

Pleasantville City Council Meeting

March 24, 2026 at 5:30pm

Mayor Kody Jurgens opened the meeting with council members Aaron Hurt, Rachel Lopez, Chelsea Kain, Kyle Patterson, and Jordan Van Ness present.

Public Works Director, Shawn Breazeale, informed the council that the well is up and running with the loaner pump and is pumping 450 gallon per minute.

Parks and Rec Director, Jordan Flaws, informed the council that little league practice starts Monday. The art teacher from the school held a rug painting last fall at the Memorial Hall and has one scheduled this Spring as well.

Police Chief, Adam Choat, informed the council that the department will be testing a license plate reader camera for a few months to evaluate performance and compatibility with the sheriff's department network. He also reported that the speed trailer will be redeployed on city streets within the next couple of weeks.

Library Board Member, Sara Reid, informed the council that the library is preparing for the summer reading program.

Engineer, Joey Whitehouse, reported continued progress on the Capital Improvements Plan, which he anticipates reviewing with the council the coming months. He has met with city staff to incorporate council feedback regarding downtown streets and infrastructure, with cost estimates and conceptual plans to be included in the CIP.

Attorney, Bob Stuyvesant, informed the council that he received the change of title from the clerk of court for the Fenton property and he has forwarded it onto the recorder's office to be recorded and officially put in the city's name. He also explained that he reached out the Adkin's attorney and she is waiting for bank approval before sending a proposed settlement agreement. Mr. Stuyvesant updated the council on the records request from the Oskaloosa Herald, he explained that the Iowa Public Information Board is still coordinating with former Officer Good's attorney and approval is required before releasing additional information.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to approve the consent agenda as follows; approval of previous council meeting minutes, approval of February 2026 financial reports, approval of water consumption report for February 2026, approval of employee comp time, and approval of Police Report, and approval of the following bills: All voting in favor, motion carried.

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| ABBY K GLANN | ZOOM REIMBURSMENT | 16.99 | MENARDS ALTOONA | RAGS | 19.76 |
| ACCESS SYSTEMS INC | COPIER | 209.77 | MENARDS DES MOINES | TRASH CANS/FUSE/COUP | 108.39 |
| ADVANTAGE ADMINIS | GROUP INS | 52.5 | MICROBAC LAORATORIS | TESTING | 617 |
| ADVANTAGE ADMINIS | MEDICAL | 16.96 | MID AMERICAN ENERGY | UTILITIES | 4,910.83 |
| ADVANTAGE ADMINIS | MEDICAL | 48.78 | MIDWEST SANITATION | SANITATION | 150 |
| SHAWN BREAZEALE | PARKING FOR CLASSES | 39 | MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS | BODY CAM YEARLY FEE | 2,754.00 |
| BROWN SANITATION | RECYCLING | 720 | TREASURER-STATE OF IA | STATE TAXES | 1,134.60 |
| CAPITAL CITY EQUIPMENT | CARTRIDGE/ELEMENT/FILTER | 193.95 | PELLA COOP ELECTRIC | UTILITIES | 4,635.20 |
| CARGILL, INC. | SOFTENER SALT | 4,380.48 | PEOPLES BANK | ANALYSIS CHARGE | 1.22 |
| CELESTE CRAFTY CORNER | DEC/JAN CLEANING | 968.75 | PEOPLES BANK | ACH fee | 10 |
| CITY OF PLEASANTVILLE | WATER UTILITY | 396.56 | PITNEY BOWES FINANCIAL | POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE | 81.27 |
| CITY OF URBANDALE | SALT STORAGE | 583.8 | PITNEY BOWES INC | POSTAGE | 100.2 |
| COLONIAL LIFE | COLONIAL PRETAX | 70.18 | PITNEY BOWES INC | POSTAGE | 144.27 |
| DOLLAR GENERAL | MH/PD CLEANING SUPPLIES | 85.25 | PLEASANTVILLE AUTO | TIRE MOUNT/BALANCE | 84.4 |
| DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP | PLOW BLADE | 680.51 | POSTMASTER | WA BILLS | 349.53 |
| DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP | PLOWGUARD GUAGE/BOLT | 2,334.16 | QUILL CORPORATION | OFFICE CHAIR | 439.72 |
| EDMUNDS GOVTECH | SOFTWARE | 14,875.00 | QUILL CORPORATION | MH PAPERTOWELS | 57.99 |
| EFTPS | FED/FICA TAX | 5,548.89 | RAMAEKER | WRESTLING BEANIES | 660 |
| EFTPS | FED/FICA TAX | 5,509.34 | RGE & ASSOCIATES | AUDIT | 6,400.00 |
| ELECTRIC PUMP | FLOW METER CALIBRATIONS | 553.5 | SANGOMA USA INC | PHONE SYSTEM | 197.07 |
| ELITE PEST CONTROL | PEST CONTROL | 230 | M. SHINN TRUCKING | SOFTENER SALT | 644.56 |
| FARM & HOME | TRASH BAGS/LEAF BAG | 101.02 | SUPER BRIGHT LEDs | PARK PATH LIGHTS | 4,109.18 |
| FARM & HOME | GLOVES | 29.98 | T-MOBILE | COMMUNICATIONS | 52.6 |
| FERGUSON WATERWORKS | METERS | 8,143.99 | TROY GILCHRIST | CELL STIPEND | 20 |
| FORBES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | LIB COPY MACHINE | 271.94 | TYLER FLESHER | CELL STIPEND | 20 |
| GALLS, LLC | SHIRT | 94.97 | US AUTOFORCE | TIRES | 405.54 |
| GRAINGER | WRAP TAPE MEASURE | 76.42 | UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO | COUPLINGS | 1,953.91 |
| HACH | TESTING | 294 | VAN WALL POWERSPORTS | SPARK PLUG/OIL/FILTER | 242.23 |
| HACH | TESTING | 260.05 | VEENSTRA AND KIMM, INC | TRADE PERMITS | 150 |
| HAWKINS INC | CHLORINE | 20 | VERIZON | PD/WW COMMUNICATIONS | 80.05 |
| HAWKINS INC | SUPPLIES | 20 | VISA | TBALLS/SB/LEAGUE/BASES/SHIELD | 3,796.96 |
| MARION CO HUMANE SOC | ANIMAL CONTROL | 417.5 | VSP | VISION | 222.91 |
| I & S GROUP, INC | GEN/COUCIL | 915 | WELLMARK BL CR/BL SH | GROUP INS | 13,207.14 |
| IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY | WARRENT SYSTEM | 300 | UNITI | LIB PH/INTERNET | 146.44 |

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| IAMU | MEMBERSHIP DUES | 883 | ZOOPS FUN ZONE | FOAM ZONE | 350 |
| IAMU | WA WORKSHOPS | 180 | Accounts Payable Total | | 112,108.88 |
| IHYDRANT | PRESSURE/TEMP | 900 | | Refund Checks Total | |
| IOWA HISTORY JOURNAL | 2 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION | 35.95 | Payroll Checks | | 36,415.49 |
| IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV | WA EXCISE TAX | 1,196.85 | *** REPORT TOTAL *** | | 148,524.37 |
| IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV | SALES TAX | 295.7 | GENERAL | | 60,728.67 |
| IPERS | PROTECTED IPERS | 7,821.04 | MEMORIAL HALL | | 3.5 |
| J&K TREE SERVICE | STUMP REMOVAL | 400 | ROAD USE TAX | | 13,432.72 |
| LAKEFRONT LIVING, LLC | ADULT VB SHIRTS | 96 | EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | | 12,111.14 |
| MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS | LIFE INS | 298.3 | LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX | | 10,000.00 |
| MARION CO IT DEPT | PD IT SERVICES | 2,000.00 | CAP PROJ-PARK PATH | | 4,109.18 |
| MARION COUNTY EXPRESS | PUBLICATIONS | 450.57 | WATER | | 31,851.17 |
| MCKAY INSURANCE | DODGE CHARGER | 483 | SEWER | | 16,259.57 |
| MCKAY INSURANCE | ENDORSEMENT POLICY | 76 | STORM WATER | | 28.42 |
| MEDIACOM | STREET DEPT | 276.26 | TOTAL FUNDS | | 148,524.37 |

Revenue received during month of February 2026: General Fund \$18,503.33; Road Use Tax \$15,257.39; Employee Benefits \$182.24; LOST \$22,688.56; Debt Service \$1,126.56; Cap. Proj. Shelter House \$1,300; Cap. Proj. Park Path \$350.00; Water \$33,247.84; Water Sinking \$10,655; Sewer \$47,926.06; Sewer Sinking \$27,958.74; Storm Water \$1,970.96

New Business:

Rick Teed of Garden and Associates explained to the council that he has been working with Marion County Rural Water for system improvements that include a new water tower that will be constructed near the intersection of Hwy 5 and Hwy 92, an upgrade to a pump station, and a new transmission line from Knoxville. He is aware that the city is currently working on major system improvements that include a new water tower and possibly a new water treatment plant. He discussed an option for Pleasantville to purchase water from MCRW as a cost-saving alternative to a new treatment plant. He explained that the cost for MCRW system improvements would be 12-14 million with the city having a cost share. With this scenario, the city and MCRW would share a water tower and MCRW would maintain all the equipment and infrastructure. The major benefit is the city wouldn't have any operation and maintenance costs for a treatment plant, well, or water tower. The city would just be responsible for maintaining the distribution system. MCRW has paused their design work because it would change if the city wanted to pursue a shared project. If the city would like to move forward with a shared project, it would require an engineering report. If not, he will continue to work with MCRW to finish up their plans for the system improvements. Council Member Hurt shared that he isn't comfortable with giving away control of the water treatment system and water rates. When the city's well went down a couple months ago the city had to shut down the supply to MCRW. Since then, the city's chloride levels have decreased, which might impact the need for a new treatment plant. Whitehouse explained that, with the well going down, we are conducting an extended trial run with the test pump to collect additional data, particularly during the high-usage summer months to monitor chloride levels. Mayor Jurgens expressed that he appreciates that rural water considered a shared project, but he feels Pleasantville has better quality water than Knoxville. Teed explained the water quality would be a big difference because it's not treated the same as Pleasantville's. Breazeale explained that Knoxville doesn't soften their water. If the city would go that route he is concerned about the number of individual softening systems that would be put in homes and potentially raise the chloride levels and put us back over the limits. The council thanked Mr. Teed for his time.

Kristen Fish-Peterson of East Elementary Apartments informed the council that she has submitted and application for the State Historic Tax credits. Should her application not be successful during this round, she intends to reapply in September. She also informed them that the Workforce Housing Tax credit and the Redevelopment Tax Credit applications are due in June, with notification regarding awards expected in September. Once tax credits have been awarded, the property will be appraised, followed by loan underwriting by the bank. After those steps have been completed, they can initiate construction. She explained that she is comfortable saying that the project would be substantially completed by December 31, 2027, instead of December 2026. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Van Ness to approve Resolution 26-08, approving an addendum to the Development Agreement between the City of Pleasantville and East Elementary Apartments. Hur aye, Lopez aye, Kain aye, Patterson aye, and Van Ness aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to approve Resolution 26-09, supporting the submission of tax credit applications for East Elementary Apartments. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Kain aye, Patterson aye, and Van Ness aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve Brown's Sanitation Solid Waste License application. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Reed informed the council that Ordinance 2602-2026 is amending chapter 106.08 by removing the following: A special sticker shall be required on collection bags or containers over the limits of 3 allowable per

week. Stickers are available for sale at City Hall for a fee of \$2.50 per sticker. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Kain to approve Ordinance No. 2602-2026, an Ordinance amending Chapter 106 pertaining to Collection of Solid Waste. Van Ness aye, Patterson aye, Kain aye, Lopez aye, and Hurt aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings for Ordinance 2602-2026, and Ordinance amending Chapter 106 pertaining to Collection of Solid Waste. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Kain aye, Patterson aye, and Van Ness aye. Motion carried.

Breazeale informed the council that TJ, Troy, and himself inspected the water leak at 401 N State St. They were able to determine that the water was pumped out of the basement with a sump pump and did not go into the city's sewer system. Motion by Van Ness, seconded by Patterson to approve a sewer adjustment for \$655.31 for Tim McGill at 401 N State St. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Breazeale informed the council that the AgriDrain system at the Shadle Park Pond has been fixed and it is now working properly. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to approve final pay app in the amount of \$10,720 to Des Moines Dirt Worx for the Shadle Park Pond Project. Van Ness aye, Patterson aye, Kain aye, Lopez aye, and Hurt aye. Motion carried.

Hurt informed the council that during budget discussion with Reed, they discussed a purchasing policy allowing department heads and the city administrator to make purchases without council approval as long as it's within their budgets. He recommends removing #2 under Unique Waivers of Competitive Bidding titled High Skill Professional Services, he doesn't care for the wording in that section. The policy states department heads can make purchases up to \$5,000, city administrator up to \$10,000, and city council anything over \$10,000. Mayor Jurgens recommends reducing the department head purchases to \$1,000. Hurt noted that it is typical for department heads to have purchasing authority over \$1,000 and recommend maintaining the \$5,000 limit. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Van Ness to approve the City of Pleasantville's Purchasing Policy as presented and striking item #2 from Unique Waivers of Competitive Bidding titled High Skill Professional Services. Van Ness aye, Patterson aye, Kain aye, Lopez aye, and Hurt aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Van Ness to set the public hearing for the FY 2027 budget for April 21, 2026, at 5:30pm. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Breazeale provided the council with quotes for a new Ford F-450 to replace our current one. He explained that he didn't need a new sand/salt spreader but the one we have runs off hydraulics and it is more cost effective to switch to an electric one instead of hooking up a PTO on the new truck. He explained one quote is for equipment and one is for the truck and they are both state bids. Reed informed the council that we have budgeted \$97,400 and the total of the bids is \$94,532. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Van Ness to approve \$52,727 to Stivers Ford Lincoln and \$41,805 to Truck Equipment for a total of \$94,532 for the purchase of a new F-450 and equipment. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to approve Resolution 26-10, approving deputy clerk to apply for tuition scholarship for training provided by IMFOA and the Iowa League of Cities. Van Ness aye, Patterson aye, Kain aye, Lopez aye, and Hurt aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

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

Mayor, Kody Jurgens

Attest: Rachel Reed, City Clerk