

# City Council Proceedings

**CITY OF MOUNT AYR  
CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGS  
May 6, 2024**

The City Council met in regular session on May 6, 2024, with Mayor Fetty calling the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Roll Call was taken with the following members present Jessica Bishop and Chandra Poore. Attending by phone: Mike Wik and Jessica Murphy. Absent: Mack Greene. Murphy arrived in person at 7 p.m. and Wik at 7:30 p.m..

Murphy moved to accept the agenda with Poore seconding that motion. Agenda was approved. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting and waiving second reading was moved by Bishop, second by Poore and unanimously passed.

Mayor Fetty announced now was the time for the Public Forum. Though members of the public were present during the meeting, no one offered comment during the public forum.

Ann Iannotta addressed the Council requesting use of Judge Lewis Park for her Exercise in The Park. Wik moved to allow park use for this program. Poore second the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Bishop moved to approve the Special Liquor Class C License for Gettin' Slushed South of 35 LLC. Poore second the motion and it passed unanimously.

Poore moved to approve the renewal of Class C Retail Alcohol License for Club Tavern LLC. Bishop second it, and it passed unanimously.

Poore moved to repeal Ordinance No. 2002-42 Providing for the Division of Tax Levied on Taxable Property in the Mount Ay r Downtown Urban Renewal Area and to set a hearing and send letters. Wik second the motion. Roll call delivered unanimous approval. Poore moved to waive second and third readings, Bishop second the motion and it passed unanimously.

Poore moved to set the date for a Public Hearing on Designation of the 2024 Mount Ayr Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan and Project for June 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm. Bishop second the motion and was passed unanimously.

Resolution Authorizing the Use of a Preliminary Official Statement for the Sale of General Obligation Swimming Pool Bonds, Series 2024 was moved by Bishop, second by Poore and approved unanimously.

After considerable discussion regarding costs and employee preference, Wik moved to decline both Garbage RFP Bids, Poore second the motion, and roll call vote taken. Bishop voted against the decline; Murphy, Poore, and Wik voted for declining. For now, the city will continue to provide garbage services.

Poore moved to pass the IEDA Housing Grant Amendment and Bishop second the motion. The council approved unanimously.

City Administrator Brent Wise discussed two options and bids for street work this summer and how to best utilize the \$192,000 budget for street work. Considered was an asphalt overlay option and a chip and seal option. Both options provided for concrete work in front of the firehall. Murphy moved to accept the bid from Black Top Services for asphalt overlay at \$160 ton not to exceed \$134,400, and to accept bid for concrete work at the fire hall from Bowen Concrete at \$57,600. Poore second the motion and the Council approved unanimously.

**Administrative Wise:**

Tree removal of dead and dying trees will begin after July 1. Wise presented 2 more trees that should be considered for removal along with the others that have been on the list. The council was encouraged to drive by the two new trees to assess the need for removal.

Wise advised the Council that the pool construction workers are on site this week and have been setting up safety fencing. Demolition is expected to begin next week. The completion date is anticipated to be November 2024.

Regarding nuisance properties, Wise advised many properties had been cleaned up before letters were sent. A few letters have been mailed.

Wise advised the Council that the city did suffer hail damage and the EMC adjuster has examined about 50% of the buildings. He noted it seems the metal buildings fared best.

Poore moved to accept the CAT Grant Agreement. Murphy second the motion and the council voted unanimously to approve.

There was one bid for Little League Pictures. Poore moved to accept the bid, with parents paying for photos, by Jili Ehlen and Murphy second it. The council voted in favor.

Bids from Vetter Equipment and Cannon Service and Sales for UTV-style vehicles

were opened at the meeting and considered. Poore moved to purchase the option Cannon's provided at \$11,900. Murphy second the motion and the council passed unanimously.

Murphy moved to hire Jesse Ruby at \$18 hr. as public works staff. Wik second the motion. Resolution for a start date will be considered at the next council meeting. The council passed unanimously.

Administrator Wise presented some ideas about filling the vacancy for office staff, in particular discussing modeling after the successful operation of the Leon City Office. Also, collaboration with the Leon City Office could help with training deficits at this time and with getting staff cross-trained better. The current staff person started March 1 and the other position should be filled this month. Wik moved to hire Nicole Swank as Deputy Clerk at \$20 hr. Poore second the motion and the council voted unanimous to offer that position.

Bishop moved to approve the claims, Poore second it, and the council voted unanimously in favor.

**CLAIMS**

SIRWA, Rural Water Usage, \$13,430.00.

US Bank, Fed/FICA Tax, \$11,269.86.

Treasurer, State Of Iowa, State Taxes, \$1,936.47.

IPERS, IPERS, \$5,822.72.

VSP Vision Ins., Vision Insurance, \$64.72.

US Post Office, Utility Bill Postage, \$284.61.

Record-News, Publishing Charges, \$700.62.

Alliant, Gas/ Electric, \$8,536.62.

Echo Group, Globes, \$186.87.

Wellmark - BCBS, Health Insurance, \$3,608.54.

Douglas Gooding, Fire Stipend, \$270.00.

Waste Management, Recycling Fees, \$89.25.

RC Recorder, Record Lien Mortgage, \$47.00.

Mike Wimer, Fire Stipend, \$325.00.

Feld Fire, Bunker Gear, \$3,824.85.

Usabuebook, Hach Dpd Reagents, \$107.41.

Bill Jones, Fire Stipend, \$245.00.

Unitypoint, Drug/Alcohol Testing, \$84.00.

Podium Ink, Thank You Cards, \$425.00.

Quill, Office Supplies, \$44.96.

Alex Air, Hose, \$541.71.

Titan, Elbow/Hydra Valve, \$659.67.

Napa, Supplies, \$212.26.

Cody Jay, Fire Stipend, \$220.00.

Ricker Air, Bill French Plug, \$680.00.

Reliance Standard, Life Insurance, \$102.50.

Vera Haley, Fire Stipend, \$275.00.

Ed McCreary, Fire Stipend, \$205.00.

JerryMcGill, Fire Stipend, \$175.00.

Ed Rotert, Fire Stipend, \$350.00.

Matt Shelley, Fire Stipend, \$90.00.

Bill Stull, Fire Stipend, \$70.00.

Gworks, Annual Subscription, \$4,032.00.

Brandon O'Neil, Fire Stipend, \$280.00.

Kurt Larson, Fire Stipend, \$190.00.

Robbie Mason, Fire Stipend, \$355.00.

Stewart Tire, Hustler Mower, \$6.50.

3rd Degree, Background Check, \$42.50.

UHC Dental, UHC Dental, \$109.59.

Keystone, Water/Sewer Analysis, \$1,906.75.

Cannon Sales, Gorilla Lift Trailer, \$292.00.

Johnson Controls, Annual Agreement, \$872.00.

City State, HSA, \$498.04.

Macqueen, Street Sweeper Parts, \$110.80.

Access Leasing, Mx-3071 Copier, \$382.40.

Hunter Brown, Fire Stipend, \$165.00.

Shelman Welding & Metal Fab, 1/8 Plate", \$47.18.

Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., Haz Mitigation Hud Grnt /Cbd, \$11,119.00.

US Bank, Visa Ceu's, \$140.00.

Jennie Oldenkamp, Fire Stipend, \$235.00.

RP Lumber, Supplies, \$1,456.81.

Lamson Dugan & Murray LLP, Legal Fees, \$2,014.50.

Juanita Ramirez, Fire Stipend, \$185.00.

Waters Edge, Engineering, \$10,200.00.

Lamoni Little League, Minor Boys Bb Tourney, \$50.00.

Murray Little League, Minor Baseball/Softball Tourney, \$80.00.

Amy Shields, Little League Equipment, \$1,229.79.

Chuck Tibben, Mower, \$16,500.00.

Bryan Rock Products, Red Ball, \$2,201.26.

Payroll Checks, Payroll Checks On 04/18/2024, \$15,904.12.

Payroll Checks, Payroll Checks On 04/25/2024, \$7,666.63.

Payroll Checks, Payroll Checks On 05/02/2024, \$4,859.28.


Total.....\$138,015.79

(General Fund \$65,410.24, Road Use Fund \$3,924.49, Employee Benefit Fund \$405.58, Street Scape Fund \$11,119.00, Water Fund \$30,074.27, Sewer Fund \$21,149.33, Garbage Fund \$5,861.72, Storm Water Utility Fund \$71.16).

Poore moved to adjourn the

meeting, Wik second the motion and the council voted in favor at 8:00 pm. Mayor Fetty adjourned.

STEVE FETTY  
Mayor  
MARI HUGHES  
Deputy Clerk



# Community School Board Proceedings

**MOUNT AYR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Mount Ayr Community School District is pleased to announce that they will be continuing their summer meal site for the Summer of 2024. They will be serving all kids 18 and under, free of charge and no registration needed. Meals will be served on the following dates:

June 3rd-June 28th Monday-Thursday.

Breakfast: 7:50 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.

Lunch: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Summer Meal Program is funded by the USDA and run by our School District. We are very happy to see all the kids at the Elementary Cafeteria, but sites can be found in various locations around our community for your convenience. Families can text "COMIDA" to 304-304 with their zip code to find the nearby summer meal site. The message will also include the operating days and time.

Please note that the meals must be picked up by the Student, Parent or Guardian.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the School District at (641)-464-0500 or email JoAnn at joann.pollock@mtayrschools.org

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USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture,  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. fax:

(833) 256-1665 or  
(202) 690-7442; or

3. email:

program.intake@usda.gov

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**JOANN POLLOCK**  
Food Service Director  
Mount Ayr Community Schools

# Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified voters of Ringgold County, State of Iowa, that a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

Each voter is hereby notified to vote at the polling place of the precinct in which he or she resides. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. If voters have questions about their precinct location, they may refer to their voter cards, the county website: www.ringgoldcounty.iowa.gov/elections or contact the Auditor's Office at 641-464-3239. Voters may view the sample ballot by accessing the county's website. Please note the change in polling location for the Tingley Precinct.

**POLLING PLACES**  
Precinct Facility Address

**Athens**  
Kellerton City Hall  
108 S. Decatur St.  
Kellerton, IA 50133

**Clinton**  
Redding Frontier Hall  
402 Central St.  
Redding, IA 50860

**Mount Ayr 1**  
American Legion Building  
1302 S Cleveland St.  
Mount Ayr, IA 50854

**Mount Ayr 2**  
First Christian Church  
201 W. Monroe St.  
Mount Ayr, IA 50854

**Tingley**  
Ellston Comm. Building  
209 W. Main St.  
Ellston, IA 50074

**Union**  
Ellston Comm. Building  
209 W. Main St.  
Ellston, IA 50074

**Washington**  
Diagonal Comm. Building  
103 Broadway St.  
Diagonal, IA 50845

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered in their current residential precinct, i.e., voters registering to vote on Election Day and voters changing precincts, must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence, if required) has the following options:

1) may have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct; 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents; or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the county auditor's office by 12 noon on Monday, June 10, 2024. Election Day Registrant attesters must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid or phone (888) 767-8683.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, in accordance with Chapter 49.90 of the Iowa Code that any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, in accordance with Chapter 52.35 of the Iowa Code that the duly authorized agents of the Ringgold County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections shall publicly examine and test all voting machines to be used for the June 4, 2024, Primary Election. Public testing will commence on Wednesday, May 22, at 1 o'clock p.m. at the Auditor's Office, Ringgold County Courthouse, 109 West Madison Street, Mount Ayr, Iowa. This certification, testing the voting machines for said election, is open to the public.

On Election Day, voters will cast either a Democratic or a Libertarian or a Republican ballot. Only voters who are registered with the Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican parties (or people who declare their affiliation with one of these parties at their polling location) may vote in primary elections. Only the candidates for that party will appear on the ballot. All ballots are one-sided.

Please note that presidential candidates do not appear on the Primary Election ballot in Iowa; presidential and vice-presidential candidates are nominated via the political parties' national conventions.

**Democratic Ballot**  
**Federal**  
**U.S. Representative Dist. 3**  
Lanon Baccam  
Melissa Vine

**State**  
**State Senator Dist. 17**  
None Filed

**County**  
Supervisor-None Filed  
Sheriff-None Filed  
Auditor-None Filed

**Libertarian Ballot**  
**Federal**  
**U.S. Representative Dist. 3**  
None Filed

**State**  
**State Senator Dist. 17**  
None Filed

**County**  
Supervisor-None Filed  
Sheriff-None Filed  
Auditor-None Filed

**Republican Ballot**  
**Federal**  
**U.S. Representative Dist. 3**  
Zach Nunn

**State**  
**State Senator Dist. 17**  
Devon Wood

**County**  
**Supervisor**-Vote for Two  
Colby Holmes  
Steve Knapp  
**Sheriff**-Rob Haley  
**Auditor**-Amanda Waske

For more information, please contact the County Auditor's Office.  
Phone: (641) 464-3239  
Email: awaske@ringgold-county.us

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and the seal of Ringgold County, State of Iowa, this 15th day of May 2024.

Certified by: Amanda Waske  
Ringgold County Auditor  
And Commissioner of Elections

# Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Special ELECTION Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Sun Valley Sanitary District to Elect A Successor Trustee of the Board.

This notice is given at the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Sun Valley Sanitary District pursuant to Section 358.9 of the Code of Iowa.

Location & Time of Election:

The election will take place on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, starting at 1 p.m. through 1:30 p.m., in the community room of the Sun Valley Iowa Lake Association Offices located at 3186 Big Bend Road, Ellston, IA 50074.

At 1:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees will then hold our regular monthly board meeting at which time the board will count the ballots, ratify the election, and elect the new Trustee as Treasurer.

Eligibility and Voting Instructions: Per Iowa Code Chapter 358.7 Election, "Each registered voter resident within such sanitary district shall have the right to cast a ballot at such election". Therefore, to be eligible to vote you must be a customer/member of the Sanitary District and a registered voter in Ringgold County within the Sun Valley Sanitary District.

In Mid-May, ballots for the election, along with a postage paid return envelope will be mailed to Sun Valley Sanitary District members who are eligible voters within The Sun Valley Sanitary District, Ringgold County. Please return your completed ballot in the postage paid envelope so it arrives no later than June 3, 2024.

If you attend the in-person meeting, paper ballots will be distributed, and votes counted at the Special Election Meeting.

**Candidates:**

William (Bill) Havekost,  
3148 Dogwood Dr.  
Ellston, IA 50074  
Write-in Candidates Accepted.

**SUN VALLEY  
SANITARY DISTRICT**  
PO Box 27  
Ellston, IA 50074  
641-772-4550

# Public Notice

**Wayne-Ringgold-Decatur County Solid Waste Commission**  
May 7, 2024

Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board during the next scheduled meeting.

A meeting of the Wayne-Ringgold-Decatur County Solid Waste Management Commission was held on the 7th day of May, 2024, at 6 p.m., at the Landfill in Grand River, Iowa.

Commissioners and staff present were Colby Holmes, Steve Fulkerson, Chris Moore, Jonathan Erb, Mike Wik, and Sheila Caldwell. Also present were Christine Collier and Chris Calhoun of SCS Engineers.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions carried unanimously.

Colby Holmes, Chair, opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

Wik made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Moore.

A motion to approve the

minutes from the March 13, 2024 meeting was made by Erb/Moore.

The budget was reviewed. Moore/Wik made a motion to approve the budget.

The proposals prepared by SCS Engineers to provide services for FY25 through FY27 were reviewed by the Board. Wik/Moore made a motion to approve the proposals of SCS Engineers for engineering services for FY25-FY27.

Financials were reviewed by the Board with Moore/Fulkerson making a motion to approve.

Moore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fulkerson.

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

COLBY HOLMES  
Chair  
SHEILA CALDWELL  
Secretary

# Geomagnetic storm

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in the past two weeks that were suitable for field work, the USDA reported.

"Eventually, we'll get it planted," Saeugling said. "But when the weather is good and you're having some additional struggles with your technology, that's just additional stress."

In the wettest parts of Iowa, the geomagnetic storm had little or no effect on farmers — they had no intentions to plant on those days anyway.

"Nobody has been in the field in three weeks," said Angie Rieck-Hinz, an Extension field agronomist in north-central Iowa. "If we don't get rain this week, it'll be at least another week before we get in the field. There's still ponds of standing water."

Most of that area had at least two inches of rain last week, State Climatologist Justin Glisan reported. The state averaged about 1.51 inches, which is about 50% more than what is normally expected.

The repeated rainfall has shrunk the area of drought in Iowa by more than half in the past two months, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. A report last week said 37% of the state still has some degree of drought.

# Classified Ads

## GARAGE SALES

Town-wide Yard Sales in Bedford. Saturday, May 18. Some Friday sales. Come and spend the day. Red Brick Run at 9 a.m.; Bedford Fire Department pancake breakfast. Shop Bedford.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. Plus 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-913-1560

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 7-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-855-954-5087 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

The bathroom of your dreams in as little as 1 day. Limited Time Offer - \$1000 off or No Payments and No Interest for 18 months for customers who qualify. BCI Bath & Shower. Many options available. Quality materials & professional installation. Senior & Military Discounts Available. Call Today! 1-888-708-4754

Safe Step. North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-844-376-4154