

City of Agency, Iowa
Council Meeting
May 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Agency City Council was called to order at 7:15 pm by Mayor Jake Johnson at City Hall. Council members in attendance were Sara Jane Douglas, Steve O'Brien, Lane Morrison, Jacoby Deshler and Samantha Ulin. Also present were City Clerk Angel Schafer, Fred Clubb, Marty Cremer, Jim Lind, Alan Novak and Heather Simplot.

APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA:

Ms. Deshler motioned to approve the Agenda. Second by Mrs. Ulin. **All Ayes. Motion passed.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Douglas motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Ms. Deshler. **All Ayes. Motion passed.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERMITS – Alcohol permit request from the Bougie Barrel for July 3rd for the Street Dance

Ms. Douglas motioned to approve the alcohol permit. Second by Mrs. Ulin. **Roll call vote.**

Ayes: Douglas, Morrison, Ulin, O'Brien, Deshler

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Purchase of spreader and weed killer approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Ms. Deshler spoke about the annual budget being submitted for approval.

STREETS, ALLEY, WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE – Mr. Morrison said everything was fine with streets.

BUILDING & GROUNDS & PARKS – Mr. O'Brien advised there was nothing new with the parks.

FIRE BOARD – Mrs. Ulin advised there hadn't been a fire board meeting so she had nothing to report.

Library Board – Ms. Deshler advised the library is continuing to grow every day.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Johnson advised he is scheduled for a meeting with Miranda from Wapello County to talk about an inspection person.

OLD BUSINESS:

201 E. MAIN ST – Heather Simplot is the City Attorney and she attended the meeting in person to answer questions regarding the condemnation procedure. Ms. Simplot advised there are two ways the city can move forward. First option is to set a trial date. Second option is to reach a settlement with the respondent. At this time Mayor Johnson is planning to attend the court date scheduled for May 19th to request a trial.

NEW BUSINESS

HORSESHOE PITS – Mrs. Ulin advised a request had been made by a member of the community to install horseshoe pits at the park. Several possible locations were discussed by the council. Mr. Clubb advised that he had most of the materials available to install the pits he would need to purchase the metal stakes and that was it. Mrs. Ulin asked if the pits could be installed prior to the 4th of July due to a request to host a tournament there that day. Mr. Clubb advised that it could be completed by then.

PICKLEBALL COURTS – Ms. Schafer spoke about a request from several members of the community to install a pickle ball court at the park. A similar request to host a tournament for the 4th of July celebration had also been made. Council asked question about cost. Ms. Schafer will gather prices for all material to present at the next City Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION 2025-04 TEMPORARY CLOSING OF THE 100TH BLOCK OF MAIN ST FOR 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Mr. O'Brien motioned to approve resolution 2025-04. Second by Ms. Deshler. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Ulin, O'Brien, Douglas, Deshler, Morrison

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Resolution 2025-04 approved.

CITY OWNED PROPERTY SPRAYED FOR WEEDS – Ms. Schafer advised a request had been made by the Little League committee to spray the ball field for weeds. Mayor Johnson advised that Lawn Chief had provided a quote for spraying the cemeteries, park and ball field. Lawn Chief suggested that the properties should be sprayed twice this year and then only once a year after. Ms. Deshler advised since the city would be hiring someone for work that sealed bids should be requested for the spraying. Mayor Johnson requested Mr. Clubb purchase a spreader and weed killer to kill the weeds that are currently in the field.

Ms. Douglas motioned to approve the purchase of a spreader and weed killer. Second by Mr. O'Brien. Roll call vote.

Ayes: O'Brien, Morrison, Douglas, Deshler, Ulin

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Purchase of spreader and weed killer approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Alan Novak advised the same six properties in town are not mowing their grass. He suggested the city increase the fine and the cost of mowing. Mayor Johnson advised that is something that can be discussed in the future. Mayor Johnson advised Marty Cremer that he had looked up prices for the sign that Mr. Cremer had spoken about at the last meeting. Mr. Cremer advised that he would like to see fundraising take place for the purchase of the sign.

ADJOURNMENT- Mrs. Ulin motioned to adjourn. Second by Ms. Douglas. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Jake Johnson, Mayor

Attest: Angel Schafer, City Clerk