

CITY OF MONONA • MINUTES 12.15.2025

CITY OF MONONA
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 15, 2025

The Monona, Iowa, City Council met in regular session Monday, December 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Monona City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Grant Langhus presided with Bill Benda, Bridget Schlein, Preston Landt, Erin Friedley, and Timothy Wright present.

Guests Present: Jared Burkle (PeopleService), Audrey Posten (NIT), Ardie Kuhse, Ryan Johnson (MCED), Mitchelle Jipson (Monona Police), Heidi Landt (Library), Andy Loan (Clayton County Assessor), Tim Miller (Waste Management), Kevin Brainard, Jamie Welsh, Sarah Welsh, and Brady Welsh

1) Approve Consent Agenda
Moved by Landt, seconded by Schlein, to approve consent agenda as submitted. Carried Unanimously.

- Agenda
- Council Minutes ~ December 1, 2025
- Treasurer/Budgetary Reports ~ November 2025
- Little Bulldog Childcare Report ~ November 2025
- Library Report ~ November 2025
- Utility Billing Reconciliation ~ November/December 2025
- Approve Liquor License Renewal ~ Center Street Bar & Grill, Outdoor Creations and Casey's

2) Hearing of Delegations

None

3) PeopleService Report
PeopleService operator, Jared Burkle, discussed written Operations and Maintenance (O&M) reports for Water and Wastewater Departments for November 2025.

Water O&M

• MB Construction hooked up water and sewer for 21062 125 St. at the end of Spruce St. and cement was poured to fix street.

Wastewater O&M

• Palmer Electric completed the power connection on the wastewater plant generator.

• Flushed manholes and sewer line on manholes 1 and 75.

• Completed new generator checklist and sent to 3E to schedule start-up.

• Sheared sprocket on wash press in headworks room. \$18,000.00 for new, Bodley's was able to fix for \$210

• OmniSite at the NE lift station was not working. Took it out and sent it into OmniSite.

4) Waste Management Looking at Moving a Section of Town to Friday Pickup

Tim Miller, with Waste Management (WM), talked to the council about wanting to move the southeast corner of Monona's garbage and recycling to Friday to help with WM's scheduling of employees. After some discussion, it was moved Landt, seconded by Benda to approve changing the pickup of garbage and recycling for the Southeast side of town (east of Main St. including the east side of Main St. & south of E Iowa St. including the south side of E Iowa St.). Garbage will be EVERY FRIDAY & Recycling will be EVERY OTHER FRIDAY (Makeup date will be Saturday) – will stay the same week as the GREEN dates. Carried Unanimously.

5) Clayton County Assessor
Clayton County Assessor, Andy Loan, talked to the council about Monona's taxable value history for residential and commercial value for the last ten years. He also touched on new construction residential and ten-year urban revite

expiring and the new five-year urban revite. At the end he stated that Monona was a poster child for what a city of our size should look like for the amount of new construction and growth.

6) Introduce Monona's New Police Chief

New Police Chief, Mitchell Jipson, introduced himself to the council and the people attending the meeting. His first full pay period started December 1st. He will be working on hiring some new officers and getting to know the town, the residents, the businesses, and the school.

7) Review and Accept Letter of Resignation from Probationary Police Officer

Probationary Police Officer, Sydney Alber, submitted her letter of resignation from the Monona Police Department effective Friday, December 12, 2025. She thanked the city for the opportunity to serve the community for the past ten months. It was moved by Wright, seconded by Friedley to accept Probationary Police Office, Sydney Alber's resignation effective December 12, 2025. Carried Unanimously.

8) Monona Chamber and Economic Development's Budget Projections for 2026

Chamber Director, Ardie Kuhse, went over her budget projections for 2026. She asked the council to consider at least \$16,000.00 from the city's 26/27 budget for the chamber; more would be greatly appreciated. The council will consider this request during their upcoming budget meetings.

9) Clayton County Development Group 26/27 Partnership Request
Michael Erickson, President of the Clayton County Development Group, sent a letter to the council thanking them for their previous support and asking if they would consider the same partnership amount of \$2,550.00 as last year for the upcoming budget. It was moved by Benda, seconded by Landt to approve the \$2,550.00 partnership for the upcoming 26/27 budget. Carried Unanimously.

10) Clayton County 2027 Marketing Campaign Funding Support Pledge of \$1,000.00

The council was once again asked to consider a \$1,000.00 pledge to the 2027 Clayton County Marking Campaign. Monona Chamber director, Ardie Kuhuse, stated that this pledge also helps the city of Monona. It was moved by Friedley, seconded by Wright to approve the \$1,000.00 2027 Marketing Campaign support. Carried Unanimously.

11) Request for Community Center Rate Change

The administration staff of the city requested that the council review a request to change the rates for the Community Center rental fee. After looking over the request, it was asked if the council could see what the rates were before the last change. Administrator Collins said she would get the information and present it to the council at the next meeting. No action taken.

12) Review Information on Two Potential Street Projects

The council has been looking at a new street project. They had originally been looking at doing some work on a block and ½ on East Center Street. After learning some new information about funding, they also suggested getting pricing on South Page Street. City street engineer, Jon Biederman, presented the council with

estimates for the two projects. After reviewing the estimates, and considering the funding source; it was moved by Benda, seconded by Wright to move forward with the Center Street project for an estimated \$859,212.00. Carried Unanimously.

13) Review Agreement for Professional Services with Fehr Graham
The council reviewed an Agreement for Professional Services for the proposed street reconstruction of Center Street from Main Street easterly to the railroad tracks. It was moved by Wright, seconded by Benda to approve the agreement for professional services. Carried Unanimously.

Mayor/Council/Administration Notes:

• City Hall will be closed from Noon to 1:00 p.m. for staff Christmas party on Wednesday December 17th, closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 24th, 25th and 26th for Christmas and Thursday, January 1, 2026 for New Year's Day

• A big THANK YOU went out to outgoing current Mayor Grant Langhus and councilman Tim Wright for their service to the community of Monona.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Langhus declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Grant Langhus administered the "Oath of Office" to councilman Preston Landt and councilman Jamie Welsh who will be replacing outgoing councilman Tim Wright

Next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Monona City Hall Council Chambers with a budget meeting immediately following the regular council meeting. Barbara Collins, City Admin/Clerk

Monthly Revenues for November:

ACCOUNT TITLE	BALANCE
GENERAL TOTAL	55,536.22
LIBRARY TOTAL	12,210.77
ROAD USE TAX TOTAL	
.....	17,541.31
TRUST & AGENCY TOTAL	
.....	13,680.00
T.I.F. TOTAL	4,257.93
MONONA PUBLIC GARD & TRL TOT	45.00
DEBT SOURCE CASH TOTAL	
.....	5,513.65
WATER TOTAL	25,395.17
SEWER TOTAL	61,556.02
GARBAGE TOTAL	19,763.30
LITTLE BULLDOG - SINKING TOTA	1,058.00
LITTLE BULLDOG - RESERVE TOTA	106.00

MONTHLY REVENUES

.....**\$206,663.37**

Monthly Expenses for November:

ACCOUNT TITLE	BALANCE
GENERAL TOTAL	42,225.39
LIBRARY TOTAL	7,580.30
POLICE CAPITAL EQUIP TOTAL	978.34
ROAD USE TAX TOTAL	
.....	122,274.44
TRUST & AGENCY TOTAL	
.....	9,676.04
LIBRARY MEMORIAL TOTAL	
.....	149.55
MONONA PUBLIC GARD & TRL TOTA	5.12
DEBT SOURCE CASH TOTAL	
.....	13,271.60
WATER TOTAL	54,179.39
SEWER TOTAL	88,617.44
GARBAGE TOTAL	21,051.73
LITTLE BULLDOG - SINKING TOTA	1,058.00

MONTHLY EXPENDITURES

.....**\$361,067.34**

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