

**CITY OF IOWA FALLS
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

The City Council of the city of Iowa Falls met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Emerson presiding over the meeting. Council members Bruce Thies, Micah Cutler, Roger Nissly, Steve Klein and Dave Henry were present. Also present was City Manager Kaci Elkin.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Thies moved and Cutler seconded to accept the agenda, amending item No. 16, the item was removed.

Roll vote: Thies, Cutler, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2024.

Roll vote: Nissly, Klein, Thies, Cutler and Henry voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CLAIMS AND FINANCIALS

Nissly moved and Cutler seconded to approve the monthly claims and financials.

Roll vote: Nissly, Cutler, Thies, Klein and Henry voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Klein moved and Henry seconded to approve the following items:

1. **Liquor Licenses**
 - a. Class B Retail Alcohol License for La Flor Mexican Store.
 - b. Class C Retail Alcohol License for Red's Smokehouse.

Roll vote: Klein, Henry, Thies, Cutler and Nissly voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS

2. **Palisades Estates Plat 2**

Cutler moved and Nissly seconded to approve Pay Application to Gehrke, Inc. in the amount of \$28,178.26.

Roll vote: Cutler, Nissly, Thies, Klein and Henry voting aye.

3. **Palisades Land Development**

a. Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve reimbursement for Palisades Estates Plat 3 in the amount of \$1,728.96.

Roll vote: Nissly, Klein, Thies, Cutler and Henry voting aye.

b. Thies moved and Cutler seconded to approve reimbursement for Palisades Estates Plat 2 in the amount of \$64.80.

Roll vote: Thies, Cutler, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

4. **Flood proofing Project**

a. Nissly moved and Cutler seconded to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of an increase of \$3,146.39.

Roll vote: Nissly, Cutler, Thies, Klein and Henry voting aye.

b. Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve Pay Application No. 3 to Tricon General Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,045.

Roll vote: Klein, Thies, Cutler, Nissly and Henry voting aye.

5. **Weaver's Cove & Test Wells**

Cutler moved and Nissly seconded to approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of an increase of \$30,366.44.

Roll vote: Cutler, Nissly, Thies, Klein and Henry voting aye.

6. **River Road Utility Extensions & Roadway Improvements**

Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve Pay Application No. 17 to Gehrke, Inc. in the amount of \$170,150.22.

Roll vote: Nissly, Klein, Thies, Cutler, and Henry voting aye.

7. **Princess Upper Story Restoration**

Thies moved and Cutler seconded to approve Resolution No. 2024-59 adopting the Affirmative Fair Housing Policy.

Roll vote: Thies, Cutler, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

8. **Property Rehabilitation Program**

a. Klein moved and Nissly seconded to approve Resolution No. 2024-60 approving the sale of 1018 Rocksylvana to Tim Hartkopp.

Roll vote: Klein, Nissly, Thies, Cutler and Henry voting aye.

b. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve Resolution No. 2024-61 approving the sale of 1806 Custer to Steve Braga.

Roll vote: Nissly, Thies, Cutler, Klein and Henry voting aye.

c. Thies moved and Nissly seconded to approve Resolution No. 2024-62 approving the sale of 403 Bliss to Jeff Hartwig.

Roll vote: Thies, Nissly, Cutler, Klein and Henry voting aye.

d. Nissly moved and Thies seconded to approve Resolution No. 2024-63 approving the sale of 150 Fremont to Jeff Hartwig.

Roll vote: Nissly, Thies, Cutler, Klein and Henry voting aye.

9. **Abandoned Connections Ordinance**

a. Cutler moved and Thies seconded to approve on first reading an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iowa Falls, amending the provisions to Abandoned Connections.

Roll vote: Cutler, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

b. Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve suspension of the rules and placing on third and final reading.

Roll vote: Nissly, Klein Thies, Cutler, and Henry voting aye.

c. Cutler moved and Thies seconded to approve on third and final reading an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Iowa Falls, amending the provisions to Abandoned Connections.

Roll vote: Cutler, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

10. **R & T Enterprises Water Main**

Thies moved and Nissly seconded to approve Pay Application to McDowell & Sons for \$22,872.50 for water main at Top Flight Grille.

Roll vote: Thies, Nissly, Cutler, Klein and Henry voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS

11. **Mental Health in Hardin County**

Roxanne Peterson presented information about Mental Health in Hardin County. Nissly moved and Klein seconded to approve recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2025 and support a Proclamation on Suicide Prevention month, September 2025.

Roll vote: Nissly, Klein, Thies, Cutler and Henry voting aye.

12. **Peoplerides Contract**

Thies moved and Cutler seconded to approve Peoplerides Contract for transportation Services with the City of Iowa Falls.

Roll vote: Thies, Cutler, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

13. **Annual Financial Reports**

- a. Nissly moved and Cutler seconded to approve of the Annual Financial Report.

Roll vote: Nissly, Cutler, Thies, Klein and Henry voting aye.

- b. Klein moved and Thies seconded to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report.

Roll vote: Klein, Thies, Cutler, Nissly and Henry voting aye.

- c. Nissly moved and Cutler seconded to approve the Street Finance Report.

Roll vote: Nissly, Cutler, Thies, Klein and Henry voting aye.

- d. Thies moved and Cutler seconded to approve Resolution No. 2024-64 directing the filing of certification under Iowa Code Section 403.19 for Iowa Falls Tax Increment Financing.

Roll vote: Thies, Cutler, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

14. **Insurance Renewal**

Cutler moved and Thies seconded to approve renewing the City employee health insurance plan with a rate decrease of 5%.

Roll vote: Cutler, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

15. **Street Lights**

- a. The city council discussed street light placement for new subdivisions; Heritage Estates, Palisades East and Palisades Estates Plat 2.

b. Thies moved and Cutler seconded to approve Resolution No. 2024-65 approving street lights in Heritage Estates.

Roll vote: Thies, Cutler, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

c. Klein moved and Nissly seconded to approve Resolution No. 2024-66 approving street lights in Palisades East.

Roll vote: Klein, Nissly, Thies, Cutler, and Henry voting aye.

d. Cutler moved and Nissly seconded to approve Resolution No. 2024-67 approving street lights in Palisades Estates Plat 2.

Roll vote: Cutler, Nissly, Thies, Klein and Henry voting aye.

16. **Truck purchase for Water/Wastewater**

Consider approval of a new truck for the water/wastewater department with funds being split between water/wastewater cash. This item was removed.

17. **FY25-26 Budget**

Klein moved and Henry seconded to approve a 3% pay increase for non-union employees.

Roll vote: Klein, Henry, Thies, Cutler and Nissly voting aye.

18. **Appointments**

Cutler moved and Thies seconded to approve the appointment of Travis Gerrish to the Planning and zoning commission for terms to expire May 2029.

Roll vote: Cutler, Thies, Nissly, Klein and Henry voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

19. **Closed session**

Thies moved and Nissly seconded to go into closed session as allowed in Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.c to discuss pending litigation, and Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.j to discuss land acquisition and disposal.

Roll vote: Thies, Nissly, Cutler, Klein and Henry voting aye.


PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Cutler moved and Nissly seconded to adjourn.
Roll vote: Cutler, Nissly, Thies, Klein and Henry voting aye.
Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Michael Emerson, Mayor



Amanda Ubben, City Clerk