

Pleasantville City Council Meeting

September 15, 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. Council Member Jordan Van Ness joined via zoom at 5:37pm.

Mayor Jurgens thanked Public Works Director Shawn Breazeale, his team, and Ely Miller for helping resolve the school's sewer issue.

Council Member Lopez requested an update on an e-bike ordinance. Police Chief Adam Choat said he had consulted chiefs in other communities, who are awaiting state legislation. He explained that state action is needed to provide departments with legal support.

Breazeale reported that the PYI building is taking shape and that the new concrete and sidewalk look good. Council Member Hurt asked about infiltration and inflow issues at the wastewater treatment plant. Breazeale said conditions were poor and that one pond at the facility would likely overflow that night because of the expected rain. He had already notified the DNR. He attributed the problem to the seven inches of rain received the previous week, which overwhelmed the system.

Parks and Recreation Director Jordan Flaws reported increased participation in football, soccer, volleyball, and cross country, all of which are underway. Registration for basketball and wrestling began on Monday.

Chief Choat reported that the department handled 126 service calls in August. With school back in session, he's back to spending half of his days serving as the school resource officer. Homecoming made the week busy, including a track-and-field event this afternoon along Highway 92 and back to the school.

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Librarian JoEllen Glick reported a new partnership between the library and the school for seventh- and eighth-grade students. Parents completed forms authorizing the types of books their students may select. Students in first- through sixth-period classes visited the library for the first time Monday and will return every three weeks. Upcoming activities include Pokémon Club, Chess Club, a homecoming spirit rally, children's story time, pumpkin painting, an Iowa and Civil War presentation by Dave Baker, book sales, and a festival of art display.

Engineer Joey Whitehouse reported that the team is still evaluating alternatives for the water system. Council Member Hurt asked when the capital improvements plan would be completed. Whitehouse said it should take no more than three months, though he hopes to present something to the council next month.

Citizen Comments: Julie Irving thanked the city for painting the lines on Old Business Highway 5. Kim McNerny, 515 Highway G-40, thanked the city for repairing the asphalt on G-40/East Jasper and asked for an update on the accumulation of large equipment. Mayor Jurgens said the property owner had been served and had removed some items. Chief Choat said the property owner contacted the department last week and was given one month to remove more. They will review the progress at the end of that period.

Reynolds noted that the minutes from the August council meeting were corrected before publication and that correction is noted in the minutes. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to approve the consent agenda as follows; approval of previous council meeting minutes, approval of August 2026 financial reports, approval of the annual street finance report, approval of water consumption report for August 2026, approval of employee comp time report, approval of Alcohol License ownership updates for Casey's General Store, approval of Tobacco License ownership updates for Casey's General Store, and approval of the following bills: All voting in favor, motion carried.

EFTPS	Fed. Taxes	6,802.16	BARRAGAN CYNDEL	UTILITY REFUND Water	22.19
COLONIAL LIFE	Ins	70.18	FEES Lyla	UTILITY REFUND Wtr	112.56
IPERS	Pension	8,551.83	TROY GILCHRIST	Cell Stipend	20.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	Life Insurance	274.18	TYLER FLESHER	Cell Stipend	20.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	Payroll	1,352.09	I & S GROUP, INC	Engineering	2,055.00
VSP	Vision	54.88	ACCESS SYSTEMS INC	Copy Machine	224.10
WELLMARK BL CR/BL SH	Group insurance	14,205.02	MARION CO HUMANE SOC	Animal Control	417.50

RACHEL REYNOLDS	Reimb. Mi-Econ. Dev. Meeting	18.54	SMITH FERTILIZER & GRAIN	Round up	83.88
POSTMASTER	water bills	371.80	NORRIS AUTOMOTIVE	Tire Rotation	25.00
LAKEFRONT LIVING, LLC	Volleyball shirts	660.00	GRAINGER	repair kit/rubber kit	579.38
QUILL CORPORATION	Black toner	103.54	UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO	speed crete blue	51.00
QUILL CORPORATION	Notebook/papertowels/mouse	124.07	SCISWA LANDFILL	asbestos	6,386.40
MARION COUNTY EXPRESS	Legal Publications	313.45	FERGUSON WATERWORKS	meter parts	551.59
IOWA POND GUY, LLC	Pond algae/plant control	750.00	CITY OF PLEASANTVILLE	Water Utility	567.37
GALLS, LLC	Wedge/Belt	90.78	HAWKINS INC	supplies	822.50
WASTE SOLUTIONS OF IA	Soccer/FB Port-a-potty	206.00	MARTIN MARIETTA	Streets	1,705.56
ELIJAH MILLER	Kauffman Curb Stop	450.00	AT&T Mobility	Internet	128.31
EFTPS	Fed. Taxes	6,359.83	MICROBAC LAORATORIES	Testing	747.00
LAKEFRONT LIVING, LLC	Soccer/XC coaches	1,457.00	MENARDS ALTOONA	spackle,putty knife,board	38.95
SANGOMA USA INC	Phone System	197.70	MENARDS DES MOINES	tape,cable tie,rain gauge	31.30
ADVANTAGE ADMINS	Group Insurance	52.50	FARM & HOME	air filter,string, stihl mix	318.80
PEOPLES BANK	Analysis Charge	1.78	VISA	headlight	127.33
PEOPLES BANK	FB Concession petty cash	300.00	VISA	Boots,Jelly Jar light,Adobe	430.03
LAKEFRONT LIVING, LLC	VB/Soccer add on shirts	47.00	VISA	Decals,flags,bag,tape,NFLflag	3,178.09
IOWA ONE CALL	Locates	21.80	VISA	notery/caution/event pastries	699.83
KOOPMAN ROOFING	Water Plant Roof Repair	580.77	BRICK GENTRY PC	Legal	1,440.00
BOOK SYSTEMS, INC.	Subscription renewals	1,229.00	MIDWEST SANITATION	Garbage/Recycling	2,217.60
FORBES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	copier	339.52	MIDWEST SANITATION	Demo roll offs	3,024.00
ELITE PEST CONTROL	Pest control	40.00	PITNEY BOWES	Postage Machine	81.27
UNITI	internet	327.03	Total		77,070.29
MEDIACOM	Street Dept	46.82	***General***		40,831.99
PITNEY BOWES INC	postage	147.78	***Road Use Tax***		6,763.29
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	Utilities	5,111.60	***Employee Benefit***		12,659.10
T-MOBILE	Communications	53.10	***Water***		11,680.41
MID IA PLANNING ALLIANCE	Membership dues	252.00	***Sewer***		5,125.50
			Storm Water		10.00

Revenue received during month of August 2026: General Fund \$6,305.74; Road Use Tax \$24,765.05; LOST \$24,920.98; Cap. Proj-Path lights \$350.00; Water \$40,701.99; Water Sinking \$10,584; Sewer \$53,434.04; Sewer Sinking \$32,203.70; Storm Water \$2,001.27

New Business:

Reynolds explained that the Homecoming Tailgate Event has more businesses that would like to join so they are requesting an additional street closure on Washington from Monroe to Jackson. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Kain to approve the additional street closure on Washington St. from Monroe St. to Jackson St. for the Homecoming Tailgate Event. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Chelsea Kain informed the council that the Pig Out dates for 2027 are set for June 4th and 5th. The committee is requesting use of the sports complex Friday June 4th and downtown street closures around the square extending down Monroe St. for June 5th from 8am-3pm. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve use of the sports complex June 4, 2027, and street closures around the square extending down Monroe St. for June 5, 2027, from 8am-3pm for the annual Pig Out Event. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Lopez, seconded by Kain to set Trick or Treat night for October 31st from 6pm-8pm and approve street closures around the square for the PYI Halloween Event on October 31st. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Breazeale explained to the council that the truck TJ currently drives is 21 years old and is due to be replaced. He received a quote from Stivers Ford for \$37,906, which is the state contract for the 2027 model year. Reynolds informed the council that the truck replacement fund has \$36,347 in it and the remaining amount can be paid from the road use tax minor equipment replacement fund. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Kain to approve the quote from Stivers Ford for a new F-150 for \$37,906. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Reynolds reported that she and Breazeale met with Manatts to obtain a quote for milling and applying an asphalt overlay to East Jasper/G-40. Because of the project's cost, the city must solicit additional quotes, and she asked whether the council supported moving forward. Reynolds said railroad-related expenses contributed to the high cost. Council Member Hurt noted that the heavily traveled road needs attention and asked about funding options. Reynolds explained that farm-to-market funding is available to cities with populations under 500, so Pleasantville is ineligible. She recommended asking the county to share the cost while seeking quotes from other contractors.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to approve Resolution 26-17, approving FY 2027 transfers. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Kain aye, Patterson aye, and Van Ness aye. Motion carried.

Council Member Van Ness said the asphalt work around the pond looks good but noted that gravel again washed into Isley's yard during the latest heavy rainfall from an area that was not overlaid. He wants the city to stay on top of the project and the issue, even if it requires additional asphalt parking. Breazeale said the gravel parking

area is being removed and the rock placed along the edges of the asphalt overlay. They have been removing gravel between rainfall and will till and seed the ground when finished. He added that Manatts is scheduled to return to asphalt around the storm intake.

Council member Hurt asked if there were any additional public comments regarding the ordinance pertaining to accessory structures. Reynolds informed them that there were not. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2604-2026, pertaining to accessory structures. Hurt aye, Lopez aye, Kain aye, Patterson aye, and Van Ness aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Kain to waive the 3rd reading for Ordinance No. 2604-2026, pertaining to accessory structures. Van Ness aye, Patterson aye, Kain aye, Lopez aye, and Hurt aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to enter into closed session pursuant to IA Code Chapter 21.5.1(c), to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation, Settlement Agreement with Adkins Specialized Carriers LLC. Van Ness aye, Patterson aye, Kain aye, Lopez aye, and Hurt aye. Motion carried.

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

Mayor, Kody Jurgens

Attest: Rachel Reynolds, City Clerk