

CITY OF STATE CENTER

**State Center City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025, 5:30 p.m.**
State Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, in the City Hall Council Room. Mayor Plantz called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Darrow, Grant (arriving at 5:35), Nichols, Quick, and Shaffar. Absent: None. Others present: E. Thompson, Chris Davis, Chief Plantz, Deputy Clerk Yates, Nick Fredriksen, Kohle Nieland, Matt Schroeder (Greiner Construction), C. Wernimont & J. Malloy (Melee), Robin Hobbs, and L. Bearden, City Clerk and many fire/EMS volunteers.

There were no public comments.
Motion by Quick, 2nd by Darrow to approve the agenda; motion passes 4-0.
Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Quick to approve the consent agenda including transfers totaling \$72,551.58; motion passes 4-0 roll call.

M. Schroeder with Greiner presented the bid tab and summary for the Fire Station project. The apparent low base bid came in at \$2,364,512. Schroeder discussed the components of the bid noting subs that came in over and under the estimated budget cost. Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Shaffar to reject the apparent low bid. Motion passes 5-0 roll call. There was then discussion relating to fund-raising plans for the project and having the project committee schedule to meet to review the plans for the project.

Motion by Shaffar, 2nd by Grant approving the addition of Rachael McNulty as a member of the Fire & EMS department. Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Shaffar approving the 3rd reading of Ordinance 388 Sewer Rate Increase. Darrow 2nd; motion passes 5-0 roll call. Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Grant to adopt Ordinance 388. Motion passes 5-0 roll call. Ordinance 388 will be in effect upon publication and for July 5th utility billing.

Motion by Quick approving the 3rd reading of Ordinance 389 Prohibit Ground Solar Arrays. Shaffar 2nd; motion passes 5-0 roll call. Motion by Quick, 2nd by Grant to adopt Ordinance 388. Motion passes 5-0 roll call. Ordinance 389 will be in effect upon publication.

Motion by Darrow approving the 1st reading of Ordinance 390 Council Compensation raised to \$1,000.00 annually. Grant 2nd; motion passes 5-0 roll call.

Motion by Grant approving the 1st reading of Ordinance 391 Mayor Compensation Raised to \$2,800.00 annually. Nichols 2nd; motion passes 5-0 roll call.

The clerk reported that A&A, pickleball court contractor would start the project after Rose Festival. Nieland confirmed that the preconstruction meeting will be held June 26th with construction starting that day.

The clerk reported that we have received the signed quit claim deed for the future brush dump from the Gutekunst Trust. Grant moved to adopt Res. 25-71 accepting the quit claim deed. Darrow 2nd; Res. 25-71 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

Motion by Darrow, 2nd by Grant approving remaining fencing claim in amount of \$9,160.00.

After discussion, motion passes 5-0.
Shaffar moved to adopt Res. 25-68 approving the 6th St NW improvement project Engineer's Statement of Completion and pay application #4 for the retainage amount of

\$17,229.45 to Steele Excavating to be released no sooner than 30 days from this meeting. Grant 2nd; Res. 25-68 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

E. Thompson gave a public works update. Frederiksen updated council on the work being done in the water plant to determine the cause of the damaged VFDs and the chemical feed inadequacies now that the splash pad is in operation. The mayor asked to discuss item 22 – Splash Pad Use Policy at this time. There has recently been damage at the splash pad but has been determined by video to be accidental. The damaged piece will not be replaced at this time but the spray mechanism has been repaired, and the pad is operational. There was further discussion of repairs that need to be made including replacement of the feature boots and removal of the acrylic surfacing. Adding a recirculation unit to the pad was discussed. There was no action taken but it is noted that the splash pad is currently operational.

Darrow moved to adopt Res. 25-72 approving pay application #1 in amount of \$210,425.00 to WRH for the Lift Station project. Quick 2nd. Frederiksen answered questions from the council regarding the project and what items were included in the pay application. Bearden noted that the closing of the SRF is not expected until the end of July because of missing documentation for the project but believes that the engineer has since provided that. Frederiksen said he will check on that. Res. 25-72 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

Yates provided a report of delinquent accounts that have been determined to be uncollectible. This year's list is composed of 12 accounts all totaling \$443.45. Shaffar moved to adopt Res. 25-73 approving that the 12 accounts totaling \$443.45 be written off. Grant 2nd; Res. 25-73 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

Shaffar moved to adopt Res. 25-74 authorizing the disposal of the 1941 Road Grader. Grant 2nd; Res. 25-74 is adopted 5-0 roll call. The clerk has prepared the advertisement.

J. Toyne was not present but provided a written electric department update.

Grant moved to adopt Res. 25-69 approving FY26 budgeted wage increases. Darrow 2nd; Res. 25-69 is adopted 50- roll call.

Darrow moved to adopt Res. 25-70 approving the sale of a police department 2024 Tahoe to Howard County for \$64,500.00. Grant 2nd; Res. 25-70 is adopted 5-0 roll call.

Chief Thomas discussed the recent GTSB grant audit. Because of minor timesheet errors GTSB will withhold \$515.73 from the next disbursement.

Motion by Shaffar, 2nd by Grant to approve claims received too late to make the consent agenda:

Menards – City Hall Bldg Maint. - \$15.36, Motorola – Police Dept. Plate Reader Subscription - \$1,500.00, Heiman Fire Equipment – Fire Gear - \$9,920.81. Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Shaffar to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Hearing no objections, Mayor Plantz closed the meeting.

Craig Plantz, Mayor
Attest: Lori Bearden, Clerk

CLAIMS APPROVED 6.17.25		
VENDER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1stAYD	GLOVES/TOWELS	156.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER CHARGE	180.35
AIRGAS	CYLINDER RENTAL	102.00
ALLIANT	NATURAL GAS	832.74
ARNOLD MOTOR	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	51.91
AT&T MOBILITY	SCPD WIRELESS	335.85
BORDER STATES	SAFETY CLOTHING	1,654.45
BRICK GENTRY	LEGAL FEES	1,320.00
CENTRAL IA DISTRIBUTING	SHELTER SUPPLY	450.00
CSB VISA	OFFICE SUPPLY/FEES	955.42
CLAPSADDLE-GARBER	ENGINEERING SERVICES	10,269.40
CORE & MAIN	TESTING/SUPPLIES	2,819.63
DITCH WITCH	BACKFILL BLADE	4,536.09
FLETCHER-REINHARDT	DISTRB MATRIAL	1,273.31
GANNATT IOWA LOCALIQ	PUBLIC WKS DIRECTOR AD	621.96
HAWKINS	TREATMENT CHEMICALS	3,021.22
HOMETOWN FOODS	PW PONE CHARGE/RR SUPPLY	14.39
I&S GROUP INC	ENGINEERING SERVICES	4,532.50
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	123.30
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SEED/SPRAYER/TRAP	226.40
BECKY KIELLY	JANITORIAL	275.00
MCMMASTER-CARR	TOOLS/MINOR EQUIP	198.81
MELEE LLC	CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT	21,920.00
MENARDS-MTOWN	PUBLIC WORKS SUPPLY	283.33
MICROBAC LABS	TESTING	466.00
MID-IOWA ENTERPRISE	PUBLICATIONS	115.42
MIKE WALTON	WINDOW CLEANING	55.00
MUNICIPAL MGMT CORP	LEAK DETECTION	1,000.00
NELSON FABRICATION	FUEL F350 PUMP REPAIR	1,888.77
NEW CENTURY FS	FUEL CHARGES	3,928.69
PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	1,197.04
PETTY CASH FUND	REIMBURSEMENT	37.29
PFANTZ INSURANCE	BOILER & MACHINERY 25/26	6,163.00
PRAIRIE WASTE	GARBAGE SERVICES	380.68
RANDY'S PEST CONTRL	PEST CONTROL	185.00
RESCO	44 POLES	16,940.00
TIMES REPUBLICAN	PW DIRECTOR AD	240.00
US CELLULAR	FIRE/EMS CELL	110.43
US CELLULAR	PHONE/PAD CHARGES	456.15
WENDLING QUARRIES	STREETS 1" CLEAN	1,522.44
WESCO DISTRIBUTING	WIRE	15,137.08
CITY SUB-TOTAL		105,977.05
PAYROLL	05.23.25	29,047.41
PAYROLL	PITZEN LEAVE PAYOUT	2,321.26
PAYROLL	06.06.25	34,039.01
P. MONNAHAN	DEPOSIT RETURN	79.47
IFA	SEWER NOTE PAYMENT	52,710.00
IFA	R/O PLANT NOTE PAYMENT	142,853.99
SCHINDLER	ELEVATOR CONTRACT	3,010.47
IDR	SALES/USE TAX	7,136.65
IDR	WET	2,472.02
CENTRAL STATE BANK	REFUNDING LOAN PAYMENT	94,676.25
UMB	3RD ST NW LOAN PAYMENT	119,543.75
RPGI	PURCHASED POWER	78,063.43
ADVANTAGE ADMIN	MONTHLY FEE	47.25
ADVANTAGE ADMIN	MONTHLY CLAIMS	1,914.15
PSN	MONTHLY FEE	84.90
CASEY'S	PD FUEL	213.84
MID-CYCLE SUBTOTAL		568,213.85
TOTAL CONSENT		674,190.90
TOTAL CONSENT BY FUND		
GENERAL		29,956.55
ROAD USE		8,180.25
DEBT SERVICE		214,220.00
CAPITAL PRJ		32,189.40
WATER UTILITY		159,072.59
SEWER UTILITY		61,940.10
LAGOON PRJ		4,532.50
ELECTRIC UTILITY		163,580.11
STORM SEWER		519.40
TOTAL		674,190.90
MAY 2025 REVENUE		
GENERAL		32,347.95
ROAD USE		47,318.55
E'E BENEFIT LEVY		3,983.41
LOST		17,627.66
DEBT SERVICE LEVY		5,052.88
KAUFFMAN		508.22
WATER UTILITY		38,118.16
WATER IMPRV		5,167.80
SANITARY SEWER		30,414.92
SEWER IMPRV		9,528.22
ELECTRIC UTILITY		151,793.59
STORM SEWER		5,531.13
TOTAL		347,392.49

PUBLIC NOTICE
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WMMS Summer Sports Teams



First Row- Ivan Robak, Levi Juel, Dax Davenport, Korey Malloy, Hunter Fogle, Emmitt Krough, Will Hauser, Beau Benson
2nd Row-Coach Tollefson Mason Buck, Ray Thompson, Damian Sofia, Kaleb White Crydin Althaus, Coach Eilbeck
3rd Row-Max Buck, Joel Dejong Malachi Burgess, Waylon Mumm, Lewis Baltes, Asher DeSotel, Jaxson Kane



Front Row (L-R) - Ensly Clark, Bailyn Karsjen, Dulcinea Hillers, Ella Randall, Sophia Stone, Mya Swigart, Ashlyn Whitehead, Sophia Waterman, Grace Cooling
Second Row (L-R) - Coach Bob Tollefson, Shelby Yakel, Makylah Cooling, Sammy Sorsen, Colbie Halter, Aubrey Edler, Coach Claire Woodworth
Third Row (L-R) - Addison Engelbarts, Emersen Faris, Grace Greenwood, Zoey Wignall, Evelynn Hanson, Luella Fischer
Back Row (L-R) - Evalyn Clark, Tatum Snyder, Paisley Johnston, Lillian Renze. -photos by Stalzer Photography

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ORDINANCE NO. 388
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 99.02 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STATE CENTER, IOWA, BY ESTABLISHING A NEW SANITARY RATE TABLE TO TAKE EFFECT

WITH THE JULY 5TH BILLING UPON THE FINAL READING AND PUBLICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of State Center, Iowa: **SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED.** Section 99.02 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of State Center, Iowa is amended establishing a new sanitary sewer rate table as follows:

99.02 RATES FOR SERVICE. Sanitary Sewer service shall be furnished at the following rates, calculated, and billed each month, to each Sanitary Sewer Utility customer:

	Sanitary Sewer.	Sanitary Sewer Improvement	Total
First 1000 gallons	35.55	4.45	40.00
Over 1000 gal. per 1000 gal.	6.20	4.80	11.00
Flat Rate	48.05	1.95	50.00

For subsequent years, on or before the 1st day of February of each year, the City Clerk shall compute an increase to the sanitary sewer rates equal to the previous calendar (January-December) year CPI rate as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics rounded upward to the nearest 5 cents. The City Council will take action to implement the increase if deemed necessary.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable for any reason, such adjudication shall not affect the validity or enforcement of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect upon its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

1st Reading, April 15, 2025:
2nd Reading, May 20, 2025
3rd Reading, June 17, 2025
Ordinance 388 passed and adopted June 17, 2025, and effective upon publication in the Mid Iowa Enterprise.

Craig Plantz, Mayor
Attest: Lori Bearden, City Clerk
Published in the Mid Iowa Enterprise 6/26/25

CITY OF STATE CENTER

ORDINANCE NO. 389
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STATE CENTER, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER PROHIBITING GROUND SOLAR ARRAYS WITHIN THE STATE CENTER CITY LIMITS

BE ENACTED by the City Council of the City of State Center, Iowa:

SECTION 1. NEW CHAPTER. The Code of Ordinances of the City of State Center, Iowa, is amended by adding a new chapter, Chapter 153, entitled GROUND SOLAR ARRAYS, which is hereby adopted to read in its entirety as follows:

Chapter 153 Ground Solar Arrays
153.01 Definition. "Ground Solar Array" means any solar installation not attached to a permanent structure on a property, which has the function of creation of electricity, regardless of whether the electricity is for use on site or off site.

153.02 Purpose & General Policy. The City finds that Ground Solar Array installations shall not be allowed to exist within the city limits for any purpose, including but not limited to residential, commercial, industrial or agricultural uses.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.


SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.


1st Reading, May 06, 2025:
2nd Reading, May 20, 2025
3rd Reading, June 17, 2025
Ordinance 389 passed and adopted June 17, 2025, and effective upon publication in the Mid Iowa Enterprise.

Craig Plantz, Mayor
Attest: Lori Bearden, City Clerk
Published in the Mid Iowa Enterprise 6/26/25

Happy Birthday - Happy Birthday - Happy Birthday - Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday
Jeff Fouts!
70 years old on
June 26th!



Happy Birthday - Happy Birthday - Happy Birthday - Happy Birthday

LIFESERVE BLOOD
CENTER HOSTS ANNUAL
BLOOD DONOR DAY

JOHNSTON, IOWA—LifeServe Blood Center invites the community to this year's Blood Donor Day in an effort to boost the community blood supply during the summer, often referred to as trauma season.

This isn't just our biggest blood drive of the year, it's a VIP event where every donor is a star, and every donation can save a life. Join us for a day of glam, gratitude, and of course, giveaways!

Be a real star on Friday, June 27, 2025, from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Marshalltown Donor Center (3109 South Center Street, Suite 104). All donors will receive an exclusive Blood Donor T-shirt, while sizes and supplies last, a \$5 coupon from Real Deals Marshalltown, and be eligible to win a \$10 gift voucher to La Carreta Mexican Grill. To schedule your appointment, call 800.287.4903 or visit lifeserve.info/MTstar.

LifeServe Blood Center is a non-profit, community-based blood center that has served the needs of local hospitals and patients in our regions since 1947. As one of the 15 largest blood centers in the country, LifeServe provides blood products to more than 175 hospitals primarily in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Illinois. LifeServe is committed to saving lives by providing premier service to volunteer blood donors and access to a safe, quality blood supply

for hospitals and patients. Your donation with LifeServe will help save your neighbor, a friend or family member or a stranger on the street. YOU make a difference in YOUR community. For more information about blood donation or to schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 800.287.4903 or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org.

We Have the Scoop

at the

Ice Cream Social

St. Paul Lutheran Church
State Center

Sunday, July 13, 2025

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Dine In or Carry Out

Meal

Beefburger or Pork Burger
Baked Beans • Potato Salad
Choice of pie, cobbler, cake or bar
1 or 2 scoops of Homemade Ice Cream

Containers of homemade ice cream for sale:

APPROX. 1 gallon tub - \$20.00
APPROX. 1/2 gallon tub - \$10.00

Free Will Donation for the meal
Proceeds go towards outreach activities
of St. Paul

a Thrivent Action fundraiser



American Legion Riders #161

Donny Zahnd Benefit Meal



Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Potato Salad & chips
Baked Beans
Homemade Desserts

Saturday, June 28th
4 pm to 7 pm
melbourne rec center

Free Will Donation

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