

City of Agency, Iowa  
Council Meeting  
July 10, 2025

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, Steve O'Brien, Lane Morrison, Jacoby Deshler and Samantha Ulin. Also present were City Clerk Angel Schafer, Fred Clubb, Jim Lind, Randy Knaak, Deb Knaak, Jason Knaak, Deanna Knaak, Deb Blew, Tom Blew, Alan Novak and Sheriff Don Phillips

**APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA:**

**Ms. Douglas motioned to approve the Agenda.** Second by Mr. O'Brien. **All Ayes. Motion passed.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**PERMITS** - BP Cigarette Permit

**Mrs. Ulin motioned to approve the cigarette permit for BP.** Second by Mr. Morrison. **Roll call vote.**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**BP Cigarette Permit approved.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Ms. Deshler advised the state auditor will be conducting a routine audit soon.

**STREETS, ALLEY, WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE** – Mr. O'Brien spoke about several stop signs being blocked by trees.

**HEALTH & SANITATION** – Ms. Deshler advised no update

**BUILDING & GROUNDS & PARKS** – Mr. O'Brien advised the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was a success.

**FIRE BOARD** – Mrs. Ulin advised of no updates.

**Library Board** – Ms. Deshler advised that she would like to meet with the library board.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mayor Johnson announced that a letter was received from the contracted rental inspector and he has resigned from his role. Mayor Johnson will be meeting with Darren Batterson this week to hear the decision on the 28E agreement. Ms. Douglas asked if there was a waiting period to hire a new inspector. Mayor Johnson advised no there is no waiting period since the current inspector had himself resigned. Ms. Douglas spoke about the parade and how she was almost run over three different times. Mr. Morrison requested more barricades for next year. Ms. Deshler said that she didn't think we had half of the barricades that we had last year. Mr. Clubb suggested that the committee mark on a map everywhere they want a barricade set up for next year. Ms. Deshler said that the committee needs more people to help out with all of the activities.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **201 E. MAIN ST**

Mayor Johnson spoke about attending a court hearing earlier that week where the city was asking permission from the court to send a 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspector in to inspect the property. The Judge agreed a neutral party could be brought in by the city after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to inspect the property. The Judge stipulated that only the inspector and the property owner could attend this inspection.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION 2025-07 – APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF UEHLING SUBDIVISION**

Mayor Johnson advised a request has been made to approve a subdivision of property outside the city limits of Agency.

**Mr. Morrison motioned to approve the subdivision.** Second by Ms. Douglas. **Roll call vote.**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**Resolution 2025-07 approved.**

### **SPRUCE TREE IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA CLOW**

Mayor Johnson advised the Clow family would like to donate a spruce tree to the city to be planted in memory of Patricia Clow. City Council looked at pictures of areas where a tree could be planted. They picked three areas. These areas will be sent to the Clow family to pick the spot they would like.

**Mrs. Ulin motioned to approve the spruce tree.** Second by Ms. Deshler. **Roll call vote.**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**Memory spruce tree approved.**

### **TRAFFIC LINES PAINTED**

Mayor Johnson advised that two requests had been made from the public to paint traffic lines down Main Street. Mr. Clubb spoke about making contact with the gentleman who used to paint the traffic lines in town and how he is now retired and willing to sell his setup to the city for \$200. The device needs a generator to work. Fire Chief Knaak offered to let the city use the generator that isn't being used by the fire department when it is time to paint the lines.

**Ms. Deshler motioned to approve the purchase of the traffic line painting set up.** Second by Ms. Douglas. **Roll call vote.**

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

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**Purchase of traffic line paint sprayer approved**

### **Tom BLEW**

Mr. Blew brought pictures of a neighboring property to complain of nuisances that exist that violate the city's ordinance. Mr. Blew complained of breaches of the peace, a dead tree, weeds that need cut down, junk vehicles and household items out in the yard. Mayor Johnson requested Mr. Clubb take pictures of the nuisances the next day.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mrs. Deanna Knaak complained of a nuisance property that hasn't been mowed. Sheriff Phillips advised that the speed trailer will be brought back to Agency in a month.

**ADJOURNMENT- Mrs. Ulin motioned to adjourn. Second by Ms. Douglas. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM**

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**Jake Johnson, Mayor**

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**Attest: Angel Schafer, City Clerk**

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