

CITY OF NORWAY  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Council Meeting Minutes

Regular meeting of the Norway City Council was called to order by Mayor Jim Nelson at 5:30 PM. Roll Call – Present: Darrell Schulte, Mike Schulte, Christopher Van Horn, & Robby Miller. Absent: Shawn Rudie

Motion by D. Schulte to approve the agenda, previous meeting minutes, bills, and Treasurer’s Report as presented. Seconded by M. Schulte. Motion carried, 4-0.

Nick Eisenbacher, Norway City Engineer with Snyder & Associates, was present to provide the Council with an update regarding the Water Pressure Booster System Project. Project plans and specifications were submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) last year, and the DNR has recently provided comments regarding the proposed plans. The project scope currently includes one 600-gallon-per-minute pump with space allocated for a future 1,000-gallon-per-minute pump. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will not cover the larger pump, and the City is expected to fund that portion separately. Additional discussion included future maintenance responsibilities once the pressure pumps are operational, along with projected project timelines, which remain subject to change.

**Public Comments** included questions regarding the Water Pressure Booster System Project and inquiries related to the recent sewer backup affecting residential homes. Additional comments addressed the proposed natural gas power plant to be located south of Highway 30 near the Linn-Benton County line. The homeowner at 202 E. Johnson Street also inquired about the approach to the second driveway. Further updates are expected at future meetings.

Motion by R. Miller to authorize Mayor Jim Nelson to draft a letter of opposition to the Iowa Utilities Commission on behalf of the City of Norway opposing the proposed natural gas power plant to be located south of Highway 30 near the Linn-Benton County line. Seconded by C. Van Horn. Motion carried, 4-0.

Ordinance No. 354 – Civil Penalties, Amending Chapter 3.03, was tabled until the next Council meeting.

Motion by D. Schulte to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 356, increasing water rates by 30% and increasing the Water Debt Reduction Fee from \$10.00 to \$37.00, effective July 1, 2026. Seconded by M. Schulte. Motion carried, 4-0. The first reading of Ordinance No. 356 passed 4-0.

Dangerous buildings and property nuisance violations were discussed. The property owner at 215 E. Railroad Street was sent an additional letter outlining property update requirements. The property owner at 208 Main Street was issued a municipal infraction court order drafted by the City Attorney. The property owner at 118 Euclid Avenue was sent a nuisance violation notice drafted by the City Attorney.

Nuisance violations at 313 Line Street were discussed.

Motion by C. Van Horn to approve the policy allowing reimbursement for safety toe shoes for City employees, permitting one purchase per year up to \$175.00. Seconded by M. Schulte. Motion carried, 4-0.

Motion by M. Schulte to approve publication of the request for bids for the City-owned vacant lot located at the corner of Sweetbriar Drive and Apache Drive. The notice shall state that interested buyers may request a full copy of the covenants required to be followed for any future home construction on the property. The minimum bid shall be set at \$20,000.00, and a Public Hearing will be held on August 10, 2026, at which time a buyer will be selected through a closed bid process. Seconded by R. Miller. Motion carried, 4-0.

Prairie Road Builders' bid proposal for road work was discussed. No action was taken, and discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The City of Norway is seeking a volunteer to serve as Small Project Building Inspector.

Council Member C. Van Horn provided an update regarding Union Pacific Railroad mowing and weed control. Union Pacific encourages Council Members and residents to submit letters expressing the benefits of maintaining grass and weed control along the railroad property in Norway.

Motion by M. Schulte to reschedule the May 25, 2026, Council meeting to May 26, 2026, due to Memorial Day. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried, 4-0.

Motion by C. Van Horn, seconded by D. Schulte, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried, 4-0.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor

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Kennedy Judkins, City Clerk

**Claims 4/27/26-5/11/26**

ClerkBooks, Inc.-50% Data Conversion Down Pmnt(2<sup>nd</sup>)-**\$1,920.00**, Sandwire-I.T. Services-February (missed invoice)-**\$229.84**, Sandwire-I.T. Services-May-**\$229.84**, Card Services-ADT-IMFOA Dues-Library Books-**\$396.28**, USPS-Statements-**\$148.84**, Aflac-Suppl.-**\$125.28**, 5/4/26 Employee Payroll-**\$3,815.61**, U.S. Treasury-Federal Tax Pmnt-**\$1,814.02**, Poweshiek Water-Water Purchase-**\$6,537.90**, Blu Track-Library Director Training-**\$25.00**(4/13/26 Pmnt VOIDED), Johnson County Refuse-Garbage & Refuse-**\$4,928.10**, South Slope-Phone & Internet-**\$351.20**, Depot Express-Public Works Fuel-**\$400.00**, Depot Express-Fire Dept. Fuel-**\$455.02**, Ion Environmental-Water/Sewer Labs & Operations-**\$3,260.00**, BC Solid Waste-Per Capita 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr.-**\$3,029.00**, Vinton Newspapers-Publishing-**\$116.81**, Loras Schulte-Website Maint.-**\$100.00**, Roto-Rooter-Jetter Services at Public Works Shop-**\$740.00**, Crawford Quarry-Rock-**\$290.44**, ECICOG-Admin Fee- WPBS Grant #2-**\$1,800.00**, Charlies Welding-Repair Sweeper-**\$966.43**, Petrzelka Dirt Works-12 Inch tile/Ditch Excavation(E. Johnson St.)-**\$1,503.75**. =**\$33,183.36**