
CITY OF CENTERVILLE

REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2025

Mayor O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call - Present: Brauman, Creagan, Hamilton, Kruzic, and Sherwood. Absent: None

Mayor O'Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kruzic moved, seconded by Sherwood, to approve the agenda as amended to remove item 4G "Swearing in of Volunteer Firefighters". Ayes: All. The motion carried.

Gary Burrows, of 1606 S. 22nd, provided public forum comments asking for assistance in dealing with improperly disposed condoms in the City Park.

Patty Fadega, of 2023 S Main, provided public forum comments asking for a status update on dust control around Green and Main St. She noted the dust issue has been better than in past years.

Sherwood moved, seconded by Hamilton, to approve the consent agenda as presented, which includes the following: Approval of Minutes of July 7, 2025, Regular Council Meeting; Approval of Committee/Board Minutes: Airport Commission Meeting 06-09-2025; Library Board Meeting 07-09-2025; Library Board Annual Meeting 07-09-2025; Special Council Meeting 07-18-2025; Approval of Beer/Liquor License(s): GETTIN' SLUSHED SOUTH OF 35 LLC App-225023; Pit Pony Pub & Eatery, LC0048773; Approval of Res. 2025-4162 Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the Sale of Real Property – Public Bid – 1701 S. 19th; FYI – Appointment of Full-time Firefighter Jeremy Barber; FYI – Appointment of Full-time Firefighter Tim Wells; FYI – Appointment of Volunteer Firefighters Vaughan Overturf and Carter Hanus. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brauman, Creagan, Hamilton, Kruzic, and Sherwood. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Brauman moved, seconded by Hamilton to approve the bills as presented. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Kruzic moved, seconded by Creagan, to approve the June 2025 Financial Report. Ayes: All. The motion carried.

Departmental reports highlighting the activities of the City Administrator, Public Works Director, and Library Director were presented.

City Administrator Report – June 21, 2025 - Below is a summary of key items the City Administrator and City Hall are currently working on: **New Training Requirement:** The Iowa Legislature passed HF705, requiring additional open meetings/open records training for all new members of governmental bodies. Currently, the training must be provided by the Iowa Public

Information Board (IPIB). An initial training session is available on Friday, August 15, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm Please let the administrator know if you would like to be signed up for this webinar. The Iowa League of Cities anticipated being certified as a trainer soon to expand the course offerings. **Utility Billing Cycle Update:** Beginning in September, the City will transition its Utility Billing Cycle to align more closely with usage time frames. Currently, there is a roughly 30-day delay between the time Water/Sewer is used and the billing. This migration will narrow that window to a matter of days after the usage cycle has ended. This will enable customers to more clearly relate their usage to what they are being billed for. This process will take approximately six months to complete and will temporarily result in longer billing cycles. **Customer Assistance Fund:** The City is developing a Customer Assistance Fund for utility payments. This fund would collaborate with a third-party nonprofit group, utilizing private funding, to assist customers experiencing hardship in making their Municipal Utility payments. The program is currently undergoing legal review and is expected to be brought to the Council for consideration in August or September. **City Council Safety Work Session: tentatively scheduled for 5:30 p.m.** on August 4, 2025. **City Elections:** The County Auditor has provided the City with the initial information for the 2025 City Election. This election cycle will have three open seats: Mayor, Council Ward 2, and Council At-Large. Election information and packets can be picked up at City Hall during regular business hours. Applications can be returned to the County Auditor's office beginning 8/25 and must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on 9/18. **Iowa League of Cities Conference:** The annual Iowa League of Cities conference is scheduled for September 17-19. This conference is geared towards both appointed and elected staff. If you are interested in attending, please notify the City Administrator. **City Code Recodification:** The City is continuing efforts to recodify its municipal code, as required by state law, in partnership with Simmering-Cory/Iowa Codification. **Water Quality Improvement Funding:** City representatives met with the Iowa DNR and USDA to explore alternative projects eligible for funding. Previous proposals exceeded the available budget; **Housing Demolitions:** During 2025 the following nuisance properties have been demolished: 902 E. State, 411 N. 7th, 717 N. 13th, 620 N. 10th, 541/549 N. Park; 1701 S. 19th. **Demolition Grant Program:** Seven properties have been approved for the demolition grant: 714 S. 17th, 706 W. Maple, 505 N. Park, 1115 S. 18th, 109 N. 18th, 115 N. 18th, and 1604 Drake. Based on the estimated cost of City demolition, this represents a cost avoidance to the City of approximately \$56,000 to date.

Public Works Department Report 7-21-25: Distributed 18,818,000 gallons of water this month compared to 18,087,000 last month and 1,000 a year ago; Treated 22,281,000 gallons of wastewater this month compared to 20,412,000 last month and 18,839,000 a year ago; Completed monthly operating reports for IDNR- 3; Completed utility locates, daily work orders, water testing, and vehicle maintenance; Completed meter reading and shut-offs- 17; Flushed dead end hydrants per schedule; Water leaks- 1; Sweeper- 3; Grade alleys- 3; Jetted 1,455' of sewer main- potential issues found during Alliant lateral pre-inspection process; Trim trees/brush- 2; Brush cutting ROW's; Installed culvert on Cottage; Trash route- 8; Meetings- Department Head and Water Board; Oak Street to 18th water project- 80% main line installed and all services on Oak are installed. Upcoming: Continue water project, alley maintenance, sludge and metals testing, and sewer line flushing. It was also noted that City Crews are keeping an eye on gravel roads around town to keep dust down.

DRAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY JULY FY26 DIRECTORS REPORT: *We celebrate the freedom to read, discover, and discuss.*

Summer Reading Program 2025 -Level Up with Books: 6/2 - Sign Ups (all month) & Obstacle Course 6/4 - Game Day; 6/9 - Petting Zoo 6/12 - Maze Craft; 6/16 – Race Car Storytime; 6/19 – Bouncy Ball Craft; 6/23 - Camping Games; 6/26 - Make Your Own Puzzle; 6/30 - Zumba Kids with Beyond Fitness

Programs for Adults: . Book Chat is held on the Last Wednesday of each month at 12:15 or 4:15 p.m. We are reading "Cozy Mysteries" this month. Adult Coloring is Thursdays @ 1:30 pm: Iowa author, Helen Miller "I Don't Swim" will present a book chat on Saturday, July 12th at 12:30 pm; "What's Your Favorite Jane Austen Novel?" discussion will be Monday, July 14th at 6 pm; A free matinee of "Clueless" (which is based on Jane Austen's 'Emma') will be shown at The Majestic on Saturday, July 19th at 2 pm. Trivia & Prizes immediately after the movie

Current Happenings: Visit the Storywalk Story "Ants Rule" at the City Park! Call Dial A Story at 641-898-4800!

Service Updates: A new, free online resource, Mometrix eLibrary, is now available on the Drake Public Library website, replacing BrainFuse. It provides a wide array of study materials & practice tests to help test takers. Consumers can create their own account to save their progress—for example: Civil Service Exam, Iowa Assessments Reading and Language Arts, Advanced EMT Exam.

Statistics: Circulation: 4,388; ILLS: 54; Bridges: 806; Reference: 168; Programming: Adults 151, Children 394; MTG Rooms: 35; Computer Users: 224; WIFI: 361 total visits; Total Library Patrons: 6,393; Total Library Collection: 39002

Hamilton moved, seconded by Brauman, to approve Res. 2025-4163 Setting the Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the sale of Real Property by Public Bid – Old Law Center. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brauman, Creagan, Hamilton, Kruzic, and Sherwood. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Mike O'Connor administered the Oath of Office to Jeremy Barber for the Role of Firefighter.

Mayor Mike O'Connor administered the Oath of Office to Tim Wells for the Role of Firefighter.

Creagan moved, seconded by Sherwood, to adjourn at 6:2 p.m. until the council work session on August 4th, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. Ayes: All. The motion carried.

Jason Fraser, City Administrator

Mike O'Connor, Mayor