

CITY OF PLEASANTVILLE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 25, 2025 at 5:30PM

Mayor Kody Jurgens opened the meeting with council members Aaron Hurt, Rachel Lopez, Jon Koehn, and Kyle Patterson present. Council member Jordan Van Ness was absent.

Mayor Jurgens opened the public hearing for the FY 2026 proposed property tax levy. City Clerk/Admin, Rachel Reed, showed the levy for the previous budget year was 17.15522. She explained that the overall levy that is proposed is 16.99292. This is a slight increase for property insurance and employee benefit levies, a decrease for the debt service levy and the combined general fund levy. The city's CGFL decreased because we had a 2.84% increase in valuations for new homes hitting the tax rolls. She explained that the statement that was mailed to each property owner shows a 12% increase because the city will receive more property tax revenue due to the valuation increase. Council member Hurt explained that the increase in expenses is because of projects that the city has completed. Reed explained the cost of supplies for all departments has increased, we added maintenance and utilities for the pond and proposed an 8% increase for the library instead of a decrease. This budget also includes the police department pay scale that the council approved. Council member Hurt explained there is a potential the levy can decrease when the council approves the budget, depending on the cost of living raises budgeted for employees. Reed explained the difference would be minimal due to the city paying more FICA/IPERS from the general fund to keep the employee benefit levy down.

Kenny Bently at 103 N Iowa St. asked the council what the const increase will be for his property taxes. He explained he compared last year to this year, and he added that his increase with be \$92 more for the city's levy. Reed asked if his property valuation increased. He said that it had. Reed explained, if his property valuation maintained the same then his property taxes to the city would decrease because the levy is decreasing. Mayor Jurgens looked up his property valuation and explained how taxable valuations are calculated. Reed explained that she would help him figure an estimate of what his taxes would be with all taxing authorities if he had some time to meet with her at city hall. With no other questions or comments, council member Patterson made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Hurt. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor, motion carried.

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Mayor, Kody Jurgens

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City Clerk, Rachel Reed