

project. Paulus explained there was a lot to unpack with the project and they couldn't decide now, and Schroeder added it was in the city's best interest to table the issue for additional research.

The economic development committee and Oberbroeckling will meet with Speer Financial, along with Dorsey and Whitney, to look at options for funding, including using TIF dollars. Paulus commented they needed to understand the financial piece of the project to see if they could make it work. The Council agreed to table the issue for further research.

Elaine Davis provided an update on Summer Days activities. She explained they will no longer be closing Railroad Street for Friday night events, and events will continue to be held at Cub Park. She also asked if the Council would be willing to provide funds toward the event as they did in previous years, and the Council agreed to \$3,000. Davis asked if the Summer Days planning committee could also include information about the celebration in utility bills this month, and the Council agreed.

Resolution 711, an internal transfer of \$24,000 from the general fund from the enterprise funds as the city administrators the utility billing for the water, sewer and sanitation, was approved. Resolution 712, which is an internal transfer of \$10,000 from police to capital outlay for the purchase of new vehicles and \$15,000 from fire to capital outlay for the purchase of new vehicles. Resolution 713 was approved and included \$30,000 from the 25 percent general LOST balance toward the Union Mound Memorial Cemetery (UMMC) and ambulance funds.

Lee Pries requested for use of greenspace within the city limits for a memorial dedicated to Jim Niemann and Paul Niemann. He explained the Niemann's have done a lot of for the community, and the family has a monument they would like to place on some greenspace in the city. The family would handle the expense of moving it and a pouring a cement slab for it to sit.

The Council thought it was generally a fine idea but were unsure on where to place it. Pries wasn't sure where the family wanted to place it, so Pries decided to ask the family for their opinion before moving forward.

A public hearing was held regarding the 2025-2026 budget, and with no comments from the public, the budget was approved. The tax levy for 2025-2026 is \$15.03142 per \$1,000 taxable value, which is 23 cents lower than last year. A public hearing was set for Monday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. for the 2024-2025 budget amendment, which includes revenue increases due to SRF sewer loan and increase of insurance rebate and expenses of step grant payroll expense, road maintenance, enterprise fund expenses of repairs to the sewer grit system and influent building repairs.

Wastewater superintendent Garrett Schissel updated the Council on recent equipment issues and what needed to be repaired. The Council approved the purchase of a sludge judge ultra and water suction hose kit for \$624.61, along with work needed by the company. Schroeder explained there is no room left in Schissel's budget, so the budget committee will meet with Oberbroeckling and determine where the money is coming from.

Heying asked if repair funds are built into Schissel's budget, and Oberbroeckling explained there is and it has all been spent. Nuss approves all expenditures, and anything under \$200 is normal. Schissel added Nuss turns in all receipts to the clerk's office. Paulus stated the wastewater budget is complicated, and Oberbroeckling added he has had some larger issues this year including the grit system and influent building.

In department head reports, Tim Duhrkopf and Keegan Duhrkopf provided an update from the fire department and the severe weather warning sirens. Tim Duhrkopf explained there are three sirens located in the city limits, and the Summer Municipal Light Plant provides maintenance work on them.

It was discovered the siren located on Wapsie Street is broken and has to be repaired. There are two options, a used siren head with a one-year warranty for \$11,200 or a new one with a five-year warranty for \$16,645. The siren located by UMMC also needs new batteries and a battery charging system. He added the siren located at Veterans Memorial Park is the oldest,

and when it no longer works it will not be replaced.

The Council discussed using SMLP's Return on Investment (ROI) funds to purchase a new siren head and other equipment needed to fix the sirens. The Council will reach out to the light plant to see if it will be possible and move forward with the project.

Keegan Duhrkopf added three new members have gone through firefighter I training and will be able to complete their national certification. The fire department has been on 27 calls this year, they are working on several controlled burns, and a new radio system will be implemented.

Library director Sophia Marvets reported the new furnace and air conditioners have been installed at the library. They are planning for the upcoming summer reading program, and circulation was up in the month of March.

In other business, Bockhaus stated the new windows are installed at city hall and work is progressing. He added the Council will also be discussing regulations on planting trees in the city right-of-way and asked the public not to plant until they can make a decision.

Schroeder expressed the city is looking at purchasing a Meeting Owl to help stream city council meetings and also help in holding meetings with different individuals over Zoom. She commented it would be a good investment for the city.

Schroeder added she also spoke with Diana Neidecker from Ten Wasp Brewing Company and will be helping with a grant by writing a letter on the city's behalf to help with the purchase of new equipment.

In the public forum, Marvets expressed the library received a grant to help with the purchase of an AED and expressed her sadness in the loss of Doreen Sattler, who had over 1,400 hours of volunteer time at the library.

Ira Monteith stated he was disappointed with the decision on the city's burn pile as there are a lot of people with lung problems in the area. He also stated when the pile was set on fire earlier this month, it also affects his lungs and asked to be notified when something like it would happen again.



S-F seventh graders attend Ag Day (Concluded from page 3)

Students from Sumner-Fredericksburg and Turkey Valley school districts visited Pioneer Power Acres, Fredericksburg, Wednesday, April 23. (Above) Mary Wiltgen explains the importance of honeybees in agriculture to area students. This was one of eight stations students visited during the annual Antique Ag Day. (Below, right) Rachel Taylor tries her hand at shelling corn as Roger DeSloover gets ready to place another ear of corn into the machine. (Below, left) Anderson Kelly (center) turns the handle to shell the ear of corn as his classmates watch to see how it's done.



City of Sumner proceedings and claims

SUMNER CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION

MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2025

The Work session of the Sumner City Council Session of April 21, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers was called to order. A quorum was present. Mayor Brian Bockhaus was present

Present Council members: Isaac Richmond, Brad Gade, George Heying, Stacie Schroeder, Darren Paulus. Also, present, City Clerk Lisa Oberbroeckling, Chief Gerald Frick, PWD Dave Nuss.

Citizens Present: Garrett Schissel, Wayne Meyer, Ira Monteith, Jerry Reno, Chris Matt, Megan Matt, Council discussed with potential developers' options for installing a sewer main on Y Ave. The city is currently in the planning phase for looping water on Y Ave to connect 13th Street and HWY 93.

Items discussed included annexation, grants CDBG and funding qualifications, developers' responsibilities, available building sites.

No decisions were made during this work session. Ended 6:22 p.m.

ATTTEST
Lisa Oberbroeckling
City Clerk
ATTTEST
Brian Bockhaus
Mayor

SUMNER CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2025

The Regular session of the Sumner City Council Session of April 21, 2025 at 6:33 p.m. in the City Council Chambers was called to order. A quorum was present. Mayor Brian Bockhaus was present

Present Council members: Isaac Richmond, Brad Gade, George Heying, Stacie Schroeder, Darren Paulus. Also, present, City Clerk Lisa Oberbroeckling, Chief Gerald Frick, PWD Dave Nuss.

Citizens Present: Morgan Bergmann, Sophia Marvets, Garrett Schissel, Wayne Meyer, Ira Monteith, Jerry Reno, Chris Matt, Megan Matt, Tim Duhrkopf, Keegan Duhrkopf, Lee Pries, Mary Pries, Ethan Hunt, Allison Mellingner, Elaine Davis.

Motion Schroeder to approve the consent agenda, with a change to the order of the agenda, second Richmond. MC: 5-0.

Motion Schroeder to open Public Hearing at 6:35 pm for Resolution 710 2025-2026 Budget, second Gade. MC: 5-0.

Oberbroeckling stated the total tax asking for 2025-2026 would be \$1,021,739, making the rate per thousand \$15.03142.

There were no written comments. Citizen Wayne Meyer questioned the amount of the city levy. Oberbroeckling pointed out the levy was roughly \$23 less than the previous year.

Motion Gade to close the public hearing at 6:38 pm, second Heying. MC: 5-0.

Motion Schroeder to approve Resolution 710 2025-2026 Budget, second Paulus. MC: 5-0.

Motion Heying to approve renewal liquor license for SWARM Bar and Grill, second Paulus. MC: 5-0.

Motion Gade to approve renewal of native vine permit for Markers Market, second Richmond. MC: 5-0.

Motion Schroeder to table the Y Ave Sewer Main discussion until Clerk and the Economic Development Committee can get additional information from Dorsey Whitney regarding development agreements, using an Urban Renewal area, second Heying. MC: 5-0.

Motion Schroeder to approve Resolution 711 Internal Transfer to P&A from Enterprise funds totaling \$24,000, second Paulus. MC: 5-0.

Motion Heying to approve Resolution 712 Internal transfer to Capital Outlay from Police and Fire General Lost totaling \$25,000, second Gade. MC: 5-0.

Motion Schroeder to approve Resolution 713 Internal Transfer to UMMC and Ambulance from General Lost, second Gade. MC: 5-0.

Motion Gade to set a public hearing on May 5, 2025 at 6:30 pm for Resolution 714 2024-2025 Budget Amendment, second Schroeder. MC: 5-0.

Item 10 was struck from the agenda.

CEO Representative Elaine Davis, informed the Council Friday evening Summer Days activities will remain in Cub Park this year. She also made a request for financial support for the Summer Days events, last year the city contributed \$2,500. Here last request was to be allowed to add an informational mailing to the city utility bills on May 1.

Motion Heying to contribute \$3,000 of Lost funds to CEO for the Summer Days activities, second Schroeder. MC: 5-0.

Motion Gade to allow the addition of the CEO flyer in the May 1 utility billing, second Heying. MC: 5-0.

Motion Schroeder to remove the brush grinding topic from the table, second Heying. MC: 5-0.

PWD Nuss provided a printout of information he received from the DNR regarding the requirements a city must meet in order to burn yard waste collected. Richmond expressed concerns of burning in the city limits, however without a better solution felt the city had to move forward. PWD Nuss will get the required paperwork.

Motion Heying to continue with plans to burn the brush piles and work on policies to do so during a work session, second Schroeder. MC: 5-0.

Lee and Mary Pries requested a location to place the Paul/Jim Niemann monument as a tribute to them for all they contributed to the city over the years. Several ideas

were discussed.

Motion Heying for Pries to work with PWD Nuss to place the monument on city property with Nuss giving approval for the location. Heying retracted his motion.

Motion Heying to table the request until Lee/Mary Pries and the city determine a location and bring back to Council, second Richmond. MC: 5-0.

Wastewater Superintendent Schissel had requested 3 items be purchased that are outside his budget. First the need to replace the hoses for the trash pump, their age and wear has them worn out, also the sludge judge -- a measuring device for the tank has broken. Total cost would be \$624.61 to replace the two items. The second is the communications between the buildings at the plant, there have been problems, and it is working right now, but need to complete a fix for about \$6,350. He will work with MSA for a solution, so will hold off for now. The third is sludge pump diaphragms need replacing; he has the parts but would like Vessco to come for a day to help with installation. That cost is \$800 per day. Schissel ended by informing Council the needed for static IP addresses for each of the 5 lift stations. Hook up costs are approximately \$210 and an additional \$60 per location.

Motion Schroeder to approve Schissel to proceed with the first and third request, and budget committee and Clerk will review budget for the department, second Gade. MC: 5-0.

Head Librarian Marvets provided a library report. She announced they have just completed installing the new last sets of HVAC for the building. Volunteers from CMH would be coming to do their spring outside clean up. And Larry Crow will not be staying on the Board at the first of the year, so they are looking for new board member.

Fireman Keegan Duhrkopf reported there are 3 firefighters finishing up FF1 training and will be testing in the near future. There have been 27 fire calls this year and the department is completing some controlled burns. The department is transitioning over to new radios. Chief Tim Duhrkopf informed Council the 3 tornado weather warning sirens are in need of so updates. The light plant performs the maintenance on them and found that the one on Walnut Street has some teeth broken out of the gears and new batteries. It much less expensive to replace the head rather than have them come out, remove the head, and take for repairs. Cost of a rebuilt head is \$11,200 with a 1 year warranty, and new would cost \$16,645 with a 5 year warranty. Labor to rebuild what we have could be as much as \$18,000. The Union (UMMC) siren needs the batteries replaced and a new charger. The siren at Vets park is not battery back up, and is an outdated style which can no longer be repaired. It is currently working and the department feels between the Vets Park and UMMC sirens the city is covered, but the Walnut street needs to be replaced, as if and when the Vets park stops working, it is not in the plans to replace it. Mayor will place on the next agenda to make a request to use ROI dollars to cover the expense.

Chief Frick provided a police report. PWD Nuss reminds citizens Spring Clean up is April 28 to May 2. Water Superintendent Meyer will be taking his level one test. Rec Director Albert shared a new story is being placed on the story walk and they are still very much in need of lifeguards at the pool.

Mayor read into the record: Due to a series of events during recent City Council meetings, I've determined that it is necessary for me to establish guidelines of decorum during the meetings. I'm an advocate of citizen input and encourage citizen participation, but order must be maintained during the meeting. Verbal attacks or innuendos directed toward City employees, City Councilmembers or other individuals will not be tolerated. Those in attendance of our meetings should understand that being given the opportunity to ask questions, make comments or provide input during City Council meetings is a privilege granted by the Mayor and not a right governed by ordinance or code, with an obvious exception being Public Hearings during which the appropriate decorum is expected to be followed as well. If individuals are non-compliant or disruptive, I will not hesitate to request that they voluntarily excuse themselves from the meeting or otherwise be escorted from the Council room.

Councilmembers are also expected to abide by the same rules of conduct and are directed to avoid engaging in arguments or verbal confrontations with each other or members of the audience. Additionally, public City Council meetings are not to be used as a venue to address personal issues or conflicts. It's unfortunate that I may be forced to eliminate the Public forum portion of our meetings or further restrict the level of citizen involvement, but I won't hesitate to do so if that's the only means of maintaining order and conducting City related business without disruption or conflict. Mayor Brian Bockhaus. Mayor also stated the wastewater treatment plant is not open to the public. New windows have been installed upstairs. A thank you to the light plant men for installing the new led lighting upstairs, it is appreciated. Mayor will be setting work session for tree planting restrictions in the right of way. Mayor shared that Councilperson Schroeder has been kind enough to loan us her Owl equipment for Council meetings. He would like to purchase a set up for the city to own.

In other business Council person Schroeder shared Ten Wasp had requested a letter of support for a grant to buy another permaator for the brewery.

Citizen Sophia Marvets shared the great loss the library has shared in the loss of volunteer Doreen Sattler.

The library would like to honor her by purchasing an AED machine for the library, any donations can be sent to Sophia at the library.

Councilperson Richmond noticed the students this evening.

Citizen Ira Monteith expressed disappointment with the Council decision to move forward with burning at the city dump area.

Ended 8:05 p.m.
ATTTEST
Lisa Oberbroeckling
City Clerk
ATTTEST
Brian Bockhaus
Mayor

VENDOR, PURPOSE, DEPARTMENT AMOUNT
3E-Waterloo, Building Main, P&A..... 389.09
ACCO, Chemicals, Water..... 1,194.60
INRCOG, Comprehensive Plan, P&A..... 450.00
Creative Planning, Computer, 4 dept..... 594.66
Peterson Contractors, Construction,

Capitol Projects-HMGP..... 45,490.75
Amazon Capital Services, Disbursement,
Library G&M..... 132.79
Baker & Taylor, Disbursement, Library G&M..... 638.82
Bruce Kuhlmann Estate, Disbursement,

Utility Trust..... 50.00
Charles City Library, Disbursement,
Library G&M..... 20.00
Fayette Community Library, Disbursement,

Library G&M..... 20.00
Guttenburg Public Library, Disbursement,
Library G&M..... 25.00
Hawkeye IA Summer Electric, Disbursement,

Library G&M..... 1,466.76
Ingram, Disbursement, Library G&M..... 104.49
Jose Ramirez, Disbursement, Utility Trust..... 100.00
Linda McCann, Disbursement, Library G&M..... 15.00
Premier Technology, Disbursement, Library..... 2,445.95
The Liquor Stop, Disbursement, Utility Trust..... 50.00
Walwatne Floor Covering, Disbursement,

LOST..... 7,860.82
James Kime, Disbursement, Utility Trust..... 100.00
Steve Yungtum, Grounds Main, Library..... 120.00
Viking Pest Control, Grounds Main, Library..... 40.00
Nelson-Toenjes, PLLC, Legal Fees, P&A..... 200.00
Community Insurance, Liability, P&A..... 1,967.10
Kay Park-REC Corp, Minor Equip Repair,

At aquatic..... 1,548.50
Stan's Small Engine, Minor Equip Repair, Park..... 15.99
Copy Systems, INC, Office, Police..... 71.13
Rapid Printers, Office, P&A..... 204.00
Ricoch, USA, Office, P&A..... 86.98
Salaries, Payroll, 8 dept..... 21,955.77
IRS, Payroll Expense, 9 dept..... 6,305.48
AgVantage FS, Plant, Sewer..... 1,579.16
Edgewood Oil, Plant, Sewer..... 872.50
Ziegler, Plant, Sewer..... 6,911.31
Midwest Patch, Road Maintenance,

Road Use..... 1,314.50
IAMU, Safety Training, 4 dept..... 560.00
ILEA, Training, Utilities, 6 dept..... 75.00
Visa, Travel, 9 dept..... 2,456.15
Allamakee-Clayton Electric, Utilities,

Road Use..... 57.88
Black Hills Energy, Utilities, Library..... 196.57
Community Insurance, Utilities, Library..... 105.60
Mediacom, Utilities, 6 dept..... 393.09
Sumner Municipal Utilities, Utilities, Library..... 549.21
Windstream, Utilities, 6 dept..... 748.40
Meyer's Custom Chevy, Vehicle Main,

5 dept..... 3,175.12
Nexus, Vehicle Operations, 8 dept..... 2,876.14
TOTAL LIST BILLING APRIL 21, 2025 115,534.31

CITY OF SUMNER

REVENUE & EXPENSE BY FUND

MARCH 2025

RECEIPTS

DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL

GENERAL LOST

ROAD USE

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

SANITATION

WATER FUNDS

UTILITY TRUST

SEWER

STORMWATER ERU

TIF FUNDS

DEBT SERVICE

UMMC

CAPITAL OUTLAY

LOCAL OPTION 2016

SEWER FLAT 44

SEWER FLAT 36

LIBRARY GM

LIBRARY COPIER

SRF SEWER

DETENTION BASIN

PROJECT

HMGP PHASE II

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

NETPAY ACCOUNT

LOCAL OPTION CD

SEWER RENTAL CD

UTILITY TRUST CD

LIBRARY GM CD

UMMC - CD

TOTAL

\$357,872.65 \$295,436.35

Bremer County proceedings and claims

April 15, 2025

Board met as the Community Based Housing Board for a regular quarterly meeting at 8:45 a.m. in the Board Room in the Courthouse Waverly, Iowa. Minutes recorded by Kassandra Johansen, Recording Secretary.

The Bremer County Board of Supervisors met in session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 in the Courthouse, Waverly, Iowa, at 9:00 a.m. Hildebrandt, Cerwinske, Brunkhorst present. Kassandra Johansen, Finance Director, also present. Unless otherwise noted all actions were approved unanimously. Some Resolutions and Ordinances herein are summary descriptions, full text is available for viewing online at: https://www.bremer-county.iowa.gov/government/resolutions_and_ordinances.php and also available M - F 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM in the Bremer County Auditor's office.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Hildebrandt.

Cerwinske moved/Hildebrandt second to approve the agenda. Brunkhorst absent for the motion, present for the vote. Darius P. Robinson, Co. Attorney, Sue Laehr, CBS Director, Sheri Allredge, present.

Cerwinske moved/Brunkhorst second to approve the 4/8/25 minutes.

Brunkhorst moved/Cerwinske second to approve claims as listed below and authorize the Auditor to issue checks.

Public comment: Co. Attorney Robinson informed the board that the Waverly Public Library Tales Around Town story time will be in a court room this morning.

Brunkhorst moved/Cerwinske second to continue with the amendment to Bremer County Employee Handbook Policy 3.1 "Exempt Employees, Non-Exempt Employees & Overtime - Compensatory Time" for another two-year period allowing an 80-hour limit of compensatory time for the Engineer/Secondary Roads Department. Robinson exited.

Board reviewed the county's annual State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Project and Expenditure Report. Cerwinske moved/Brunkhorst second to table approval of the ARPA SLFRF expenditure report until 4/22/25.

Board/Committee updates: Brunkhorst attended North Iowa Juvenile Detention Board and EMS System Advisory Council meeting.

Board met with Sue Laehr, CBS Director, for a department update.

Board/Committee updates: Cerwinske attended an Emergency Mgmt. Commission budget amendment meeting.

Board met with Lindsey Koehler, Building & Zoning Admin., for a department update and to consider minor subdivision requests. Sheri Allredge present. Brunkhorst moved/Cerwinske second to approve division of land and adopt RESOLUTION NO. 25-38 APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT of Cheever, John D: Parcel U in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Sec 22, T91 N, R13 W of the 5th P.M., Bremer County, Iowa, and more particularly described as beginning at the NW Corner of said Sec; Thence N 89°19'32" E, 663.70'

232.12' along the W Line of Lot 7 and Lot 8 of said Rustic Hills, 6th Addition; Thence S 89°21'31" W, 663.45'

231.73' along said W Line to the Point of Beginning, Containing 3.53 Acres(s), including 0.35 Acres(s) of Joplin Avenue Right-of-Way, subject to any easements recorded or unrecorded, AND Parcel V in the NW ¼ of Sec 22, T91 N, R13 W of the 5th P.M., Bremer County, Iowa, and more particularly described as beginning at the NW Corner of said Sec; Thence S 89°21'31" W, 663.45'

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