CITY OF NORWAY
November 9th, 2026
Council Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Norway City Council was called to order by Mayor Jim Nelson at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call:
Present: Robby Miller, Darrell Schulte, Christopher Van Horn, Shawn Rudie, & Michael Schulte.
Absent: None.

Mayor Jim Nelson opened the public hearing regarding the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the Water Distribution System – Water Pressure Booster Station Project at 5:30 p.m. Hearing no written or oral comments in favor of or against the proposed project, Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing at 5:34 p.m.

Motion by S. Rudie to move Agenda Item #4, Consideration of Bids, ahead of Agenda Item #3, Resolution 26-09. Seconded by C. Van Horn. Motion carried, 5-0.

The three bids received for the Water Pressure Booster Station Project were reviewed as follows:

- **Portzen Construction, Inc.**, Dubuque, Iowa – $2,526,297.60 (base bid plus alternate).
- **Boomerang Corp.**, Anamosa, Iowa – $2,584,388.67 (base bid plus alternate).
- **On Track Construction, LLC**, Nevada, Iowa – $2,690,112.00 (base bid plus alternate).

All three bids exceeded the engineer's estimated project cost of $1,543,360.00. A significant contributing factor to the higher-than-anticipated costs is the ECICOG grant requirement that the project comply with the Build America, Buy America Act, which increases material costs. Following careful consideration and extensive discussion with the project engineer, the City Council agreed to table consideration of the bids for further review.

Motion by C. Van Horn to table consideration of the bids. Seconded by S. Rudie. Motion carried, 5-0. Roll call vote: Ayes – R. Miller, D. Schulte, C. Van Horn, S. Rudie, and M. Schulte. Nays – None.

Motion by R. Miller to table Resolution 26-09, finally approving and confirming the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the Water Distribution System – Water Pressure Booster Station Project. Seconded by M. Schulte. Motion carried, 5-0. Roll call vote: Ayes – R. Miller, D. Schulte, C. Van Horn, S. Rudie, and M. Schulte. Nays – None.

Motion by C. Van Horn to table Resolution 26-10, awarding the contract for the Water Distribution System – Water Pressure Booster Station Project. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried, 5-0. Roll call vote: Ayes – R. Miller, D. Schulte, C. Van Horn, S. Rudie, and M. Schulte. Nays – None.

Motion by C. Van Horn to table discussion and consideration of the proposed amendment to the Snyder & Associates contract for the Water Distribution System – Water Pressure Booster Station Project. Seconded by M. Schulte. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call vote: Ayes – R. Miller, D. Schulte, C. Van Horn, S. Rudie, and M. Schulte. Nays – None.

Josh Wilhelm with Snyder & Associates was present to provide the City Council with information regarding geographic information system (GIS) mapping and related technology, specifically as it pertains to mapping the City's water and sewer systems. No formal action was taken.

Motion by C. Van Horn to approve the consent agenda, including the previous meeting's minutes, bills, and treasurer's reports as presented. Seconded by R. Miller. Motion carried, 5-0.

Additional discussion and updates included the sewer lagoon, residential water meter installations, the sewer plant electric bill, public works staffing, the codebook update, dangerous buildings, and property nuisance violations. No formal action was taken on these items. Further discussion and updates will be brought before the City Council at future meetings as needed.

Motion by C. Van Horn, seconded by S. Rudie to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. Motion carried, 5-0.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor Kennedy Judkins, City Clerk

Approved Claims 10/26/26-11/09/26

Quarterly Council/Mayor Payroll, **$868.96**; Employee Payroll, **$2,127.37**; IPERS (October 2026), **$916.25**; Department of Revenue and Finance (October W.E.T. & Sales Tax), **$806.75**; United States Treasury (October Federal Tax), **$1,058.40**; Kennedy Judkins (IMFOA Conference Mileage Reimbursement), **$179.36**; Lynch Dallas, PC (Legal Services), **$257.50**; Airgas USA, LLC (Fire Department Medical Oxygen), **$73.53**; BC Solid Waste Commission (Tip Fees 9/25/26), **$58.40**; G&H Electric (Wastewater Plant Heater Hookup, $4,689.34; City Hall/Library Bathroom Water Heater Outlet Installation, $269.56), **$4,958.90**; Iveth Coronado (Park Pavilion Rental Deposit Return), **$50.00**; Book Systems, Inc. (Library Software Renewal), **$1,229.00**; Iowa One Call (Locates), **$18.00**; Schimberg Co. (Stainless Steel Pipe Fabrication, Pipe Sealant & Teflon Tape – Lagoon), **$343.34**; AFLAC (Supplemental), **$130.80**; ION Environmental Solutions (Operations/Labs, Including November Non-Standard Labs), **$3,754.00**; Iowa Rural Water Association (2027 Dues), **$325.00**; Sandwire (December IT Services), **$229.84**; Loras-Schulte (October Website Maintenance), **$100.00**; Depot Express (Fire Department Fuel, $320.95; Public Works Fuel, $75.00), **$395.95**; Johnson County Refuse (October Garbage/Refuse), **$5,013.60**; ClerkBooks, Inc. (Monthly Software & Transaction Fees and 3rd Quarter 941 Form), **$150.15**; Poweshiek Water Association (Water Purchase 9/21/26–10/19/26), **$6,537.90**; South Slope Coop (Phone & Internet), **$350.11**; Alliant Energy (Monthly Electric Bills), **$6,627.67**; Card Services (Amazon – Library; ADT – Public Works Shop; ILOC Workshop – Clerk; Staples – City Hall Supplies; USPS – Postage; Holiday Inn – IMFOA Conference), **$1,207.94**; Vinton Newspapers (Publishing), **$499.47**; Bear Creek Archeology, Inc. (Archeological Desktop Assessment – Water Pressure Booster Station), **$1,995.00**. **Total: $40,263.19.**

City of Norway, IA

October 2026 Receipts

General:	$98,052.21
Road Use Tax:	$4,164.73
Employee Benefits:	$19,913.59
LOST:	$4,394.82
Debt Service:	$13,122.48
Water:	$21,439.05
Sewer:	$20,373.51
Total=	**$181,460.39**

October 2026 Disbursements

General:	$24,619.07
Road Use Tax:	$665.89
Employee Benefits:	$2,961.57
LOST:	$0.00
Debt Service:	$0.00
Water:	$9,126.58
Sewer:	$11,390.65
Total=	**$48,763.76**