

Pleasantville City Council Meeting

August 19, 2025 at 5:30pm

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

Mayor Jurgens gave a shout out to the baseball team for their state tournament win; he informed everyone that the team was hosting a meet and greet signing event this evening. Jurgens also informed the council that he talked to Reed about lawns that he has received complaints about, and she will address them this week.

Council Member Hurt asked if there was anything that could be done about the algae in the pond. Reed explained that the DNR sent contact information of companies that apply treatment applications to treat algae. Breazeale explained that a license is required to treat a public body of water. Hurt stated that it can be a future agenda item.

Police Chief, Adam Choat, explained Officer Lenger has signed his contract and will start the ILEA September 2nd.

Library Director, JoEllen Glick, informed the council that the summer reading program recently ended and there were 195 entries for the program with 91 completing the reading logs. She explained they have a list of donors that have donated book prizes. Glick informed the council that 1,584 items have been checked out in the last month.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Koehn to approve the consent agenda as follows; approval of previous council meeting minutes, approval of July 2025 financial reports, approval of water consumption report for July 2025, approval of employee comp time, approval of Police Report, approval of outdoor liquor license for Halftime Bar & Grill for Sept. 20-21, and approval of the following bills: All voting in favor, motion carried.

ACCESS SYSTEMS INC	COPIER	234.07	MENARDS	SPRAYPAINT	17.58
ADVANTAGE ADMINS	GROUP INS	52.5	MICROBAC LAB	TESTING	826.25
ADVANTAGE ADMINS	MEDICAL	24	MICROBAC LAB	TESTING	908.75
ADVANTAGE ADMINS	MEDICAL	1,010.80	MID AMERICAN	UTILITIES	5,439.27
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.	WATER CONTRACT	93	MIPA	MEMBERSHIP DUES	252
AUTOKRAFT	TAHOE OIL CHANGE	216.6	NAPA AUTO PARTS	STREET SWEEPER PARTS	930.33
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	213.98	TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE TAX	1,351.77
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	78.6	TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE TAXES	1,254.17
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	36.37	PEOPLES BANK	NSF FEE	2.09
BANLEACO	LED LIGHING	297.11	PEOPLES BANK	ACH FEE	10
BLUE SOMBRERO	ACH FEE	3	PITNEY BOWES	INK	127.8
BOB GRIPP	MH BRICK REPAIR	330	PITNEY BOWES INC	POSTAGE	146.76
BROWN SANITATION	RECYCLING	630	POSTMASTER	WATER BILLS	353.8
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	FUEL/SUPPLIES	2,102.21	PRAIRIE AG SUPPLY	MOWER OIL	244.11
CELESTE CRAFTY CORNER	REIMB-SUPPLIES	52.31	RIDDELL	FB HELMETS	2,263.75
CELESTE CRAFTY CORNER	JULY CLEANING	393.75	SAMS RIVERSIDE	TRUCK UTILITY BOX	2,500.00
CITY OF PLEASANTVILLE	WATER UTILITIES	326.62	SANGOMA USA INC	PHONE SYSTEM	196.08
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES	SCREENING	55	SILVERSMITH DATA	GIS-ANNUAL FEE	2,090.00
COLONIAL LIFE	COLONIAL PRETAX	70.18	SMITH FERT & GRAIN	WEED KILLER	10
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COWDEN SANITATION	SANITATION	350	THE COMEDIAN COMP	COMEDIAN BOOKING	1,450.00
DOLLAR GENERAL	SUPPLIES	56.07	DES MOINES REGISTER	SUBSCRIPTION	30.48
DOLLAR GENERAL	GATORADE/WATER	23.25	TROY GILCHRIST	CELL STIPEND	20
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	6,427.25	TYLER FLESHER	CELL STIPEND	20
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	6,212.41	USA BLUE BOOK	PHOSPHAKE PUMP REPAIR	247.33
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5,987.07	U S CELLULAR	PD/WW COMMUNICATIONS	316.64
ELITE PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	40	U S CELLULAR	PD/WW COMMUNICATIONS	314.65
EMC INSURANCE	LEGAL DEDUCTIBLE	2,000.00	VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC	BUILDING PERMITS	924
FARM & HOME	TRIMMER	612.97	VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC	PERMITS	2,580.00
FARM & HOME	BUCKET/PIPE/ELBO	136.88	VERIZON	PD/WW COMMUNICATIONS	80.05
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	SOFTWARE	2,192.00	VISA	FEES/PLUG/GREASE/MIRROR	488.59
GALLS, LLC	SHIRT/HOLDER	592.13	VISA	BOOKS/ILA/SHELF/SUPPLIES	1,988.75
HACH	TESTING	313.3	VSP	VISION	233.43
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE PARTS	165	WELLMARK BL CR/BL SH	GROUP INSURANCE	14,366.50
MARION CO HUMANE SOC	ANIMAL CONTROL	417.5	WINDSTREAM	PH/INTERNET	156.27
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I & S GROUP, INC	SURVEY	6,385.62	Accounts Payable Total		106,053.97
IOWA DNR	NPDES SYSTEM	210		WATER	256.36
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	13.5		Refund Checks Total	256.36
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	STREET SIGNS	695.19	Payroll Checks		59,790.22
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	WA EXCISE TAX	1,722.03	**** REPORT TOTAL ****		166,100.55
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	SALES TAX	503.03	GENERAL		85,941.52
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	WA Excise TAX	1,493.94	MEMORIAL HALL		42.12

IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	SALES TAX	490.16	ROAD USE TAX	16,251.32
IPERS	PROTECTED IPERS	8,421.05	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	14,004.74
IPERS	PROTECTED IPERS	8,010.52	LOST	2,135.20
KNOXVILLE HOSPITAL	SCREEN 7/15/25	36	CAPITAL PROJ-ADKINS	93
LEXIPOL, LLC	LAW POLICY	3,022.52	EQUIPMENT	3,112.97
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	LIFE INS	33.51	WATER	26,162.78
MARION COUNTY EXPRESS	PUBLICATIONS	257.07	SEWER	17,785.31
MEDIACOM	STREET DEPT	176.15	STORM WATER	571.59
			TOTAL FUNDS	166,100.55

Revenue received during month of July 2025: General Fund \$33,474.60; Road Use Tax \$18,309.37; Employee Benefits \$1,104.19; Local Option Sales Tax \$28,764.80; Debt Service \$3,723.87; Water \$50,679.74; Water Sinking \$10,655; Sewer \$57,635.61; Sewer Sinking \$27,958.74; Storm Water \$2,065.96.

New Business:

Engineer, Joey Whitehouse, explained that ISG performed a review of the parcel split at 803 E Jasper St. The request is to separate the homestead from the farmable field to the west and south. ISG recommends approving the parcel split. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve the parcel split for 803 E Jasper St. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Breazeale provided the council with a quote from Sam's Riverside for a utility box from one of the city trucks. He explained it would be more efficient to have tools and everything in one truck. He recommended it be paid out of the minor RUT equipment replacement fund. Reed informed the council that there is about \$35,000 in that fund. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve the purchase of a utility box from Sam's Riverside in the amount of \$2,500. All voting in favor, motion carried.

The council discussed putting a policy in place to require bars/restaurants to hire an off-duty police officer to cover outdoor events when they request outdoor liquor license and street closures. Chief Choat informed the council that the department will extend their hours to make sure the event is covered for Halftime Bar & Grill. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Koehn to approve street closure on Jefferson Street from Jackson to Monroe on September 20th from 5:30pm-10pm. All voting in favor, motion carried.

The council compared estimates to replace the fender, running board, and decals on the police car. Reed informed the council that the deductible for vehicles is \$1000. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve the estimate from Karl Chevrolet for \$3,096.48. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Koehn to approve Trick or Treat night on October 31st from 6pm-8pm and approve to close the streets around the square for the PYI Halloween Event from 5:30pm-8pm on October 31st. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Reed informed the council that Parks & Rec Director, Jordan Flaws, has been working on scheduling different events. The first event planned is a comedy act on October 4th at the Memorial Hall. Flaws sent an email with details of the event. The Comedian Company will make the flyers with event details and tickets will be available online at Eventbrite.com. Tickets will be \$20 up to the day of the event and \$25 at the door on the day of the event. Doors will open at 6pm, the opening act will start at 7pm, and the main act will run from 7:30pm-8:30pm. This will be a 21+ event with tables and chairs set up to allow outside food and drinks. Mayor Jurgens asked Chief Choat to have an extra officer on duty that evening to cover the event. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Hurt to approve the contract with The Comedian Company for \$1,450. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Reed explained to the council that Resolution 25-15 is to set a notice of hearing on the proposed Urban Revitalization Plan. The hearing will need to be held at the October council meeting because a city-wide mailing is required at least 30 days prior to the date of the hearing. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve Resolution 25-15, declaring necessity and providing for notice of hearing on proposed Urban Revitalization Plan for October 21st at 5:30pm. Hurt aye, Koehn aye, and Patterson aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The council discussed setting a cap to the weekly benefit amount for the short-term disability policy. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve the employee handbook updates by adding provisions for short-term disability, capping the weekly benefit amount at \$1,000, and allowing employees to use PTO to make up the difference of the employee's base pay and the short-term disability pay. Hurt aye, Koehn aye, and Patterson aye. Motion carried.

Attorney Bob Stuyvesant explained to the council that there has been a recent court filing that has caused the storm water issue on Linden Pl. to be on hold. He further explained that the city received notice of bankruptcy filing, but the city is not a creditor because an agreement has not been reached, and money isn't owed to the city at this time. Stuyvesant has reached out to the attorney and will have more information for the council at the next meeting.

Stuyvesant explained that jury trial for Adkin's lawsuit is scheduled for Oct. 7th. He explained that Adkins' attorney has filed a motion for declaratory judgment and is filing it as a counter claim. He explained the declaratory judgment action has been filed to have the court declare if the city or the developer is responsible to provide gas and electric to the development property. Stuyvesant informed the council that the development agreement does not state who is responsible. However, the contribution agreement that Reed provided him specifically states the developer is responsible for providing gas and electricity. Stuyvesant has sent the contribution agreement to Adkins' attorney and has suggested a consent decree. He will have more information at the September council meeting.

Motion by Koehn, seconded by Patterson to adjourn. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mayor, Kody Jurgens

Attest: Rachel Reed, City Clerk