

Council Meeting City Council
145 S. Main
Mason City, IL 62664
April 13th, 2026 6:00 P.M.

Call to order by Acting Mayor Kevin Snyder at 6:00 P.M.

Council members physically present were Julie Mize, Scott Whitehead, Shari Klassen, Brian Durbin and Gerald Mahin. Alderman Dan Mason was absent. Treasurer Mike Griffin, Superintendent Don Osborn, Ben McCormick, and Clerk Michele Whitehead also attended the meeting. Guests present were Carson and Jim Harris, Frank McMahan and Billy Riegel.

R26-20 Alderman Mize moved, seconded by Alderman Klassen to approve the minutes, Treasurer's report and bills.

Ayes: Mize, Whitehead, Klassen, Durbin, Mahin,

Absent: Mason

Chairman declared motion carried.

R26-21 Alderman Klassen moved, seconded by Alderman Durbin to approve the 2026-2027 liquor and gaming license renewals.

Ayes: Mize, Whitehead, Klassen, Durbin, Mahin,

Absent: Mason

Chairman declared motion carried.

The air conditioner for the upstairs at City Hall needs replaced. Alderman Mahin will check the previously received bids and go with the lowest one. The Council agreed to approve hiring the lowest bidder to replace the air conditioner.

R26-22 Alderman Durbin moved, seconded by Alderman Mize to approve the lowest bid for replacing the air conditioner upstairs at City Hall.

Ayes: Mize, Whitehead, Klassen, Durbin, Mahin,

Absent: Mason

Chairman declared motion carried.

R26-23 Alderman Klassen moved, seconded by Alderman Whitehead to approve the quarterly apprenticeship initiative report.

Ayes: Mize, Whitehead, Klassen, Durbin, Mahin,

Absent: Mason

Chairman declared motion carried.

Alderman Klassen informed the Council that IRWA had conducted a rate study for water & sewer rates. After some additional discussion between the Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent, the treasurer & herself along with the recommendations from IRWA the new rate schedule was suggested. The capital improvement fee will rise from \$14.24 to \$15.00 on the water side and sewer side. Fixed base rate will rise from \$5.50 for water to \$7.00 and fixed base rate for sewer will rise from \$5.00 to \$7.00. These increases will raise the minimum bill from \$39.00 to \$44.00 for 0-1,000 gallons. Water will remain the same at .55 cents per 100 gallons over the base rate and .50cents for sewer every 100 gallons over the base rate. These charges will appear on bills received in July. There will also be a .25 cent raise on the water & sewer fixed rates every year starting July 2027 and continuing for 3 years. Rates have not been increased since 2014.

R26-24 Alderman Klassen moved, seconded by Alderman Durbin to approve the rate increases for water and sewer.

Ayes: Mize, Whitehead, Klassen Durbin, Mahin,

Absent: Mason

Chairman declared motion carried.

R26-25 Alderman Whitehead moved, seconded by Alderman Mize to approve the 2026 IDOT MFT maintenance engineering agreement.

Ayes: Mize, Whitehead, Klassen, Durbin, Mahin,

Absent: Mason

Chairman declared motion carried.

Superintendent Osborn reported there are two trees in bad shape in need of coming down. The lowest bid was received from Randy's tree service.

R26-26 Alderman Mize moved, seconded by Alderman Durbin to approve the low bid received from Randy's Tree Removal.

Ayes: Mize, Whitehead, Klassen, Durbin, Mahin,

Absent: Mason

Chairman declared motion carried.

The Council had some discussion regarding motorized scooters and bicycle safety. There are some suggestions in the working stages that would help in educating the children and the rest of the community on the rules of riding, where they can and cannot be ridden, safety concerns, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into Executive session at 6: 32 p.m. to discuss property 5 ILCS (1-16).

The regular meeting resumed at 6:40 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Michele L Whitehead, City Clerk

Kevin M. Snyder, Mayor

