

Lake City Council Proceedings

November 17, 2025

These minutes are as recorded by the City Administrator/Clerk and are subject to Council approval at the next regular Council meeting.

The City Council of Lake City, Iowa, met in regular session at 6:00 pm with Mayor Schleisman presiding and following members present – Gorden, Wilson, Bruns, and Vogt (attending remotely). Also Present – CA Dorman. Absent – Daniel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Bruns, second by Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Agenda, Minutes from the November 3, 2025, Council Meeting, and the Summary List of Claims. All ayes, nays-none. MC.

Troy Whipkey addressed the council and Public Works Director Janssen regarding road grading in the area of his residence.

Monica Steinborn addressed the council in reference to an incident that took place on November 4, 2025, where a dog that resided at a residence on S Llyod St attacked one of her dogs while she was walking both of her dogs in that area. Steinborn and her two dogs were half a block or more away from the residence where the dog resided when the dog got loose and ran towards them. The dog inflicted injuries on one of Steinborn's dogs.

Chief of Police James explained that the dog's owner was cited with dog at large, having a vicious dog in town, and failure to provide proof of rabies vaccinations. Officer Nachampassak offered insight into past incidents where the same dog was involved and resulted in viscous behavior.

The dog's owner, Margie Rivera, briefly addressed the council expressing her remorse for the incident and the animal.

Motion by Gorden, second by Wilson to declare the dog a dangerous animal in accordance with Municipal Code 4-1-1 24.B. All ayes, nays-none. MC. The dog was declared by the City Council of the City of Lake City to be a dangerous animal and has been authorized to be euthanized.

Motion by Wilson, second by Gorden to approve the King Hunting Permit. All ayes, nays-none. MC.

Motion by Gorden, second by Bruns to waive the second reading of Ordinance 416: Proposed Amendments to City Code Pertaining to Floodplain Management Regulations. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Vogt, Gorden, Wilson, Bruns. Nays-none. Absent-Daniel. MC.

Motion by Wilson, second by Vogt to approve the third reading and adoption of Ordinance 416: Proposed Amendments to City Code Pertaining to Floodplain Management Regulations. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Vogt, Gorden, Wilson, Bruns. Nays-none. Absent-Daniel. MC.

RESOLUTION 2025-56: Transferring Funds. Motion by Wilson, second by Bruns. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Vogt, Gorden, Wilson, Bruns. Nays-none. Absent-Daniel. MC.

Council discussed the future of city mowing services. Public Works Director Janssen offered his opinion on contracting the service versus hiring an additional public works employee seasonally to complete the work. Council directed CA Dorman to put out a request for bid for the mowing services of the swimming pool, park and cemetery. The bid deadline will be the first council meeting in January.

Council discussed RV living and parking in the city. There are multiple cases where campers are parked in the right of way in town and have residents residing in them permanently. Council established that the current ordinances cover these issues and that the city's law enforcement has the authority to enforce those ordinances appropriately.

CA Dorman discussed the proposed FY26 Budget Process Calendar. The calendar takes into consideration deadlines that need to be met during the process in order to submit the city's budget on time. Council Member Vogt suggested moving the first budget workshop to a later date so that she could attend in person. Council agreed that all other dates were okay.

CA Dorman discussed the State of Iowa Setoff Program. The program will assist the city in collecting unpaid utility debt. The Iowa Setoff Program withholds state income tax refunds, lottery winnings, and other state payments to apply to debt. An account holder is eligible for referral to the program if they are either six months or more past due or have an inactive account status with an unpaid balance. The account holder will receive written notice from the city and have 15 days to respond to the notice in the following ways: pay the full amount due, submit a written request for a reasonable payment plan, or submit a written request for a hearing to appeal the referral. If no response is received, they will be referred on to the Setoff Program for debt collection.

Resolution 2025-57: Setoff Program Participation Approval & Appeal Process. Motion by Bruns, second by Wilson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Vogt, Gorden, Wilson, Bruns. Nays-none. Absent-Daniel. MC.

CA Dorman discussed the upcoming trainings for Mayor and Council Members.

CA Dorman expressed to Mayor, Council Members, and Department heads that they should begin thinking about the FY26 budget and gathering information and ideas they may have for it.

Community Building Director provided the council with an update for past and upcoming events and marketing plans for the community building.

Mayor Schleisman reminded attendees of the upcoming city hall closures for the Thanksgiving holiday. City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 27, 2025, and Friday, November 28, 2025.

Mayor Schleisman offered his congratulations to the newly reelected council members: Bruns, Gorden, and Wilson.

Motion by Wilson, second by Bruns to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. All ayes, nays-none. MC.

Mike Schleisman, Mayor

Mikayla Dorman, City Administrator/Clerk