

CITY OF NORWAY
January 26th, 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, Shawn Rudie, & Christopher Van Horn. Absent: Mike Schulte.

Motion by C. Van Horn to approve the agenda, minutes, & bills as presented. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by S. Rudie to appoint Robby Miller to fill the council seat vacancy for a 4-year term. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried 3-0. Robby Miller took the oath of office and took his seat on the council.

Scott Schulte at 515 Main Street was present to request rural water service through Poweshiek Water Association for new construction on his property outside of city limits. Motion by S. Rudie to approve the rural water hook-up. Seconded by C. Van Horn. Motion carried 4-0.

A budget workshop for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget was conducted. Budget requests from the Fire Department and the Library were discussed.

Motion by C. Van Horn to approve the conversion of the City's accounting software from QuickBooks to ClerkBooks Municipal Accounting. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried 4-0.

Following further details collected from the City's attorney as well as Kluesner Sanitation, a decision will be made at a future meeting regarding garbage and recycling service.

Budget amendment items for the current Fiscal Year 2026 budget were reviewed. Motion by C. Van Horn to approve including the purchase of a Massey Ferguson tractor in the amount of \$9,400.00 and the purchase of a replacement hydraulic cylinder for the city's dump truck in the amount of \$4,647.31 in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget amendment. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by D. Schulte to pass and approve the second reading of Ordinance Amendment No. 351 – amending Chapter 99 of the Norway Code of Ordinances to exempt new residential construction from the minimum sewer service charge until the property is either sold or occupied. Seconded by S. Rudie. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by D. Schulte to waive the third and final reading of Ordinance Amendment No. 351. Seconded by S. Rudie. Motion carried 4-0. Ayes: 4. Nayes: 0. Ordinance Amendment No. 351 passes and is approved.

Motion by C. Van Horn to pass and approve the second reading of Ordinance Amendment No. 352 – amending Chapter 106, Section 106.08 of the Norway Code of Ordinances to exempt new residential construction from the fee for garbage and recycling service until the property is either sold or occupied. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by S. Rudie to waive the third and final reading of Ordinance Amendment No. 352. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried 4-0. Ayes: 4. Nayes: 0. Ordinance Amendment No. 352 passes and is approved.

Motion by C. Van Horn to approve the publication of an employment ad for an on-call public works' assistant. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by S. Rudie to proceed with legal action through the City's attorney for 208 Main Street and 118 Euclid Avenue which have been deemed as hazardous properties. Seconded by D. Schulte.

Motion by C. Van Horn to approve sending a letter drafted by the city's building inspector via certified mail to the property owner of 215 W. Railroad Street, which has also been deemed hazardous. Seconded by S. Rudie. Motion carried 4-0.

An employee lunch policy was discussed. A second draft policy is to be presented at the next city council meeting.

Adding the requirement of a building permit for permanent generators to the current building regulation code was discussed. A draft of this amendment is to be presented at the next city council meeting.

Further clarification is needed from the Iowa Municipal Workman's Comp Association (IMWCA) regarding Fire Department Criteria.

Motion by S. Rudie to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 28E Law Enforcement Agreement. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried 4-0.

The removal of dead trees on private property was discussed.

Motion by C. Van Horn, seconded by S. Rudie, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Kennedy Judkins, City Clerk

Claims 01/12/26-01/26/26

01/12/26 Payroll-\$3,480.05, US Cellular-Devices-\$74.37, Airgas USA-Fire Dept. Medical Oxygen-\$72.13, BC Solid Waste-3rd Qtr per capita & tipping fees-\$3,198.25, BCEMS-Fire Dept. Annual Dues-\$75.00, Benton Co. Sheriff- 1st Qtr Law Enforcement-\$8,450.00, Charlie's Welding-Hydraulic Cylinder for Dump Truck-\$4,647.31, Fire Service Training Bureau-Hazmat & FF1 Certification-\$100.00, Iowa Firefighter's Association-Membership-\$525.00, Menards-Public Works Supplies-\$407.96, Michael Schulte-Fuel Reimburse.-\$122.31, Wellmark BC & BS- Health and Dental Ins.-\$1,941.75. = \$23,094.13