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TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025



Free Veggies-Floyd County will begin giving away produce at the Lions Club Rose Garden on Riverside Drive, from 10 a.m. until noon, on Saturday morning, Aug. 2, and will continue the giveaways each Saturday through Sept. 27.

Free weekly produce giveaways run on Saturdays through Sept. gies-Floyd County is available

To The Press

Free Veggies-Floyd County will begin produce giveaways on Riverside Drive in the Lions Rose Garden this coming Saturday, Aug. 2. from 10 a.m. until

Produce from Free Veg-

to all, regardless of income. Giveaways will continue for

nine Saturdays through Sept. 27.

Local gardeners are encouraged to donate extra produce that they grow. Donations can be brought to the rose garden

on Saturday mornings an hour before the giveaway, or produce may be dropped off at the Floyd County ISU Extension office at 112 N. Main St. Mondays through Thursdays until 4:30 p.m., and Fridays until noon.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET Board of Supervisors of FLOYD COUNTY Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of FLOYD COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30,

Meeting Date/Time: 8/12/2025 09:15 AM Meeting Location: Floyd County Courthouse Board Room (G107) 101 S Main St, Charles City, Iowa 50616

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES Taxes Levied on Property 8,902,662 Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year 338,564 Net Current Property Tax 8,564,098 8,564,098 Delinquent Property Tax Revenue 21,250 1,847,150 1,847,150 6,707,862 6,707,862 49,300 49,300 581,825 Charges for Service 581,825 852,700 882,700 412,60 412,600 19,036,78 19,066,785 1,819,373 1,819,373 Total Revenues & Other Sources 20,856,158 20,886,158 Public Safety and Legal Services 4.460.33 4,460,336 Physical Health and Social Services 1,504,72 Mental Health, ID & DD County Environment & Education Roads & Transportation 7,641,350 Nonprogram Curre Debt Service 2,312,900 2,312,900 720,000 1,985,000 Capital Projects 1,265,000 Subtotal Expenditures 21,113,069 21,833,069 720,000 Other Financing Uses: 1,819,373 1,819,373 Operating Transfers Out Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow Total Expenditures & Other Uses 31 22,932,442 720,000 23,652,442 Excess of Revenues & Other Sources -2,076,284 -690,000 -2,766,284 over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2025 11,381,217 11,381,217 Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting Fund Balance - Nonspendable Fund Balance - Restricted 6,655,022 6,655,022 Fund Balance - Committed 313,783 313,783 Fund Balance - Assigned 38 -690,000 2,336,128 1,646,128 Fund Balance - Unassigned 9,304,933 8,614,933 Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 202 -690,000

Explanation of Changes: SPEND DOWN COMMUNITCATION BOND PROCEEDS AND INTEREST REVENUE No. 25076 7/29/25 Charles City Press www.iowapublicnotices.com



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Garden **Academy** to launch

The Iowa Master Gardener Program, along with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, will launch Garden Academy in September 2025, providing high-quality gardening education for both aspiring Iowa Master Gardeners and home gardening enthusiasts.

Garden Academy offers a comprehensive approach to consumer horticulture education during 10 weeks of asynchronous online instruction, featuring video lectures, read-

ing assignments and quizzes

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Interested participants can choose from two program tracks: Iowa Master Gardener Volunteer or Iowa Home Gardener.

All participants, whether they are enrolled to become an Iowa Master Gardener volunteer or an Iowa Home Gardener, will complete the same course, designed to enhance horticulture knowledge and skills.

Applications to the Iowa Master Gardener Track are open until Aug. 22 on the Iowa Master Gardener website,

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http://bit.ly/46xpC0i. Iowa Home Gardener participants will be able to purchase their spots in the course beginning Aug. 25 on the ISU Extension Store website.

The training period for both tracks is Sept. 2 to Nov. 7.

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CITY OF CHARLES CITY COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION July 16, 2025

Charles City city council met in a planning session on July 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Zastrow Room at the public library.

Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the

following council members were present: De-Laine Freeseman, Phillip Knighten, Patrick Lumley, Phoebe Pittman, and Keith Starr. Also present were interim city administrator Dan Gifford and city engineer John Fallis.

Mayor Andrews highlighted a new July

2025 law mandating open meetings and open records training for all newly elected or appointed officials, including those on library boards, planning and zoning commissions, etc This training must be completed within 90 days of assuming office. The Iowa Public Information Board is responsible for overseeing and providing the training, while the city clerk will track compliance. Discussions continued on the Lane and

Brackett Street railroad crossings with Kristopher Klop, Manager of IDOT's Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Safety Programs; Chuck Knecht, owner of T&C Machine; and the neighboring property/business owners of 1200 Fisher Street. Mayor Andrews affirmed that CPKC is still wanting to close the Lane Street crossing. The Knecht's are agreeable to the crossing closure if the Brackett Street crossing can be regraded. The CPKC Railroad will agree to pay the city of Charles City \$100,000 (plus \$100,000 from the IDOT) for the closing of the Lane Street crossing, maintain the Shelby Street license with the city, and agree to submit the Kellogg and E Street crossings in the 60-20-20 funding program, with 60% funded by the railroad, 20% from the IDOT, and 20% from the city. Crucially, the North Grand crossing's signals are interconnected for safety with the Lane Street crossing, meaning that upgrading North Grand necessitates removing the Lane Street crossing signals. Klop stated that the signals can't be upgraded at the Shelby Street crossing because the current placement doesn't meet federal standards. they aren't even on the right side of the road due to lack of space. While a physical closure isn't "mandatory", leaving Lane Street open without functioning signals would pose an unacceptable safety risk that the railroad will most likely not allow and would just be pushing the full closing of the crossing down the road a few years. However, the Brackett Street crossing needs to be made accessible for regular and low-boy semis, which would require regrading. Klop expressed confidence that CN would most-likely approve it if the city decided to present a plan to regrade the

Brackett Street crossing, especially since low ground clearance crossings are a nationwide issue. He also noted that the city would be solely responsible for funding this regrading at Brackett, as no incentives apply. Engineer Fallis is working on a re-design and cost estimate for regrading Brackett Street. Councilmembers also asked for cost estimates for building back the approaches after the North Grand crossing is completed, etc. Klop stated that the city is probably looking at a total cost of \$250,000-\$300,000. The city council needs to make a decision by early 2026.

Council discussed surface water concerns on certain streets with street superintendent Tony Stonecypher and engineer Fallis. Clark Street on the west side of the Brantingham Street intersection, Gilbert Street near Sherman Creek bridge where stormwater doesn't drain well and creates a condition of standing water, and Gilbert Street between Glenwood Road and Quality Auto where stormwater flows in the eastbound lane instead of draining off the surface of the road. Multiple options were discussed to alleviate the issues. Councilmembers asked engineer Fallis for the most cost-effective options, taking into account that the bridge will be replaced in the near future.

The discussion then moved on to notifications for street closures. Questions arose regarding the current methods applicants use to inform property owners, specifically whether everyone uses the same approach, such as in-person notification. Police Chief Anderson pointed out that item #5, "All Affected Properties have been notified? Yes or No," was inadvertently left on the form from the previous discussion. Council agreed that Chief Anderson should remove item #5 entirely. Instead, he will add a reminder to the form, instructing applicants to publicize the event effectively for property owner notification.

Discussion was held on recumbent bikes being unable to pass through the pedestrian bridge's west-side bollards. Street superintendent Stonecypher and engineer Fallis presented four options to improve access. Removing one bollard while keeping the other, was the preferred solution. Councilmember Starr praised this change, noting it will enhance the bridge's walkability and usability. Stonecypher plans to contact recumbent bike riders to determine the best bollard to remove for easy maneuver-

Councilmember Starr submitted his letter of resignation to the mayor, effective July 31, 2025, which creates a vacancy on the city council as of August 1. State code 372.13 states: A vacancy in an elective city office during a term of office shall be filled, at the council's option, by one of the two following procedures: appointment by the remaining members of the council or by special election held to fill the office until the next regular election on November 4, 2025, Council discussed filling the position by appointment, given the short duration of the term and the potential cost of a special election, which has been estimated to be around \$10,000. Discussion also covered the required publication of intent to fill the vacancy and the specifics of the application

The Council reviewed Hinson Consult ing's revised position profile, which incorporated changes from the previous meeting and some formatting adjustments. They discussed further modifications to the profile and job description. City Clerk Lentz will forward these proposed changes to attorney Sloter for review before the final approval at the July 21 regular meeting. The updated search schedule as also reviewed, with key dates including: September 8 for a special council meeting to select candidates for Zoom interviews, September 10 for the Zoom interviews themselves, and September 26 and 27 for in-person interviews

Interim City Administrator Gifford reported he's been settling into the role over the past few weeks and recently attended meetings ncerning the pipeline and railroad. City Clerk Lentz reported that the online

payment portal remains stalled. gWorks is actively working with its developers to resolve an upload problem on their end. The target for availability is mid-August, though an exact date has not been provided due to the upload issues. ACH auto-withdrawals for utility payments are still functional. Thanks to the street departments guys, the utility payment drop box has been moved from the city hall construction site, to the temporary city hall location at 507 Clark Street. Citizens have been notified via a sign at the old site, through social media, the city website, and signs throughout town. Councilmember Pittman reported that the

park and rec master plan is moving forward. The inclusive playground dedication will be held on July 25. Andrews reported that the mural at the YMCA is coming along well, and should take about 10-14 days to complete.

There being no further business, the planning session was adjourned at 8:03pm. Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest: Brittney Lentz, City Clerk

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