

City of Agency, Iowa
Council Meeting
January 8, 2026

The regular meeting of the Agency City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Jake Johnson at City Hall. Council members in attendance were Sara Jane Douglas, Jim Lind, Lane Morrison, Steve O'Brien, and Taylor Wolkenhauer. Also present were City Clerk Angel Schafer, Public Works Director Fred Clubb, Sheriff Don Phillips, Jason Knaak, Deanna Knaak, Royce Kent, Mary Hanna, Randy Knaak, Alan Novak and Connie Lind.

APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA:

Mr. Morrison motioned to approve the Agenda. Second by Mr. Lind. All Ayes. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Douglas motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Mr. Morrison. All Ayes. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

STREETS, ALLEY, WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE

HEALTH & SANITATION

BUILDING & GROUNDS & PARKS

Library Board

Fire Board

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Johnson welcomed the new council members.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2025-12 SETTING FULL TIME MAINTENANCE PAY, BENEFITS AND HOLIDAYS

Mr. Morrison motioned to approve Resolution 2025-12. Second by Mr. Wolkenhauer. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Morrison, Wolkenhauer, Douglas, O'Brien, Lind

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution 2025-12 passed

RESOLUTION 2025-14 SETTING FULL TIME CITY CLERK PAY, BENEFITS AND HOLIDAYS

Ms. Douglas motioned to approve Resolution 2025-14. Second by Mr. Morrison. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Lind, O'Brien, Morrison, Wolkenhauer, Douglas

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution 2025-14 passed

NEW BUSINESS

ASSIGN COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Johnson selected:

Ms. Douglas to chair the Finance committee, Mr. Wolkenhauer will be member and Dawn Benedict will remain the citizen representative.

Mr. Morrison to chair the Streets, Alley, Water & Sewer committee, Mr. O'Brien will be member and Bob Bruett will remain the citizen representative.

Mr. Lind to chair the Health and Sanitation committee, Ms. Douglas will be member and Nate Bissell will remain the citizen representative.

Mr. O'Brien to chair Buildings, Grounds and Park committee, Mr. Wolkenhauer will be member and David Bissell will remain the citizen representative.

Mr. Morrison and Mr. Lind will be on the Fire Board and Randy Knaak will be the member at large.

Mr. Wolkenhauer will be council representative for the library board.

Mr. Morrison motioned to approve the committee assignments. Second by Mr. O'Brien. **Roll call vote.**

Ayes: O'Brien, Douglas, Lind, Wolkenhauer, Morrison

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Committee assignments passed

LL Pelling Company Proposal

Ms. Douglas motioned to accept the LL Pelling Co Proposal. Second by Mr. O'Brien. **Roll call vote.**

Ayes: Douglas, Lind, Wolkenhauer, Morrison, O'Brien

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

LL Pelling Company proposal accepted.

UNION PACIFIC X NORFOLK-SOUTHERN MERGER

Mr. O'Brien advised that he has issues with sending the letter on behalf of the merger due to the railroad tracks not being in our direct area.

Mr. O'Brien motioned to not sign the proposed letter in support of the transfer. Second by Mr. Morrison. **Roll call vote.**

Ayes: Wolkenhauer, Morrison, O'Brien, Lind, Douglas

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Letter of support will not be sent.

UPDATE BANK SIGNATURES

Mayor Johnson advised that due to council changes and the resignation of the Deputy City Clerk signatures will need to be changed at 1st State Bank. Mayor Johnson selected Mr. Morrison to be Mayor Pro Tem. Signers for the City of Agency Bank accounts will be Jake Johnson, Angel Schafer, and Lane Morrison. All other signers will be removed.

Ms. Douglas motioned to update bank signatures. Second by Mr. Wolkenhauer. **Roll call vote.**

Ayes: Morrison, Wolkenhauer, Douglas, O'Brien, Lind

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Bank signatures will be updated.

201 E. MAIN STREET TIMELINE

Council reviewed the timeline provided by the landlord and made changes to the timeline. This updated timeline will be sent to the City Attorney for approval.

Mr. Morrison motioned to approve the timeline with the city updates. Second by Mr. Lind. **Roll call vote.**

Ayes: Lind, O'Brien, Morrison, Wolkenhauer, Douglas

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Timeline with updates passed

NUISANCE COMPLAINTS

Nuisance complaints were reviewed by council. A 10 day letter will be sent to three of the properties.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

ADJOURNMENT- Mr. Morrison motioned to adjourn. Second by Mr. Lind. **All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM**

Jake Johnson, Mayor

Attest: Angel Schafer, City Clerk