

Pleasantville City Council Meeting December 16, 2025 at 5:30pm

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

Mayor Jurgens gave thanks to public works for their hard work on the snow removal and thanks to council member Koehn for his time served.

Council member Koehn stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on the council the last 4 years as he has learned a lot about city government.

Public Works Director, Shawn Breazeale, informed the council that he has been working with a contractor to service the big well that's used to pump water into the system every day. Before the well can be pulled the small well needs refurbished, the small well is used twice a week to do backwash. It only pumps 200 gal. per minute. The contractor is going to loan the city a pump that will pump 350-390 gal. per minute to keep up with the demand so the big well pump can be pulled and serviced. He explained that the big well is supposed to be pulled every 7 years and we are past that time by 1-2 years. The contractor will provide a quote to Breazeale, and he will present it to the council. Breazeale also informed the council that mayor Jurgens contacted him because he thought he had a water leak. Breazeale explained to test for a leak they shut the water off and was able to hear a hissing sound through a stethoscope and the water back flowed through the meter which indicated a leak somewhere between the house and the curb stop. Breazeale informed Jurgens that he would need to have it dug up and fixed. When it was dug up it was determined that he had a drain back curb stop. Breazeale explained that he has never seen one of those to a residential home. Those curb stops are typically used for concession stands and bathrooms that are winterized. Due to those circumstances the city will have to absorb the cost, which is about \$960.

Lt. Eysink informed the council that Officer Lenger will be graduating from the Law Enforcement Academy this Friday. They plan to have him on his own next week and have increased coverage.

Librarian JoEllen Glick informed the council that the library hosted the Festival of Art Trees and had over 350 kids visit to view them. Their holiday party was canceled due to the weather, so they decided to do DIY sacks. They will be handing out Christmas break food bags and make and take bags on Friday. The library has also done letters to Santa, a coloring contest, and a toy drive.

Engineer Joey Whitehouse gave the council a brief update on the Capital Improvements Plan. He explained they have met with city staff and discussed projects that they see as a capital improvement project over the next 15 years. ISG will take that information and put together cost estimates, if a project is most likely to occur in the next 3-5 years they will provide a more detailed cost estimate. If it is a project expected to be further out, they will put together a rough estimate. They will then organize that information and have a meeting with the council and discuss with them if they would like to move projects around, add to, or take away from the plan. Hurt asked about public input. Whitehouse explained they can put a questionnaire out to the public at any time the council would like. He explained it may be more beneficial to have a meeting with the council first to determine the list of projects to include in the questionnaire.

Attorney, Bob Stuyvesant, informed the council that he has not received any correspondence from Adkins' attorney or any other attorney at this time. Stuyvesant also informed the council that City Admin/Clerk, Rachel Reed, received a public information request from Kyle Ocker with the Ottumwa Courier/Oskaloosa Herald, requesting information regarding former Officer Good. Stuyvesant had Reed send him a copy of the minutes from the meeting when Good was terminated. He explained that Ocker wasn't satisfied with that information and responded with a terse email saying if we didn't provide him with the information he wanted then he was going to turn it into the Iowa Public Information Board. He explained he tried to contact Mr. Ocker on a few different occasions and never received a response back so he had Reed send Ocker a copy of the termination letter that was generated and provided to Good after her termination. Mr. Ocker responded with an email that he had already contacted the board. Stuyvesant explained that he is unsure what information Mr. Ocker is seeking and we will most likely receive an informal letter from the IPIB. Stuyvesant explained we have a confidentiality clause, and some information cannot be released. He is unsure if Chief Fuller's report can be released or not, but he is going to check on that.

Council Member Van Ness asked about the Christmas on the Square event to be held this Sunday. Mayor Jurgens explained that it is rescheduled for this Sunday and all times and events are to be held at the same times previously scheduled.

Council member Hurt asked about the outstanding check to Vermeer Development. Van Ness informed him that is his TIF payment. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Koehn to approve the consent agenda as follows; approval of previous council meeting minutes, approval of October 2025 financial reports, approval of annual

financial report for FY2025, approval of water consumption report for October 2025, approval of employee comp time, and approval of Police Report: All voting in favor, motion carried. The claims list was removed from the agenda due to figures not listed on the report. The council will hold a special meeting to approve the claims/bills.

Revenue received during month of November 2025: General Fund \$41,970.94; Road Use Tax \$19,941.82; Employee Benefits \$11,610.41; TIF \$15,182.81; Debt Service \$13,729.92; Water \$38,544.90; Water Sinking \$10,655; Sewer \$50,767.57; Sewer Sinking \$27,958.74; Storm Water \$2,017.42

New Business:

Bryan Vander Meiden with Midwest Sanitation & Recycling informed the council that Midwest Sanitation took over Cowden Sanitation on December 1st. Due to legal reasons he could not disclose that to the council at the last council meeting. He explained that Cowden provided trash pick-up a couple times a week and they have made the decision to pick up once a week on Thursdays. He explained there will be no price change, and they are excited to offer and expand services to Pleasantville. The council asked what their schedule will be if trash pick-up day falls on a holiday. Bryan informed them that the pick-up day will be backed up one day. Bryan also explained to the council that they would like to meet with the city about additional services for special events and clean up days as they can provide portable toilets in addition to trash pick-up.

Kelsey Rodgers with the Betterment Organization informed the council that they have confirmed June 5th & 6th as the Pig Out Celebration dates. They are requesting use of the sports complex on June 5th and downtown street closures on June 6th. The street closures requested are W Jackson St. and N Jefferson St. on the square and Monroe St. from S Polk St to S Columbus St. from 7am–10pm and a partial closure on N Washington from the corner of Jackson to the first driveway on the north side of the street for the porta-potties. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Koehn to approve the use of the sports complex on June 5th and street closures requested on June 6th. All voting in favor motion carried.

Whitehouse informed the council that the parcel split requested is on 25th Pl over 1 mile SW of the city limits. He explained we received feedback from the county and relayed the information to the applicant that this split would create a non-buildable parcel with having an easement access only off 25th Pl. The parcel will only be able to be used as agricultural. With that said, there are no issues with the city approving the parcel split. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to approve the parcel split on 25th Pl. (parcels 1966703000 & 1966600000). All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Van Ness, seconded by Lopez to approve Resolution 25-19, approving FY 2026 transfers. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Koehn aye, Patterson aye, and Van Ness aye. Motion carried.

Stuyvesant informed the council that the county requires a resolution to record the plat of survey for the city's lift station lot. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Van Ness to approve Resolution 25-20, approving plat of survey for city lot. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Koehn aye, Patterson aye, and Van Ness aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Koehn to approve the 2nd reading for Ordinance No. 2503-2025, an Ordinance Designating an Area of Pleasantville, Iowa, as the Pleasantville Urban Revitalization Area. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Koehn aye, Patterson aye, and Van Ness aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to waive the 3rd reading for Ordinance No. 2503-2025, an Ordinance Designating an Area of Pleasantville, Iowa, as the Pleasantville Urban Revitalization Area. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Koehn aye, Patterson aye, and Van Ness aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Koehn to approve the 2nd reading for Ordinance No. 2502-2025, an Ordinance adding a new section for Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Special Events. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Koehn aye, Patterson aye, and Van Ness aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to waive the 3rd reading for Ordinance No. 2502-2025, an Ordinance adding a new section for Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Special Events. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Koehn aye, Patterson aye, and Van Ness aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

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

Mayor, Kody Jurgens

Attest: Rachel Reed, City Clerk