

Pleasantville City Council Meeting

August 18, 2026, at 5:30pm

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

Mayor Jurgens opened the public hearing on the proposed amendments to Chapter 165, zoning regulation pertaining to accessory structures. There were no written or oral comments or questions. Motion by Hurt seconded by Lopez to close the public hearing. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mayor Jurgens reported that Debi Durham visited Pleasantville today and that the meeting was very positive.

Council Member Hurt raised concerns about an overgrown yard at a vacant property on Linden Street. City Administrator Rachel Reynolds said she would check the status of the police department's notice.

Public Works Director Shawn Breazeale reported that a trench was cut to address a possible drainage obstruction that contributed to flooding at Linden and Pleasant Streets. He also said the demolition of the house at 118 E. Jackson St. is complete. Following recent heavy rains that sent 2.1 million gallons through the wastewater treatment plant in one day, he will focus on infiltration and inflow issues.

Parks and Rec Director Jordan Flaws reported strong registration numbers for youth sports including 86 for football, 70 for soccer, 40 for volleyball and 23 for the new cross-country program. He is currently working on scheduling a weekend for a drive-in movie night.

No updates from the police department. Police Chief Adam Choat is out on vacation.

Librarian JoEllen Glick shared updates on summer programming and accreditation status.

Kim McNerny, 515 Hwy G-40, asked whether Ray White had been served a notice regarding the vehicles on his property and when the 30-day deadline would expire. She also asked about resurfacing East Jasper Street/G-40. Breazeale said that after the city approves the additional asphalt work at the park, he will obtain Manatt's schedule and determine whether the company has time to complete work there. However, the city may need to obtain competitive quotes if over a certain amount.

Erica Perkins followed up on flooding at Linden Street and West Pleasant Street. Breazeale reported that a recently dug trench appeared to create a bottleneck. Engineer Joey Whitehouse said the city could inspect the storm sewers by camera for a blockage. Council Member Hurt recommended opening the manholes and visually inspecting the system, as Breazeale proposed, and using a camera if no issue is found.

Council Member Lopez asked about a bill paid to CW Smith for a prepaid service card. Librarian Glick explained that it is for IT services for the library. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Kain to approve the consent agenda as follows; approval of previous council meeting minutes, approval of July 2026 financial reports, approval of FY 2026 salaries, approval of water consumption report for July 2026, approval of employee comp time, monthly police report, and approval of the following bills: All voting in favor, motion carried. (CORRECTED 8/31/2026) No monthly police report was provided to the Council at the August 18 meeting.

CUMMINS SALES & SVC	equipment maintenance	425.82	ILEA	Online Course	25.00
PRAIRIE AG SUPPLY	Mowers	148.56	BOUND TO STAY BOUND	books	34.52
HAWKINS INC	supplies	1,698.16	INDUSTRIAL PNEUMATIC SYS	Oil and Service Kit	1,872.55
SCISWA LANDFILL	Clean up days	973.22	MIDWEST SANITATION	Garbage/Recycling	2,559.90
VISA	training/adapt/bf kit	998.41	GRAINGER	Metal Air Filter	120.68
COLONIAL LIFE	INSURANCE W/H	70.18	ACCESS SYSTEMS INC	copier	225.97
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	INSURANCE W/H	274.18	MARION CO HUMANE SOCIETY	Animal Control	417.50
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE W/H PAYABLE	1,302.03	IOWA DNR	NPDES Operation Permit	210.00
IPERS	IPERS W/H PAYABLE	8,216.82	PRAIRIE AG SUPPLY	Mower parts	154.97
MARION COUNTY EXPRESS	Publications	641.55	Vogel Traffic Service	Pavement Marking	3,550.89
POSTMASTER	Water Bills Postage	371.80	CITY OF PLEASANTVILLE	Water Utility	478.81
Ashten Arnaud	Equipment Box	100.00	KNOXVILLE HOSPITAL & CLINICS	Random Drug Screen	38.00
PEOPLES BANK	ACH fee	10.00	MICROBAC LAORATORIES INC	Testing	832.75
EFTPS	FEDERAL W/H PAYABLE	6,270.54	AT&T Mobility	Internet	40.16
CW SMITH	5 hour prepaid service	550.00	UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO INC	Bar Guard, Flags, Meter	949.91
SANGOMA USA INC	Phone System	197.70	FARM & HOME	trimmer/saw/oil/filter	294.90
ADVANTAGE ADMINs	Group Ins	52.50	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	Utilities	5,385.27
ELITE PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	230.00	VISA	supplies	257.07
SMITH FERTILIZER	crossbow	55.34	TROY GILCHRIST	cell stipend	20.00
NORRIS AUTOMOTIVE	brakes,tires,AC	2,525.47	TYLER FLESHER	cell stipend	20.00
GALLS, LLC	slash guard glove	39.99	UNITI	Lib Internet	146.74
HACH	hardness test	436.57	I & S GROUP, INC	engineering	2,780.25
QUILL CORPORATION	tabs/paper/envelopes	188.69	STUYVESANT,STRONG,KRAPFL&CARDA	Legal Fees	1,946.10

BOBS CUSTOM TROPHIES	Slugfest Runner up	52.50	TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC	dump truck w/ plow	41,805.00
LAKEFRONT LIVING, LLC	FB Coach Shirts	231.00	VISA	uattend/workspace/lock	773.17
IOWA ONE CALL	locates	56.90	VISA	vinyl/cabinet/first aid kits	1,074.31
UNITI	Internet	187.81	ELIJAH MILLER	House Demo	3,200.00
MEDIACOM	Internet	47.17	VERIZON	Communications	143.60
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES	Yearly Technology Fee	2,656.00	DOLLAR GENERAL	supplies	46.45
CELESTE CRAFTY CORNER	Cleaning	918.75	VISA	Adobe/boots	279.64
PITNEY BOWES INC	Postage	201.00	VISA	supplies	1,169.52
T-MOBILE	Communications	57.87	BOBS CUSTOM TROPHIES, INC	light plaque	17.95
US AUTOFORCE	interest	2.84	QUILL CORPORATION	Ink/scissors/mouse pad	396.78
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	WA Excise Tax	1,542.73	***General***		23,308.10
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	Sales Tax	446.87	***Road Use Tax***		7,709.67
THE DES MOINES REGISTER	Subscription	15.00	***Employee Benefit***		251.68
IOWA POND GUY, LLC	Pond maint contract	750.00	**Cap Proj-Light Park**		17.95
VEENSTRA AND KIMM, INC	Building inspection	1,150.00	***Equipment***		42,183.49
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO INC	Swing Valve	1,788.53	***Water***		12,390.97
GRAINGER	Grease	161.24	***Sewer***		6,112.80
SILVERSMITH DATA	GIS annual fee	2,090.00	**Storm Water**		1,492.87

Revenue received during month of July 2026: General Fund \$31,095.64; Road Use Tax \$19,808.81; Employee Benefits \$2,445.73; LOST \$31,077.60; Debt Service \$2,015.56; Water \$41,411.91; Water Sinking \$10,584; Sewer \$54,540.11; Sewer Sinking \$32,203.70; Storm Water \$2,171.14

New Business:

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2604-2026, pertaining to accessory structures. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Kain aye, and Patterson aye. Motion carried.

Council Member Hurt would like to have a second reading for Ordinance. No. 2604-2026.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2605-2026, adding a new section pertaining to a water conservation plan. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Kain aye, and Patterson aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Kain to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings for Ordinance No. 2605-2026, adding a new section pertaining to water conservation plan. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Kain aye, and Patterson aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve street closure for Jackson St. from Jefferson to Washington on September 17, 2026, from 3pm-6pm for the Homecoming Tailgate Event. All voting in favor motion carried.

Council Member Hurt had concerns about approving the quote from Manatts and meeting the states bid threshold requirements as the quote was combined with another quote putting it over \$63,000. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Hurt to table the quote from Manatts for the asphalt overlay. All voting in favor motion carried.

The council discussed the future of the water connection with Marion County Rural Water. Noting that pumping the additional water to rural has created chloride issues at the wastewater treatment plant, which will require the city to put in a reverse osmosis water treatment plant. The council decided to end the contract with Marion County Rural Water with a defined timeline and increase their rates to match regular city rates. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to have Ahlers & Cooney draft a letter to Marion County Rural Water informing them of water rate increase and requesting them to define a date for terminating water supply from Pleasantville. Patterson aye, Lopez aye, Kain aye, Hurt aye. Motion carried.

Council Member Hurt recommended a brief update on Resolution 26-16, which appoints the city attorney. Reynolds said the City Council and staff recommend appointing Matt Brick of Brick Gentry. Hurt noted his positive experience with the firm and praised its attorneys' professionalism and expertise. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to approve Resolution 26-16 appointing Matt Brick as city attorney. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Kain aye, and Patterson aye. Motion carried.

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

Mayor, Kody Jurgens

Attest: Rachel Reynolds, City Clerk