

Obituary

Jeanne Clark Reed, formerly of Lenox, Ia. Passed away at the age of 72 at home in Omaha, Ne on March 3, 2025.

Jeanne was born in Corning, Iowa December 16, 1952 to Lewis Reed and Betty Campbell. Jeanne grew up on a farm east of Lenox with five sisters and three brothers, Linda, Ellen, Jim, Denise, Dennis, Tom, Jane, and Dina. Jeanne was blessed with four children, Michelle, Michael, Brandy and Brandon.



from Lenox High School in 1971. She attended Southwestern Community

College in Creston and graduated with a degree as an LPN in 1994.

Left to cherish Jeanne’s memory are two daughters, Michelle Rice of Ames; Brrandy Zimmerman (Chris), Clearfield; son Brandon Cordell of Omaha, Ne; sibling Linda Clayton of Thayer, Iowa; Ellen Lee, San Diego, Ca.; Jim Reed (Tina), Lenox; Denise Fuller, Creston; Dennis Reed, Lenox; Tom Reed (Jan) Reed, Lenox; Jane Glup, Omaha, Ne.; Doina Reed, Martensdale, Iowa; many nieces, nephews, and friends, six

grandchildren and one great grandchild; three stepsons, Mike, Steven and Matt Clark.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis Reed and Betty Campbell, son Micheal Rice, niece Regina Reed, two nephews, Robin Armstrong and Jason Clayton; two brothers-in-law, Dave Glup and Larry Clayton.

Jeanne will be missed by her entire family. May she be at peace in God’s loving care. A celebration of life will be June 7 at 2 p.m. at the North Fairview Cemetery in Lenox, Iowa.

EMPLOYMENT

The Lenox CSD is accepting applications for a full-time secretary. Duties include managing the Nutrition and Transportation Departments, keeping student records, completing State reports, and other clerical duties.

The rate of pay for this position is \$16 per hour. Benefits include IPERS, paid time off, and at least a portion of paid health insurance. The preferred start date for this position is July 21.

Application materials should be sent to David Henrichs, Superintendent, Lenox CSD, 600 S. Locust, Lenox, IA 50851. This position will remain open until filled. The Lenox Community School District is an EEO/AA employer.

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Clearfield City Council Regular Meeting/Public Hearing May 21, 2025

The Clearfield City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Strassner. Council members present were: Travis Borcharding, Logan Larsen, Greg Beggs and Chris England. Clete Boyer was absent.

A motion by England, seconded by Larsen to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion by Borcharding was seconded by England to approve the minutes of April 16, 2025 as written. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Beggs and seconded by England to approve the bills submitted for payment. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion by England was seconded by Borcharding to approve the financial reports for April 2025. Motion carried 4-0.

Employees and visitors present were: Gordon Still, Public Works; Pam Nickell, City Clerk; Markeeta Baker, Deputy Clerk; Colleen Larimar, Lenox Time Table; Matthew Hanson, City Attorney; Tim Gormally, Harold Huber and Roger Hering. STAFF REPORTS:

Fire Department—Travis Borcharding, Fire Chief, said the fire department received quotes for shirts and sweatshirts. The cost will be \$409.00. A motion by Larsen, seconded by England to approve the purchase of shirts and sweatshirts for the fire department. Aye: Larsen, Beggs and England. Abstain: Borcharding. Motion carried.

Public Works—Gordon Still reported that there is some algae on the lagoon. He will be treating it. He also requested a quote from Allied Systems for a service agreement and is waiting to hear back from them. Two bids were received for tree removal at the park. The bid from RC Tree Service to remove large elm and an ash tree was \$2500.00. This did

not include stump removal. The bid received from Lincoln’s Lawn Care was \$2,400.00 and \$400.00 for stump removal. A motion by Beggs, seconded by Larsen to approve the bid from Lincoln’s Lawn Care for tree removal and stump grinding at the park. Motion carried 4-0.

Iowa Pump Works delivered an updated bid on rebuilding three lift stations and adding a control panel. Their last quote was on December 11, 2024 for \$261,071.30. The new bid was for \$2613,464.90. All orders are subject to tariff surcharges.

City Attorney—Matt Hanson mentioned purposed legislative changes in regard to sewer rates, general obligations bonds and the changes that were passed in regard to fireworks.

City Hall—Pam Nickell received a notice from the Iowa Assistant Attorney General pertaining to a recent tobacco product sale-to-minor violation by an employee at NEW Cooperative store. The council agreed to transfer the jurisdiction for the civil administrative sanction to the State to be handled by the Iowa Attorney General’s Office.

Recent changes to legislation regarding the discharge of fireworks was discussed. After review of chapter 47 of city ordinances, the council will amend ordinance 47.02 to comply with allowable times for the discharge of fireworks set by the state.

Council discussed raccoons in town. No action was taken.

Updating the utility clerk’s computer was mentioned. Council will consider bids for a new computer.

The regular meeting recessed at 6:15 for the purpose of hearing comments for or against the proposed amendment to the current year budget, fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Mayor Strassner asked for comments for or against the proposed amendment. None were received. Hearing was declared closed at 6:16.

A motion by Beggs, second-

ed by Larsen to approve future payment to Chris Leonard, Developer, for \$135,000.00 for the Downtown Housing Grant and \$40,000.00 for the balance left on the Catalyst Grant. Council agrees to future payment upon completion of the project, a final walk through with IEDA and receipt of funds by the City. Roll call vote—Aye: Borcharding, Larsen, Beggs and England. Nay: none.

The regular meeting recessed at 6:30 for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to be heard for or against the proposed amendment to the sewer service charge ordinance. Mayor Strassner asked for comments for or against the proposed amendment. Roger Hering asked why he should be paying a sewer charge on a septic tank that is on his empty lot. Council reminded Hering that part of the original loan agreement with USDA requires a sewer charge for all septic tanks. Hearing was declared closed and regular meeting resumed at 6:35.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion by England, seconded by Larsen to approve Resolution 2025-07, a resolution to amend the 2024-25 budget. Roll call vote—Aye: Borcharding, Larsen, Beggs and England. Nay: none. Motion carried.

A motion by Larsen, seconded by Borcharding to approve the first reading of Ordinance 59, an ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Clearfield, Iowa by amending the sewer service charges as detailed in Clearfield ordinance 99.01. Roll call vote—Aye: Borcharding, Larsen, Beggs and England. Nay: none. Absent: Boyer. Motion carried. A motion by England, seconded by Beggs to waive the second reading of Ordinance 59. Roll call vote—Aye: Borcharding, Larsen, Beggs and England. Nay: none. Absent: Boyer. Motion carried.

A motion by Larsen, seconded by Borcharding to waive the third reading of Ordinance 59 and adopt as

follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 59 AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLEARFIELD, IOWA BY AMENDING THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AS DETAILED IN CLEARFIELD ORDINANCE 99.01.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Clearfield, Iowa:

SECTION 1. AMENDED SUBSECTIONS. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Clearfield, Iowa, is amended by amending Clearfield Chapter 99, Section 01, which sets forth required sewer service charges, is hereby adopted to read as follows 1-2,000 gallons or lesser amount at \$40.00. Next 59,000 gallons or lesser amount at \$10.00 per 1,000 gallon.

1. All over 60,000 at \$9.50 per 1,000 gallon.

A minimum service charge of \$20.00 per month is assessed to all customers, even if no usage. This is necessary to retire the indebtedness, operating and maintenance, and reserve necessary for maintaining the sanitary sewer facility.

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.

Roll call vote—Aye: Borcharding, Larsen, Beggs and England. Nay: none. Absent: Boyer. Motion carried.

A motion by England, seconded by Borcharding to sched-

ule the next regular meeting for June 18, 2025. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by England, seconded by Borcharding to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:35.

Charles Strassner, Mayor Pam Nickell, City Clerk

Claims Approved for Payment: Payroll

Gross Payroll 4/15/25-5/19/2025.....\$7,748.04

Jerry Mattson Continuing Education

Registration Fee160.00

Infomax Office Systems, Inc. Copier Lease.....190.50

Alliant Energy Electricity.....2030.83

DC Communications Telephone Charges.....24.67

Taylor County Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement.....371.00

Christensen Sanitation Trash Pickup.....5,876.42

U.S. Post Office Postage112.00

IRS Monthly 9411,312.47

IPERS Monthly Contribution813.73

Utilities Safety & Design, Inc. Public Awareness Expense 585.00

Pam Nickell Reimburse for Flags.....114.56

Petty Cash Certified Mail19.64

City of Lenox Wholesale Gas, Operations & Insurance13,817.32

Iowa Finance Authority SRF Loan.....9,157.50

Jerry Mattson Contract Labor.....250.00

Underground Specialty Pump Out Septic Tanks.....14,868.00

Wilson, Hanson & Associates

City of Clearfield Receipts & Disbursements For April 2025

Fund	Receipts	Disbursements
General Fund	\$49,430.78	\$56,151.04
Road Use Tax	\$2,755.77	\$753.39
Local Option Sales Tax	\$2,626.58	\$0.00
Garbage	\$5,993.26	\$5,944.53
Gas	\$21,089.10	\$15,699.84
Sewer	\$9,277.57	\$5,202.05
Rental Housing	\$649.00	\$144.25
Utility Deposits	\$0.00	\$0.00
Library	\$4.07	\$99.69
Fire Dept.	\$360.59	\$137.95
TOTALS	\$92,186.72	\$84,132.74

School Board Minutes Budget Hearing April 9, 2025

The Board of Education of the Lenox Community School District met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Board President Jake Tripp opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. Kurtis Christensen, Seth Evans, Jake Tripp, Monty Douglas, and Josias Pacheco answered roll call.

A presentation was made of the proposed FY26 property tax dollar levy compared to the final FY25 property tax dollar levy with actual expenditures and revenues for 2023-2024, re-estimated expenditures and revenues for 2024-2025, and estimated for 2025-2026. With no input/comments from the public, Christensen made a motion to close the hearing at 6:18 pm. Seconded by Douglas. Motion carried 5-0.

School Board Minutes Calendar Public Hearing April 9, 2025

The Board of Education of the Lenox Community School District met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Jake Tripp, Monty Douglas, Seth Evans, Kurtis Christensen, and Josias Pacheco were present. Board President Jake Tripp opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

Mr. Henrichs did a presentation to the public on the proposed 2025-2026 school calendar. With no input from the public, Christensen made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:25 pm. Seconded by Douglas. Motion carried 5-0.

School Board Minutes April 9, 2025

The Board of Education of the Lenox Community School District met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Board President Jake Tripp called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Board members Josias Pacheco, Monty Douglas, Seth Evans, Jake Tripp and Kurtis Christensen answered roll call. Others present: Superintendent David Henrichs, Principal Alyssa Cline, Principal Bill Huntington, Board Secretary Melissa Douglas and visitors Tim McConnaughey, Brittany Rodman and Colleen Larimer. Guests were welcomed.

The Mission Statement was read by Kurtis Christensen.

A motion was made by Douglas, seconded by Christensen to approve the agenda, past meeting minutes, current bills, and financial reports. Motion carried 5-0.

In New Business:

- Pacheco made a motion to approve the resignations of Jesse Cox – Assistant HS Baseball Coach effective immediately and Elizabeth Rice – Special Ed Van Driver effective end of the 24-25 school year. Second by Evans. Motion carried 5-0.
- Douglas made a motion to approve new hires Leah Henderson – Assistant JH Softball Coach, Haley Longabardi – Elementary Classroom Teacher, Kelsey Watson – Summer School Teacher, Kate Robles – Summer School Teacher and Tiffany Weller – Summer School Teacher. Second by Pacheco. Motion carried 5-0.
- Christensen made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget. Second by Pacheco. RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Lenox Community School District, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14. Code of Iowa. Motion carried 5-0.
- Douglas made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar. Second by Christensen. Motion carried 5-0.

- Evans made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Master Contract. Second by Pacheco. Motion carried 5-0.
- Christensen made a motion to approve the renewal of the contracts for those teachers listed on page 5 in the board packet for the 2025-2026 school year. Second by Douglas. Motion carried 5-0.
- Pacheco made a motion to renew the contracts for non-teacher coaches/sponsors, quasi administration and support staff as listed except for Clint Crill, Josh Horton and Chad Gagnier. Those 3 contracts will be reviewed at the end of the summer once they complete their first full year in their respective positions. Second by Evans. Motion carried 5-0.
- Christensen made a motion to approve contract renewals for the administration with a 6% total package increase. Second by Douglas. Motion carried 5-0.
- Douglas made a motion to approve the bid from Tyler Peterson to buy 2 used backboards for \$150. Second by Christensen. Motion carried 5-0.
- Pacheco made a motion to move the July board meeting from Wednesday, July 9th to Thursday, July 10th due to conflicts with softball. Second by Evans. Motion carried 5-0.
- Christensen made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 supply requests. Second by Pacheco. Motion carried 5-0.
- Evans made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 textbook/workbook requests. Second by Pacheco. Motion carried 5-0.
- Christensen made a motion to approve the 2025 summer work order list. Second by Evans. Motion carried 5-0.
- Douglas made a mo-

tion to approve the review of policies 502-502.15R1. Second by Pacheco. Motion carried 5-0.

Christensen made a motion to approve the district career academic plan. Second by Douglas. Motion carried 5-0.

Administration board reports as follows:

Bill Huntington, Elementary Principal reported:

- ISASPS
 - Preschool Registration
 - Summer School
 - TK
 - Dental Screenings
 - Maintenance
 - Baseball field prep
 - Donkeyball proceeds
- Alyssa Cline, Secondary Principal:
- ISASPS
 - Prom
 - Lead Team

David Henrichs, Superintendent reported:

- Open positions: Secondary ELL Para, Special Education Teacher, Substitute Bus Drivers, Basketball Cheer Sponsor, Assistant JH Girls Basketball Coach, Assistant Boys High School Basketball Coach, Special Education Van Driver, Assistant HS Boys Baseball Coach
- Sharing days
- Safety Grant
- Physical Therapy
- Legislative Coffee

Douglas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 5-0.

Jake Tripp, Board President Melissa Douglas, Board Secretary

Vendor Description Amount Paid Capital One Bank .Travel/Book Fair/Instructional Supplies/ Phone/Postage \$4,649.69 Apptegy, Inc.

HS Tech Software - Website..... \$8,531.25

Sherri Boschee IHSSA All State Speech Banner \$60.00

Darrell G. Brown Vehicle Repair and Oil Changes \$1,794.45

Byers Lock Shop O&M Professional Services - Lock/Door Repair..... \$388.90

Cedar Rapids Community Schools L1 SPED Tuition..... \$16,690.47

Christensen Sanitation O&M Sanitation \$500.00

Creston Community School HS OE Tuition \$20,246.00

Des Moines Public Schools HS SPED OE

Tuition L1 \$4,780.40

Diagonal Building Supply Shop Materials and Supplies..... \$132.76

Fastenal Company O&M Supplies \$1,855.54

Front 9 LLC O&M Other Purchased Services \$1,857.00

Gallagher Benefit Services Business Manager Professional Services - GASB Valuation..... \$1,200.00

Hoglund Bus Co. Inc. Transportation Supplies..... \$1,891.02

Instrumentalist Awards LLC Sousa/Director Awards \$169.00

Iowa High School Music Association Contest Fees..... \$330.00

Iowa High School Speech Association

Contest Fees..... \$245.00

Iowa Testing Program Instructional Supplies

ISASPS \$1,280.00

Jostens Inc. Elementary Memory Book, Graduation Supplies,

Awards \$1,979.35

Lenox Family Hardware LLC Supplies..... \$53.42

Lenox Municipal Utilities Utilities \$8,275.52

Martin Bros. Distributing Co. O&M Supplies \$523.28

MFA Oil Company Fuel \$2,490.97

Mid-American Research Chemical

O&M Supplies \$401.79

Nolte Cornman & Johnson PC Partial Payment 23-24

Audit Fieldwork..... \$6,400.00

Performing Arts Boosters HS Ed Dues and Fees - JH Honor Band

Meals 2024 \$2,024.00

Protex Central Inc. Remote Alarm

Monitoring..... \$960.00

Quill Corporation Office Supplies..... \$355.91

Red Oak Community School Special Ed L2 Open Enrollment Tuition \$26,062.10

Schmitt Music HS Ed Instructional Supplies..... \$4.00

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