming up is tire replacements. They run around \$600 for each tire, and the current tires are 23-year-old and are not able to be rotated. Mayor asked if there were any more questions or concerns regarding the FY27 Fire Department Budget. D Weitzell made a motion to approve the FY27 Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$43,000.00. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: Cooling-Y, Cecak-Y, Weitzell-Y. T Parrish - Abstains because he is on the Fire Department and if elected, will be the new Fire Chief. 3-1. Carried. Mayor opened the discussion regarding the FY27 EMS Budget. Mayor confirmed that they are requesting \$10,800, which is the same amount as FY26 EMS Budget. R Schrader with the Township asked for clarification on the difference between Operational Equipment Repair and Minor Equipment. T Humpfer stated that Operational Equipment Repair is for the maintenance and service on the Tahoe, and the minor equipment would

be more for things like medical supplies. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the FY27 EMS Budget. L Cooling motioned to approve FY27 EMS Budget in the amount of \$10,800.00. Seconded by T Parrish. Roll Call: Weitzell-Y, Cecak-Y, Cooling-Y, Parrish-Y. 4-0. Carried.

J Cecak mentioned that she would like to see any funds received from controlled burns go back to the City and into an account for Fire Equipment. R Schrader with the Township asked if the volunteers were getting paid for a controlled burn. T Parrish stated that a controlled burn is for training purpose, but not counted as a training for volunteer pay. T Parrish stated that they also do not invoice for controlled burns they just ask for a donation. Mayor mentioned that the current Fire Equipment Fund is in the Capital Reserve Fund, and the funds would have to be activated at budget time. Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. J Cecak motioned to adjourn. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 4-0. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, KyLee Stone City Clerk/Treasurer. Minutes published prior to approval.

## December 18, 2025 Special Council Meeting

The Le Grand City Council held a Special Council Meeting at the Monet Center at 2:53 PM, December 18, 2025 with Mayor Jodi L Abrahams presiding. Roll call: Jodi L Abrahams, Judy Cecak, Don Weitzell, Todd Parrish, Lou Ann Cooling. Also Attending: KyLee Stone-City Clerk/Treasurer. No citizens in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: J Cecak motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by L Cooling. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried. FY27 Wage Discussion: Clerk put two options for Public Works Apprentice position for potential certification raises. Mayor stated that the wage increase to \$17.50 is due to Apprentice obtaining his CDL, and explained the certifications needed yet. Parrish stated that his understanding was that Water and Sewer certifications take at least a year before being able to take the tests and that \$0.50 per certification is what he remembers. Mayor stated that the resolution will be reviewed for clarification and check with PWD for clarification. Mayor stated that certifications must be considered when budget is discussed. Weitzell questioned how long the city has budgeted for two full time Public Works employees. Mayor stated that discussion was two years, however she believes that a part time person should be hired to help during periods where only one full time employee is available. Mayor stated that a part time person should be guaranteed at least 20 hours a week. Clerk stated that her suggestions for the wage budget show different percentages of wage increases and a possible health insurance stipend increase for full time employees.

Parrish questioned the part seasonal mower wages. Clerk stated that the line is left on there for emergencies. Mayor questioned what the current budget worksheets given to the council include for wage increase. Clerk stated that the wage lines are figured at 3% with no stipend increase. Cecak requested a Finance committee meeting to go over wages. Item tabled.

FY27 Budget Workshop: Clerk stated that the overall total for expenses lowered without LOSST, which will be included in revenue. Parrish requested clarification on the LOSST numbers. Clerk stated that the \$80,000.00 is what was transferred in and \$110,000.00 is what the city is anticipating. The state is anticipating LOSST to be decreased 2.9%. Discussion took place regarding the budgeting of LOSST funds and figuring what the city would potentially receive in LOSST. Mayor stated that the General Fund budget is less than the General Fund revenue. Clerk reviewed the proposed budgets in General Fund. Mayor spoke regarding the budgeted funds for LEAP. Weitzell questioned why the Community

Center Building Maintenance line was higher. Mayor stated it is because the Parks & Rec board want to start fixing the Community and Monet Center. Discussion took place over the potential for a project to repair the Community and Monet Center. Clerk reviewed budgeted expenses for Clerk, City hall and General Government. Discussion took place regarding the budgets for Roads, Library, Water and Sewer.

Cooling motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Weitzell. Roll Call: 4-1. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM.

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

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# The City of Le Grand

has a vacancy on the  
**City Council**

City Council Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month and on an 'as needed' basis.

**The City of Le Grand is seeking an individual who believes  
in being proactive on current issues in the City of Le Grand.**

**No previous experience or education required – just a desire to engage in civic responsibility.**

Please submit your name in writing to City Hall for consideration in filling the vacancy on the City Council.

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