

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Richland • PH Proposed Property Tax Levy

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF RICHLAND - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY **CITY #:** 54-511
RICHLAND Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/24/2026 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: City Hall

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)

City Telephone Number
(319) 456-2511

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	15,396,817	17,078,771	17,078,771
Consolidated General Fund	133,028	133,028	143,263
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	27,678	27,678	27,711
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	9,885	9,885	9,897
Other Employee Benefits	3,954	3,954	3,959
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	15,396,817	17,078,771	17,078,771
Debt Service	0	0	0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	174,545	174,545	184,830
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	11.33651	10.22000	10.82215
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	522,431	533,188	533,188
Ag Land	1,570	1,570	1,602
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.94455	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	538	530	-1.49
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	2,337	2,476	5.95

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
No increase.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • PH Proposed Property Tax Levy

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF SIGOURNEY - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY **CITY #:** 54-512
SIGOURNEY Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/1/2026 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: City Hall

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
www.sigourney.com

City Telephone Number
(641) 622-3080

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	69,744,216	77,722,672	77,722,672
Consolidated General Fund	621,604	621,604	672,537
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	93,892	93,892	98,008
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	48,902	48,902	50,352
Other Employee Benefits	48,902	48,902	50,352
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	70,160,361	79,922,567	79,922,567
Debt Service	305,146	305,146	319,002
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	1,118,446	1,118,446	1,190,251
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	16.01045	14.28215	15.20111
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	455,126	364,241	364,241
Ag Land	1,368	1,368	1,095
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	3.75576	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	759	745	-1.84
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	3,301	3,478	5.36

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
With price increase across the board we had to adjust as budget accordingly. One of the main increases is going to be health, auto and property insurance.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Keota • PH Proposed Property Tax Levy

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF KEOTA - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY **CITY #:** 54-506
KEOTA Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/6/2026 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: 225 E Broadway Ave - Community Room

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
https://www.keotaiowa.org/gov/

City Telephone Number
(641) 636-2266

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	29,200,609	32,897,725	32,897,725
Consolidated General Fund	237,292	237,292	259,550
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	56,634	56,634	74,839
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	5,654	5,654	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	46,745	46,745	45,989
Other Employee Benefits	83,867	83,867	17,990
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	19,710	19,710	22,206
Taxable Value for Debt Service	29,200,609	32,897,725	32,897,725
Debt Service	14,591	14,591	13,941
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	464,493	464,493	434,515
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	15.90697	13.52018	13.20808
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	162,022	172,966	172,966
Ag Land	465	465	520
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	2.86998	2.68839	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	754	647	-14.19
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	3,279	3,022	-7.84

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
Assistant City Clerk is working more hours, Sick Leave at Library resulted in a part time employee working more hours, hiring of 2 summer public works interns

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Sigourney CSD • Bid for Concrete

SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - SIGOURNEY, IOWA
ADVERTISING FOR BIDS- NOTICE OF LETTING
Three-Phase (3 Section) Jr. Sr High Parking Lot Pavement Improvements
Full Bid document can be found on our website: www.sigourney-schools.com, under Bids/Equip Sales.
Project Identification: Jr. Sr High School (back) Parking Lot Areas, Itemized Bids for Concrete Replacement and Alternate Bids.
Phase I (Section 1): June - July, 2026 (Back of lot with Weight Rm Expansion)

Phase II: (Section 2) June - July, 2027 (Middle Section)
Phase III: (Section 3) June - July, 2028 Entry and North near Building Alternate Bid - Entire Lot (July 31, 2026)
All bidders must have proper equipment and staff power to complete any and all sections within a 30-day time span. Upon completion of Phase I the District will accept modified (updated) bids from the awarded bidder for the remaining sections to accommodate cost increases experienced in the market. Project Map also provided upon request.
Project Location: Sigourney Jr. Sr High School (back parking lot

areas) 907 East Pleasant Valley Street, Sigourney, Iowa 52591
Bids To: SCSB District Office, 909 East Pleasant Valley Street, Sigourney, Iowa 52591
Primary Contract: Kevin Hatfield, Superintendent of School, 641-622-2025 kevin.hatfield@sigourney-schools.com
Submission Deadline: Thursday, March 26, 2026, 3:30 PM
Submissions include: Digital documentation (via email and attachments) and paper copies of all products, warranties, and licensure
Type of Bid: Concrete Flatwork - Only Licensed, Insured, Bonded, Experienced Concrete - experienced, full equipped Pavement

Company Bids will be accepted.
District Visit (Required): Contact Mr. Kevin Hatfield, Superintendent of Schools, or Mr. Jason Shifflett, Director of Buildings and Grounds to coordinate a physical inspection, walkthrough, and question process.
The District will consider sealed lump sum bids for the prescribed parking lot itemized bids (sections)
Bid Opening Date: Friday, March 27, 2026 Bid Time: 3:30 PM
Location: District Office, 909 E. Pleasant Valley Street, Sigourney, IA.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Richland • Minutes 3.9.2026

CITY OF RICHLAND MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 9, 2026
The Richland City Council met on Monday, March 9, 2026, in regular session. Mayor John Capps called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members Michael Hadley, Steve Pfeifer, Joe Adrian, Cyndia Crafton and Jim Gaines were present. Also present: City Clerk Sarah Claeys.

Hadley moved and Gaines 2nd to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the February 9th special meeting, public hearing and regular council meeting, claims and building permits for 306 W Stroup St and 402 S Oak St: 5 ayes, motion carried.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender submitted a report stating the new flow meter has been installed and is working well. He also installed a solar panel to charge the flow meter. The new bleachers for the ballfields have been delivered but are not assembled yet. Affidavit operator Jason Rebling said he will be ordering test supplies soon and ION picking up samples is working great. He stated the DNR retracted the minor violation after proper documentation was submitted.
City Clerk Sarah Claeys said the city is still waiting on reimbursement from the DNR for the derelict building grant. There is mediation scheduled for March 23rd for the TN garbage truck case, with another hearing scheduled for April 6 if the mediation is unsuccessful.

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS - No action to be taken:
No comments.
The library board president, Mike Adrian, is talking to a few candidates regarding the library board vacancy. No action taken.
Katie Phillips presented advertising options for the 2026 Keokuk County Visitor's Guide. Adrian moved and Crafton 2nd for the city to purchase a quarter page advertisement in the guide: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.
The council discussed the yield signs being ineffective at the intersection of S Richland St and W Stroup St and the intersection of S Richland St and W South St. Crafton moved and Gaines 2nd to change the yield signs to stop signs at both intersections: 5 ayes, motion carried.
Crafton moved and Gaines 2nd to approve Resolution 03-09-26 (1): Establishing a stop sign on S Richland Street at the intersection of S Richland Street and W Stroup Street: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.
Crafton moved and Gaines 2nd to approve Resolution 03-09-26 (2): Establishing a stop sign on S Richland Street at the intersection of S Richland Street and W South Street: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.
Pfeifer moved and Adrian 2nd to proceed with the petition for 657A for the property at 400 N Richland St: 5 ayes, motion carried.
The council considered food truck operations in city limits and the lack of application/permit required. Hadley moved and Crafton 2nd to table the discussion: 5 ayes, motion carried.
Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2nd to donate the city firearm to the Keokuk County Historical Society: 5 ayes, motion carried.
The council members briefly discussed the vacant lot at 121/123 N Richland St. No action taken.
Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm.

Mayor John Capps
City Clerk Sarah Claeys
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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • Special Meeting 3.4.2026

ENGLISH VALLEYS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD 3.4.2026

Members present: Board President Susan Schaefer, Tom Voss, Katie Taukei, Trent Forrest, Wendy Ayers, Board Secretary
Members present: Bobbi Miller, Ellen O'Rourke, Dan Slaymaker, Jillisa Chvala, Tiffany Kriegel, Shane Ehresman, Tim Grieves
Call to Order
President Schaefer called the meeting to order at 2:01pm
Approval of Agenda
Motion made by Taukei.
Motion seconded by Voss to approve the agenda.
Voting: Unanimously Approved.
4-0 Motion carried.
The board entered into a Joint Board Meeting with the Iowa Valley Board of Directors.
Superintendent Interviews: Jason Lampe - 2pm
Dr. Kimberly Graven - 3:15pm
Derek Phillips - 4:30pm
A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to enter into closed session under Chap-

ter 21.5(1)(i) of the Iowa Code to Evaluate the Professional Competency of an individual Whose Appointment, Hiring, Performance, or Discharge is Being Considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session at 2:04pm. Roll call vote. Voss aye, Forrest aye, Taukei aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Taukei to return to open session at 7:29pm. Roll call vote. Voss aye, Forrest aye, Taukei aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Taukei, seconded by Voss to approve to direct Grundmeyer Leader Services to offer the Superintendent's contract to the preferred candidate as discussed in closed session. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to adjourn at 7:46pm. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.
Wendy Ayers, Board Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • Minutes 3.4.2026

SIGOURNEY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The following are summarized minutes of the regular city council meeting on March 4, 2026.
The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, with Mayor or Pro-Tem McLaughlin presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Schultz, McLaughlin, Hannam, Chmelar, Goldman and Conrad. Others present were: Steve Shettler, with Steve Shettler Media; Brent Gilliland, Public Works Director II; Jerry Wohler, Kadie Conrad, Deputy City Clerk; and Ashley Fry, City Clerk.
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Schultz moved, seconded by Hannam, to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote Ayes: 6
Goldman moved, seconded by Conrad, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2026; Council Account Payable Claims in the amount of \$20,354.17; February Library Claims; Resolution No. 2026-03-06 providing for the temporary closing of Downtown Streets for KCED Farmers Market; Resolution No. 2026-03-07 providing for the Temporary Closing of Downtown Streets for Car Show; Class C Liquor License Application for Barn Wired; Class C Liquor License for Toby's Pizza; Class B Liquor Li-

cense for Dollar General; Letter of support to Keokuk County for a grant to Pave Keswick Road; Credit Card Report and Set time and place for the March 18, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call Vote Ayes: 6
Conrad moved seconded by Hannam to approve a 3-year contract with CINTAS for 2 AED Zoll Plus. Roll call Votes Ayes:6
Conrad moved seconded by Goldman to approve Donald Northup and Brent Gilliland to attend IA-AWWA Training on March 26, 2026 in Washington, Iowa at the cost of \$55 per attendee. Roll call Vote Ayes: 6
Goldman moved seconded by Conrad to approve setting date and time for Proposed Tax Notice Hearing for April 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call vote Ayes: 6
Schultz moved seconded by Conrad to approve closing City Hall April 16, 2026 for Ashley Fry and Kadie Conrad to attend IMFOA Spring Conference in Des Moines at a cost of \$150 per attendee. Roll call vote Ayes: 6
Conrad moved, seconded by Hannam, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Ayes: 6
The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.
Connie McLaughlin, Mayor Pro Tem
Ashley Fry, City Clerk
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PROBATE
Robert L. Ellis ESPR038670

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Robert L. Ellis, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR038670
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Robert L. Ellis, Deceased, who died on or about February 9, 2026:
You are hereby notified that on March 5, 2026, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.
Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four

months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated on March 6, 2026.
Tammie Ellis, Administrator of the Estate
29036 240th Ave
Ollie, IA 52576
Jeff L. Ellis, Administrator of the Estate
23521 290th St
Ollie, IA 52576
John N. Wehr, ICIS#: 0008299 Attorney for the Administrator
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