CITY OF NORWAY
July 13th, 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, and Robby Miller.
Absent: Shawn Rudie.

Motion by M. Schulte to approve the consent agenda, previous meeting minutes, bills, Treasurer's Report, and Ion's Water and Sewer Report as presented. Seconded by R. Miller. Motion carried, 4-0.

Motion by M. Schulte to approve Resolution No. 26-05, approving employee wages for Fiscal Year 2027 as budgeted. Seconded by D. Schulte. Motion carried, 4-0.

Mosquito Control was discussed. No official action was taken.

Austin Rust, 505 Sweetbriar Drive, addressed the Council regarding concerns about stormwater runoff affecting his property. The Council discussed the matter and will explore potential mitigation options and continue the discussion at a future meeting.

The Benton County Assessor's request to combine specific parcels within the City of Norway due to Iowa legislative changes replacing the Homestead Credit with the Homestead Tax Exemption was discussed. Affected property owners will be notified by the Benton County Assessor.

Motion by C. Van Horn to approve the combination of the following parcels:

- Parcel Nos. 17003700 and 17009000 (213 South Street)
- Parcel Nos. 17016400 and 17016410 (502 Harper Street)
- Parcel Nos. 17013200 and 17013250 (307 Harper Street)

The motion also denied the combination of Parcel Nos. 17007500 and 17016350 (404 Railroad Street) due to the existing utility hookups on the vacant lot. Seconded by M. Schulte. Motion carried, 4-0.

Road work completed by Prairie Road Builders was discussed.

Motion by R. Miller to approve the drafted variance for 202 E. Johnson Street, allowing a second driveway access. Seconded by C. Van Horn. Motion carried, 4-0.

Motion by R. Miller to authorize Mayor Jim Nelson to submit a letter on behalf of the City of Norway opposing the proposed Alliant Energy Morgan Valley Energy Center natural gas-fired power plant project in Linn County, Iowa. Seconded by M. Schulte. Motion carried, 4-0.

Dangerous buildings and property nuisance violations were discussed. The Council directed the City Attorney to proceed with the next enforcement steps for the properties located at 215 Railroad Street and 118 Euclid Avenue.

The vacant City-owned lot previously listed for sale was discussed. As no bids were received during the open bid period, the sale has been placed on hold.

Potential installation of secondary residential water meters was discussed. Additional information is expected to be presented at future Council meetings.

Motion by C. Van Horn to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code § 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate where premature disclosure could reasonably be expected to increase the price the City would have to pay for the property or reduce the price the City would receive for the property at 6:51 p.m. Seconded by M. Schulte. Motion carried, 4-0.

The Council returned to open session at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by C. Van Horn, seconded by M. Schulte, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried, 4-0.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor Kennedy Judkins, City Clerk

Approved Claims 6/22/26-07/13/26

Monalyn Silver-Park Pavilion Deposit Refund-**$50.00**, Mandy Frese- Park Pavilion Deposit Refund-**$50**, 6/29/26 Employee Payroll-**$3,872.71**, Susan Hahn- Reimbursement for Summer Reading program and Library Supplies-**$495.22**, Casey Frame-Reimbursement for Printer purchased for Fire Dept.-**$529.99**, USPS-Statements-**$142.74**, IPERS-**$2,176.80**, U.S. Treasury-Federal tax Pmnt-**$2,437.28**, Iowa Dept. of Revenue & Fiance-Q2 Withholding-**$442.10**, Iowa Dept. of Revenue & Finance-W.E.T & Sales Tax-**$708.69**, BC Solid Waste-Tip Fees-**$241.95**, Plant & Flower Emporium-Railroad Street Flowers-**$108.95**, ClerkBooks, Inc.-Support Pkg & UB Postcards-**$1,179.80**, ClerkBooks Inc.-Monthly Software & Transaction Fees-**$146.10**, Loras Schulte-Website Maintenance-**$100.00**, Alliant-Electric-**$6,325.85**, Iowa League of Cities-FY27 Dues-**$594.00**, Poweshiek-Water-**$6,950.20**, South Slope-Phone/Internet-**$353.81**, Depot Express-Fire Dept. Fuel-**$115.12**, Depot Express-Public Works Fuel-**$390.00**, Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources-FY27 Water Supply Fee-**$50.16**, Sandwire-I.T Services(July) & Support-**$319.84**, VJ Engineering-Building Inspection Services-**$550.00**, Ion Environmental-Operations/Labs-**$3,260.00**, Johnson Co. Refuse-Garbage & Refuse-**$5,013.60**, Eldon C. Stutsman, Inc.-Copper Sulfate(lagoon)-**$128.03**, Vinton Newspapers-Publishing-**$415.73**, OverDrive, Inc. -Bridges E-Book Contents(library)-**$435.14**, Prairie Road Builders-FY27 2026 Seal Coat Program-**$17,795.75**, Card Services-Books(Library)-ADT(Shop)-Certified Mail & Hotel Stay for Clerk's Academy(City Hall/Clerk)-**$445.93**, Amana Family Practice- 3 Fire Dept. Physicals-**$570.00. =$56,395.49**