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# Named to the President's List

The following students were named to the President's List at Iowa State University. Students achieving this prestigious designation have maintained a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters.

**Clermont** — Lexi Hayley Steffens, Animal Science, B.S.

**Summer** — Whitney Tegtmeier, Family and Consumer Sciences Education and Studies, B.S.

# University of Dubuque Dean's List

The University of Dubuque has announced its Fall Semester 2025 Academic Dean's List.

Full-time students in good academic standing (registered for and having earned 12 or more letter grade credits for the term) who earn a term grade point average of 3.5 or above and who do not have any grades of Incomplete for the term are named to the Dean's List. Once grades have been submitted for any Incompletes, the Office of Academic Affairs will review eligibility again for possible placement on the Dean's List for the given term.

Dean's List is awarded for the fall and spring semesters only and may be awarded retroactively.

Local students named to the Dean's list include Christian McLellan, West Union.

# Fayette County Democratic caucus February 2

Fayette County Democrats will host their precinct caucus at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, in the Fayette Community Library Community Room in Fayette. Participants must arrive and be signed in by 7 p.m. to participate.

The purpose of the caucus is to strategize as a county on goals for the 2026 election cycle; elect delegates and alternates to the County Convention; elect Precinct Committee persons to the County Central Committee; discuss and adopt proposed resolutions for the county platform.

Any Iowa Democrat is encouraged to attend the caucus. Registration will be available on site. Iowans, who will be 18 years of age on or before Nov. 3, 2026, are eligible to register to vote and participate.

For additional information or assistance, email [fayettecountyiademocrats@gmail.com](mailto:fayettecountyiademocrats@gmail.com).

# To the editor

Dear editor,

A child of six years old has a well-developed sense of fairness. An example can be heard on any playground. In a clear loud voice one can hear, "That's not fair." A child may not have language skills to clearly state their reasons and they just know it is not fair.

Skills to describe fairness develop as we experience life. Our ability to name truth and hypocrisy follow. Information comes to us with intensity and volume of a fire hose. Overwhelmed can be a constant state as we read social media, listen to podcasts and watch TV coverage.

An adult, I count on my senses of sight, hearing and heart. Events I see leave little doubt in my mind. Commentary heard requires information to be credible. My heart has a gauge of compassion for human beings. These three senses inform my ability to determine fairness and truthfulness of a situation.

Seeds of doubt are intensely broadcast in our awareness. Messages to doubt my personal experience make red flags wave and I hear a child's voice shout, "That is not fair, that is not true."

May we each believe what we see with our own eyes.

Elaine St. Clair  
Decorah

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## FAYETTE COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Jan. 20, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Fayette, Iowa, met on Monday, Jan. 20, at 6:00 pm in the Community Room at the Fayette Community Library under the law and rules of said Council, Mayor Karla Gavin presiding. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call. 4 eyes.

Motion carried.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion Larson, second Lowery to approve the 1/17/2026 Finance meeting minutes, 1/17/2026 Fire Minutes, 1/17/2026 Rec Board Minutes, 1/14/2026 Rec Board Minutes, 4 eyes, motion passed.

The Fayette Fair board presentation was moved forward to an upcoming meeting.

Dave Runyon gave a presentation on the tree board. He talked about the tree budget and suggestions to simplify the city code in regard to the Tree Board.

Bids were opened for the 2015 Hell Cat Challenger. The winning bid \$32501 from Corey Streif. Motion

Lowery, second Luchsinger to approve the bid of \$32501 from Corey Streif. 4 eyes, motion passed.

Motion Luchsinger, second Lowery to approve hiring Taylor Hepperle as a part time police officer. 4 eyes motion passed.

Motion Lowery, second Larson to approve up to \$5000 to fix the drone. 4 eyes. Motion passed.

Discussion of the bricks by city hall was moved to next meeting

Motion Richards, second Lowery to approve Resolution 2026-1. The home building incentive. 4 eyes motion passed.

Motion Lowery, second Larson to table Resolution 2026-2 until the next meeting, after the finance committee has reviewed it. 4 eyes, motion passed.

Motion Lowery, second Larson to table Resolution 2026-3 until the next meeting.

Motion Larson, second Lowery to move the discussion of the heater to the next meeting.

Motion Larson, second Luchsinger to have the clerk investigate moving Simple City to the cloud.

Larson Motioned to adjourn at 6:53.  
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# Greetings from the Statehouse

**BY REPRESENTATIVE**  
**MICHAEL BERGAN**

The second week of session has been shorter than usual with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The workload has ramped up for me with the release of the governor's recommended budget. As a member of the Appropriations Committee and chair of the Administration and Regulatory Appropriations Subcommittee, I have begun a series of meetings with department directors, commissioners, and state-wide elected officials.

On Wednesday (Jan. 21), HF 2104, the first bill of the session passed off the floor of the House, protecting landowners from abuse of eminent domain for CO2 pipelines. This session, the House approach is very narrowly tailored, HF 2104 simply prohibits eminent domain for the purpose of carbon dioxide pipelines.

The bill now heads to the Senate where Republicans proposed a different plan focused on encouraging voluntary easements, allowing eminent domain only as a last resort after extensive efforts. Work will continue through the session to reach agreement on the policy on right of way access.

This week, Iowa House Republicans released House Study Bill 596, our property tax proposal designed to put the taxpayers first. This plan is not about protecting the status quo for taxing

homeowners aged 65 and older with homes valued at \$350,000 or less.

Senate approach: Proposes changing the state's "rollback" system (which limits the taxable portion of property value) and increasing the homestead tax credit to 50% of a home's taxable value.

As part of Iowa's America 250 celebration, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Iowa Department of Education is offering an exciting new webinar series for K-12 educators across the state.

Starting Jan. 26, Iowa educators joined the Iowa America 250 webinar series, highlighting important historical events related to the founding of America that can help guide classroom instruction and thoughtful student discussion.

The schedule of dates and topics for the webinar series are listed below. All webinars will meet from 4-5 p.m. on Zoom. Full details on the upcoming webinar series can be found on the Department's Iowa America 250 Webinar Series and Recordings webpage.

Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) is opening a new round of grant funding today to help employers advance promising summer internship programs for Iowa's youth. The Summer Youth Internship Program exists to help generate



Rep. Michael Bergan

entities; it is about creating predictability and protecting the bank accounts of hardworking Iowans.

The components of the bill include:

- Capping revenue growth at 2% plus new construction, ensuring that cities and counties are still incentivized to grow. This component includes exceptions for schools and the debt levy.
- Delivering immediate relief to every homeowner by creating a new \$25,000 exemption. Every residential property will not be taxed on the first \$25,000 of the assessed value of their home.
- Revamping the informational mailer sent to every property taxpayer to increase transparency and give taxpayers a better idea of where their money is going and what it funds.
- Clarifying that all bonds payable with property taxes must receive a 60% affirmative vote.
- Requiring Councils of Government (COGs) to help local governments find efficiencies and cut waste.

One of the major differences in the House proposal from the governor's and Senate's proposed bills is the exemption on the first \$25,000 of the assessed value of every residential property.

Governor's approach: Propose a 2% cap on local government revenue growth, excluding new construction and a freeze on property taxes for

promising summer internships for young Iowans in high demand fields spread across the workforce.

These efforts can drive new career interests and help employers further build their workforce pipeline. Applications are now open at [iowagrants.gov](http://iowagrants.gov) and will be accepted through Monday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m.

I received a visit from a former 4-H member and Iowa State University student, Olivia Johnson of Howard County, during Extension and 4-H Voices at the Capitol Wednesday afternoon. A group of Luther College students braved the cold to join me and Senate majority leader Klimesh for a discussion and tour at the Capitol on Thursday morning.

It is a pleasure to serve as your representative this legislative session, please reach out with issues that are of concern as the session progresses. Kindly contact me ahead of time if you are planning a trip to the Capitol, it helps me plan my schedule to meet with you. I can be reached at [michael.bergan@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:michael.bergan@legis.iowa.gov).

During its January monthly meeting, the Fayette County Master Gardeners celebrated the graduation and certification of four new members into the Master Gardener program. Recognized for their dedication and commitment to horticultural excellence were Linda Johansen, Julie Larson, Courtney Miller and Madison Rau.

To earn their official Master Gardener certificates, badges, and pins,

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The Fayette County Master Gardeners are a dedicated corps of volunteers trained by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. They provide volunteer leadership and service in horticulture and environmental stewardship to the local community.

Through public garden maintenance, youth education, and environmental stewardship, they strive to improve the quality of life in Fayette County, one plant at a time. To learn more about them and how you can help, visit the organization's website at [extension.iastate.edu/fayette](http://extension.iastate.edu/fayette), call 563-425-3331, or stop by at 218 South Main Street, Fayette.

the individuals completed a training course followed by a schedule of volunteer service hours. Their transition from interns to certified members signifies their readiness to provide research-based gardening information and support to the local community.

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# FAYETTE COUNCIL CLAIMS REPORT

**FAYETTE COUNCIL CLAIMS REPORT 1/20**

VENDOR INVOICE DESCRIPTION AMOUNT CHECK # CHECK DATE ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING LIB: TECHNOLOGY 813.91 23543 1/21/2026 ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING LIB: TECHNOLOGY 339.15 23543 1/21/2026 ACCESS SYSTEMS AMB: TECHNOLOGY 1,781.87 21103605 1/16/2026 ACCESS SYSTEMS ADMIN: COMPUTER 792.85 21103606 1/16/2026 ACCESS SYSTEMS ADMIN: COMPUTER 792.85 21103607 1/16/2026 ACCESS SYSTEMS LIB:TECHNOLOGY 1,819.44 23544 1/21/2026 ADVANTAGE COMPUTER WAT/SEW: UTILITY BILLING 800 23545 1/21/2026 AT&T MOBILITY POL/STR/SEW/WAT:PHONE 489.36 23546 1/21/2026 AT&T MOBILITY POL/STR/SEW/WAT:PHONE 483.02 23540 1/12/2026 BLACK HAWK WASTE DISP. INC P&A/STR/POL/AMB/PARK/DUMPSTER 314.4 23541 1/12/2026 BOUNDTREE MEDICAL AMB-MEDICAL SUPPLIES 1,118.47 23547 1/21/2026 BOUNDTREE MEDICAL AMB-MEDICAL SUPPLIES 242.23 23547 1/21/2026 BOUNDTREE MEDICAL AMB-MEDICAL SUPPLIES 325.99 23547 1/21/2026 BOUNDTREE MEDICAL AMB-MEDICAL SUPPLIES 141.94 23547 1/21/2026 CARD SERVICE CENTER LIB: CONTRACT/SUPPLIES 441.36 23548 1/21/2026 CENYER POINT LARGE PRINT LIB:BOOKS 49.14 23549 1/21/2026 CODY WESENBERG STR: UNIFORM ALLOWANCE 175.46 23550 1/21/2026 DEMCO LIB-OFFICE SUPPLIES 236.21 23551 1/21/2026 DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526 ADMIN/WAT: SUPPLIES 73.15 23552 1/21/2026 DON'S TRUCK SALES, INC. ROAD TAX: VEHICLE OPERATIONS 183.42 23553 1/21/2026 NE IA WATER SYSTEMS,LLC POL: OTHER SUPPLIES 215 23554 1/21/2026 EFTPS FED/FICA TAX 4,816.46 21103593 1/8/2026 FAYETTE COUNTY RECYCLING RECYCLING:QUARTERLY FEES 3,852.78 23555 1/21/2026 FAYETTE CO SOLID WASTE MNGMNT LANDFILL:QUARTERLY FEES 11,159.42 23556 1/21/2026 FAYETTE COUNTY UNION P&A: LEGAL 63 23557 1/21/2026 FAYETTE LUMBER CO. INC. PARK/ROAD TAX: MAINTENANCE 808 23558 1/21/2026 HSA-Tom Uhlenhopp HSA — CITY 500 21103601 1/8/2026 HACH COMPANY WASTE WATER CHEMICALS 553.17 23559 1/21/2026 HAVEN PRESLEY WATER DEPOSIT REFUND 45.88 23560 1/21/2026 HAWKINS INC. WAT: CHEMICALS 1,172.38 23561 1/21/2026 HSA — ADAM HILDEBRAND HSA — EMPLOYEE 1,150.00 21103594 1/8/2026 HSA — ANNETTE BUTIKOFER HSA — EMPLOYEE 624.61 21103596 1/8/2026 BRYANNA KANE HSA — CITY 500 21103597 1/8/2026 CODY WESENBERG — HSA HSA — EMPLOYEE 20 21103600 1/8/2026 COLTEN HANSON HSA — CITY 1,000.00 21103599 1/8/2026

HSA — JACOB PALMER HSA — EMPLOYEE 600 21103595 1/8/2026 JEREMIAH OWENS HSA HSA — EMPLOYEE 550 21103598 1/8/2026 IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE SALES TAX SEWER SALES TAX 298.8 21103602 1/9/2026 IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE SALES TAX WATER TAX 903.16 21103603 1/9/2026 JOHANSEN CONSULTING P&A: HR CONSULTING 1,818.82 23562 1/21/2026 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL V-BELT MXV4 380 131.78 23563 1/21/2026 KAY PARK RECREATION CORP 2X STEEL WASTE RECEPTACLE 767.7 23564 1/21/2026 KMDE LLC ALL-ELECTRICITY 500.85 23565 1/21/2026 KNOW BUDDY RESOURCES LIB: BOOKS 244.7 23566 1/21/2026 MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC SEW/WAT:TESTING 680 23567 1/21/2026 MIDWEST PATCH RUT: SAFETY SUPPLIES 468 23568 1/21/2026 MIDWEST PATCH STR:STREET PATCH 316 23568 1/21/2026 MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC. WAT: METERS 435 23569 1/21/2026 MYAH BRINKER WATER DEPOSIT REFUND 150 23570 1/21/2026 NE IA MECHANICAL LIB-BUILDING REPAIR 148 23571 1/21/2026 NEXBILLPAY LLC PAPERLESS BILLING 6.6 21103604 1/20/2026 OVERDRIVE, INC. LIB:BOOKS 27.5 23572 1/21/2026 OVERDRIVE, INC. LIB:BOOKS 75 23572 1/21/2026 OVERDRIVE, INC. LIB:BOOKS 58.18 23572 1/21/2026 P&K MIDWEST, INC. ROAD TAX: VEHICLE OPERATIONS 15.8 23573 1/21/2026 POOR'S AUTOMOTIVE POL: VEHICLE MAINT 555 23574 1/21/2026 LESLIE SCOTT LUCHSINGER AMB: SUPPLIES 147.27 23575 1/21/2026 SHAWN GILSON AMBULANCE: TRAINING 104 23576 1/21/2026 SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO. AMB-OXYGEN 64.51 23577 1/21/2026 ULINE POL: OTHER SUPPLIES 125.22 23578 1/21/2026 VISA FIRE/ADMIN/POL: SUPPLIES 871.99 23579 1/21/2026 WESTRUM LEAK DETECTION INC. WAT:WATER LEAK 875 23580 1/21/2026 WINDLOW LANE EDUCATION LIB: BOOKS 308.95 23581 1/21/2026 WINDSTREAM IOWA COMMUNICATIONS ALL-TELEPHONE & INTERNET 646.8 23582 1/21/2026 WYOMING CHILD SUPPORT CHILD SUPPORT 420 23531 1/8/2026 ZARNOH BRUSH WORKS, INC. RUT: VEHICLE OPERATIONS 641.15 23542 1/12/2026

Accounts Payable Total 49,596.56  
 Payroll Checks 15,223.91  
 REPORT TOTAL 64,820.47  
 GENERAL 44,999.74  
 ROAD USE FUND 4,526.25  
 WATER 8,994.44  
 WATER TRUST & AGENCY 195.88  
 SEWER 6,104.16  
 TOTAL FUNDS 64,820.47

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# ELGIN COUNCIL MINUTES

**BILLS TO BE PAID — ROAD USE TAX**  
 B & M TRUCKING HAULING COST ONLY- SALT & SAND FOR CITY \$250.00  
**BILLS TO BE PAID — ROAD USE TAX SUBTOTAL \$250.00**

**BILLS TO BE PAID — CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**  
 UPPER EXPLORERLAND RPC SEWER CIPP LINING PROJECT- CDBG DECEMBER 2025 ADMIN \$1,578.71  
 FEHR GRAHAM SEWER CIPP LINING PROJECT \$2,940.00  
**BILLS TO BE PAID — CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SUBTOTAL \$4,518.71**

**BILLS PAID — WATER**  
 US BANK ALPINE- 1/2 LIFT STATION PHONES \$94.67  
 QUILL- CITY HALL TONER CARTRIDGE \$223.19  
 ALLIANT ENERGY- UTILITIES \$748.74  
**BILLS PAID — WATER SUBTOTAL \$1,066.60**

**BILLS TO BE PAID — WATER MICROBAC LABORATORIES WATER TESTING 12/2025 \$41.50**  
 UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO. 6" JOINT LEAK CLAMPS X 2 \$492.18  
**BILLS TO BE PAID-WATER SUBTOTAL \$533.68**

**BILLS PAID — SEWER**  
 US BANK ALPINE- 1/2 LIFT STATION PHONES \$94.67  
 QUILL- CITY SHOP, TIMECLOCK RIBBON & N/A TIMECLOCK \$200.48  
 ALLIANT ENERGY — UTILITIES \$2,965.67  
**BILLS PAID— SEWER SUBTOTAL \$3,260.82**

**BILLS TO BE PAID — SEWER MICROBAC LABORATORIES WASTEWATER TESTING 12/2025 \$588.50**  
 CIC ENTERPRISES LLC. 300 BLOCK MAIN STREET WATER LEAK \$1,577.08  
 CIC ENTERPRISES LLC. 900 BLOCK MAIN STREET WATER LEAK \$2,753.50  
 TOM MARTIN MILEAGE- LAB SAMPLES TO WATERLOO 12/2025 \$208.88  
 IOWA ONE CALL NOVEMBER 2025 LOCATES \$29.00  
 MIDWEST PATCH CITY- 2 NEW HI-VIZ JACKETS \$145.00  
 HAWKINS INC. FERRULES, AZONE 15 CHLORINE, FREIGHT CHARGES \$1,056.94  
**BILLS TO BE PAID — SEWER SUBTOTAL \$6,358.90**

**BILLS PAID — SOLID WASTE**  
 US BANK KLUESNER- DECEMBER 2025 GARBAGE PICKUP \$3,277.41  
 FAYETTE CO. RECYCLING QUARTERLY RECYCLING FEES TO COUNTY \$21,101.24  
 FAYETTE CO. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY TIPPING/HAULING FEES TO COUNTY \$6,084.51  
**BILLS PAID— SOLID WASTE SUBTOTAL \$11,463.16**

**BILLS PAID — PAYROLL**  
 STAFF NET WAGES TOTAL (12/23/2025 & 1/8/2026) (Council/Mayor Bi-Annual Pay) \$13,177.34  
 AMBULANCE NET WAGES TOTAL (Q4-2025) \$980.28  
 1/8/2026 — DECEMBER 2025 PENSION \$1,929.75  
 EFTPS — DECEMBER 2025 FEDERAL

PAYROLL TAXES \$2,779.73  
 IA DEPT. OF REVENUE — Q4/2025 STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES \$647.25  
**PAYROLL SUBTOTAL \$19,514.35**  
 GENERAL TOTAL \$95,657.39  
**ROAD USE TAX TOTAL \$250.00**  
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TOTAL \$4,518.71**  
**WATER, SEWER & SOLID WASTE TOTAL \$2,683.16**  
**PAYROLL TOTAL \$19,514.35 GRAND TOTAL \$142,623.61**

Council reviewed the 2025 employee wage report that had been published per State law. Council reviewed the following December 2025 revenue report.

001-410-4300 FIRE DEPT INTEREST \$ 39.16  
 001-410-4300 LIBRARY INTEREST \$ 130.36  
 001-410-4440 LIBRARY ENRICH IOWA FUNDS \$ 1,627.04  
 001-410-4551 LIBRARY DONATIONS \$ 108.60  
 001-410-4552 LIBRARY FAX \$ 9.00  
 001-410-4553 LIBRARY COPIES \$ 14.25  
 001-950-4300 LIBRARY COMPUTER COPIES \$ 13.05  
 001-450-4740 CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS \$ 240.00  
 001-950-4000 GENERAL FUND PROPERTY TAX \$ 6,186.58  
 001-950-4013 INSURANCE PROPOERTY TAXES \$ 1,283.14  
 001-950-4014 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMM \$ 75.02  
 001-950-4000 INTEREST ON CHECKING ACCOUNT \$ 897.19  
 001-950-4750 MISC REVENUE \$ 62.91  
 002-520-4710 INTEREST \$ 19.00  
 002-520-4710 REPAYMENT — REVOLVING LOAN \$ 502.69  
 110-210-4430 RUT ROAD USE TAXES \$ 7,601.27  
 121-950-4090 LOCAL OPTION TAX \$ FEES \$ 592.19  
 200-950-4000 DEBT SERVICE — PROPERTY TAXES \$ 1,321.24  
 500-450-4300 PERPETUAL CD INTEREST \$ 43.09  
 500-450-4740 CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE \$ 60.00  
 600-810-4500 WATER SALES \$ 897.87  
 600-810-4530 WATER PENALTIES \$ 650.00  
 600-810-4561 WATER EXCISE TAX \$ 53.80  
 600-810-4750 WATER RENT. \$ 650.00  
 179.96  
 610-815-4500 SEWER RENT. \$ 1,725.47  
 610-815-4560 SEWER SALES TAX COLLECTED \$ 7.63  
 610-815-4750 SEWER MISC REVENUE \$ 282.11  
 670-840-4500 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES \$ 592.19  
 670-840-4560 SOLID WASTE SALES TAX COLLECT \$ 10.50  
**TOTAL \$ 36,929.04**

No fire chief report, Clerk Wander shared with the cold weather Chief Johnson will bring the new truck at the February meeting to show. Clerk read the ambulance report. No Youth Superintendent report, Mayor Ellis shared a plan of action is being worked through with the DNR for the Scenic Heights well and that will be shared at the next meet-

ing. No library report. In old business a motion was made by Wedo to approve the budget amendment for the sewer CIPP lining CDBG from \$176,370 to \$169,992, 2nd by Christianson, vote 4-0 carried. Resolution 2025-2 was read to approve the contract for the sewer CIPP lining project, motion to approve by Wenger, 2nd by Wachal, vote 4-0 carried. Resolution 2026-3 was read to set the public hearing for 2-16-2025 to enter into an SRF loan not to exceed \$57,000 for the sewer CIPP lining project, motion to approve by Wachal, 2nd by Christianson, vote 4-0 carried. Discussion was held on the Riverview Street paving & water diversion, planning to be completed by Spring 2026. Motion to approve bids for 1 filing cabinet and 1 computer monitor from City Hall for a total of \$45.00 (Brian & Barb Wenger) by Wachal, 2nd by Christianson, vote 3-0, Wenger abstained, carried. Revolving Loan Fund USDA sunset tabled to the next meeting. Motion to approve a camera policy for the Kohler Memorial building by Wachal, 2nd by Wenger, vote 4-0 carried. Motion to approve a quote to install new cameras at the Kohler Memorial building for \$2,209.25 (Deborah Tech) by Wenger, 2nd by Wachal, vote 4-0 carried. Mallory Hanson was present to share the TRRC annual report, motion to approve the partnership funding request of \$3000 for fiscal year 2027 by Wenger, 2nd by Wedo, vote 4-0 carried. Funding may be increased to \$3500 when Council finished their budget work sessions. Motion to approve a NEIA Community Action funding request of \$685 for fiscal year 2027 by Wachal, 2nd by Christianson, vote 4-0 carried. Incoming business owners (Connor Porter & Colten Hanson) of 250 Center Street were present to share their proposed business plan and ask for a letter of support from the Council as they will be manufacturing & distributing alcohol, motion to approve by Wedo, 2nd by Christianson, vote 4-0 carried. Motion to approve the Elgin Homecoming committee to host Music in the Park July 9 & August 13, 2026, at the downtown park by Wachal, 2nd by Wenger, vote 4-0 carried. Motion to approve a building permit for 603 Mill Street by Wedo, 2nd by Wenger, vote 4-0 carried. Discussion was held on sending a cemetery moving request for proposal to a local moving business, as well as advertising for a moving only seasonal position. Motion to approve for the Clerk to draft a moving request for proposal for all city property moving by Christianson, 2nd by Wedo, vote 4-0 carried. Motion to approve a draft advertisement for a seasonal moving position with the wage to be "\$18+ depending on experience" by Wenger, 2nd by Wachal, vote 4-0 carried. Resolution 2026-1 was read listing the authorized bank signers for the City, motion to approve by Wenger, 2nd by Christianson, vote 4-0 carried. Budget work session #4 at 8:40 by the February meeting, Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by Wachal, 2nd by Christianson, vote 4-0 carried.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday February 16, 2026.

Submitted by Ginger Wander, City Clerk.  
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