

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in a budget workshop at 5:30 PM and then regular session following at 6:00 PM on Monday February 9, 2026. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Brandon French, Police Officer; Nick Kuker, Public Works; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

During the budget workshop, the council reviewed proposed budget numbers for FY2027 and information regarding the proposed property tax levy notice mailing.

Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Williams, second by R. Woods to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public hearings.

Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by Erickson to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: January 26th Regular Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Reports for January 2026, Approving Class "B" Retail Alcohol License for Costa's Market, Setting the 4th budget workshop for February 23rd at 5:30 PM, and the Payment of Bills. The bill listing will be placed at the end of the minutes. Roll call vote- Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Erickson, R. Woods, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Treasurers Report for the Month of January 2026: Revenues - General, \$13,431.41; Special Revenue, \$30,761.46; TIF, \$334.97; Capital Projects, \$33.07; Permanent Funds, \$17.44; Proprietary, \$215,298.72; and Transfers In, \$28,055.00. Disbursements - General, \$23,280.53; Special Revenue, \$12,629.15; Proprietary, \$194,126.84; and Transfers Out, \$28,055.00. Balance on hand at close of business on January 31, 2026 was \$4,739,387.63.

There was no one present for the informal public comment section.

Cole Johnson with Financial Decisions Group was present for discussion regarding the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP). Financial Decisions Group is a financial organization that could administer the program if the city chose to participate. It was reported that another company had also been contacted, along with Knox Financial Services, which had visited the Council at the previous meeting; however, Chris stated that Financial Decisions Group would be able to provide additional assistance with the paperwork and administrative requirements of the program. Mr. Johnson provided a brief overview of the program and the services their organization could offer. The Council expressed continued interest in the program for the fire and ambulance volunteer members.

Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by Williams to approve **Resolution 2026-05 – Resolution Adopting a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) and Authorizing Administration of the Program**, with Financial Decisions Group to administer the program. Roll call vote- Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Williams, R. Woods, Erickson, and T. Woods. Nays: none.

Chris West reported that he is having difficulty determining the actual cash value of the department's equipment for insurance purposes, as previously requested by the Council. He stated that he will continue researching vehicle and equipment values and will contact Adam Kerns, the city's insurance representative, for additional information and assistance.

There was no update on the proposed park shelter for Veteran's Park. Quotes are still being obtained and will be reviewed at a future meeting.

The council continued discussion regarding the 657A property at 506 Patterson Street. It was discussed that development of a Homes for Iowa project would be a huge undertaking for the city. The possibility of selling the property with a requirement that it be developed for residential purposes within a certain time frame was discussed. The council felt that a discussion with the attorney was needed and that they could do that at the next meeting.

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on Monday January 26, 2026 for a rezoning request for the property located at 404 Forest Street from Sharon Woods and Richard Woods. The request was asking to rezone the property from R-1 to R-2. After that meeting, the Council received a written recommendation from the board to consider approving the request and continue the process of amending the zoning ordinance to reflect that change. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and continue with the process of amending the ordinance for the rezoning request. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, T. Woods, Erickson, and Gruetzmacher. Abstain: R. Woods. Nays: None.

After the council approved the recommendation to allow proceeding with the zoning change from the Planning and Zoning Commission, a public hearing would need to be set to allow for public input. Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to approve **Resolution 2026-04 – Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fairbank, Iowa Setting a Public Hearing Regarding the Rezoning of a Property**. Abstain: R. Woods. Motion carried. The public hearing was set for Monday February 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Fairbank City Hall.

The Council received another quote this year from Frontline Warning Systems for a service contract for servicing the warning sirens. The \$850.00 contract included inspecting the warning sirens twice a year. Motion by Williams, second by Gruetzmacher to approve the one-year contract with Frontline Warning Systems. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Gruetzmacher, R. Woods, Erickson, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

During the council/mayor comments, Councilman Gruetzmacher stated that the Little League forms were going on that week. Councilwoman Erickson asked if the pool had an idea when the job openings for this next season would be posted and it was explained that the office received them that day and that they would be posted this week as well. Councilman Gruetzmacher asked when the roads are being reviewed this spring if we could get a quote to see how much it would cost to seal coat the ball diamond parking lot. Mayor Kayser stated that the guys had been busy working on a couple of water main leaks that past couple of weeks with the most recent one happening on Super Bowl Sunday.

During the department reports, Nick said that Roto-Rooter got about 2/3 of the neighborhood done but then they broke down and he didn't know when they were returning. Ken is now certified as a pool operator. Angie Berg, the library director, reported that they were almost complete with the process of creating a Friends of the Library Group with a 501c3 status. Chris West reported that three new members joined the department and touched on his monthly report. Officer French stated that they had been working on a theft, a burglary, an assault, and handling general calls. Mayor Kayser also stated that he had heard that Fayette County was continuing their property appraisal assessments into this year.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Motion carried.

Bills for the Month of February 2026

Advantage Administrators, Services	\$ 300.00
Amazon Capital Services, Supplies	\$ 80.02
Appliance Plus of Oelwein, Inc, Services	\$ 120.00
Arnold Motor Supply, Supplies	\$ 608.64
Olivia Becker, Services	\$ 30.00
Bound Tree Medical, LLC., Ambulance Supplies	\$ 1,140.69
Lonnie Brewer, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
Butler County Rec, Electric	\$ 73,159.22
Campbell Supply-Waterloo, Supplies	\$ 46.98
Casey's General Store, Gas	\$ 628.47
Clayton Energy Corporation, Natural Gas	\$ 20,831.61
Clayton Energy Corporation, Reservation	\$ 21,183.68
Dakota Supply Group, Equipment	\$ 5,315.00
Delta Dental of Iowa, February Premium	\$ 21.96
Don's Truck Sales, Services	\$ 1,910.63
Electrical Engineering & Equip, Services	\$ 7,679.41
Fairbank Postmaster, Utility Bills Feb 2026	\$ 183.00
City of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$ 5,969.09
City of Fairbank, Utility Deposits Applied	\$ 400.00
Farm Win Co-Op, Diesel	\$ 1,757.99
Frontline Warning Systems, FY 26 Siren Service	\$ 850.00
Brittany Fuller, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
Gordon Flesch Company Inc., Copier/Printer Maintenance	\$ 114.14
Grainger, Inc., Supplies	\$ 82.87
Groebner & Associates, Supplies	\$ 734.71
Hawkeye Community College, EMS Annual Agreement	\$ 275.00
Layne Hilsenbeck, Equipment	\$ 3,982.50
ICAP, Premium	\$ 106.00
IMFOA, Membership Dues	\$ 70.00
Iowa Codification, Inc., Dec Supplement	\$ 379.00

Iowa One Call, Locates	\$ 19.90
Iowa Prison Industries, Supplies	\$ 53.16
Iowa Regional Utilities Assoc., Water	\$ 9,647.00
Iowa Society of Fire Service, Membership	\$ 140.00
Ipers, Benefits	\$ 6,454.66
Kirkwood Community College, Training	\$ 23.00
Kluesner Sanitation, LLC., Pick-up Fees	\$ 7,777.00
Nick Kuker, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
Michelle Laube, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
Little Wapsie Communications, Static IP Addresses	\$ 64.06
Mercyone Waterloo Medical Center, Drug Testing	\$ 30.00
Microbac Laboratories, Inc., Testing	\$ 605.75
Modern Building Products, Supplies	\$ 568.27
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Supplies	\$ 159.95
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 1/2/26	\$ 10.00
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 1/15/26	\$ 8.52
NE Security Bank, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$ 10.00
NE Security Bank, Non-Sufficient Check Charge	\$ 4.00
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$ 520.00
NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions	\$ 200.00
Oelwein Publishing, Publishings	\$ 344.00
Premier Technology, Services	\$ 196.90
Quick Med Claims, Ambulance Billing	\$ 574.50
Roberts, Stevens, Prendergast, Attorney Fees	\$ 612.50
Roto Rooter Sewer-Drain Service, Services	\$ 1,890.00
Sandee's, Supplies	\$ 64.00
Ken Schnor, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
Scott Pharmacy, Supplies	\$ 2.50
Stan's Small Engine Repair, Services	\$ 80.05
Stuart. C. Irby Co., Supplies	\$ 95.00
Sun Life Assurance Comp, Life Policies	\$ 92.75
Team Laboratory Chemical Corp., Shipping	\$ 14.50
Treasurer-State of Iowa, Jan 2026 Sales Tax	\$ 3,710.71
Treasurer State Of Iowa, Jan 2026 WT Excuse Tax	\$ 1,331.89
U. S. Treasury, 941 Taxes	\$ 8,704.91
U.S. Bank, Jan 2026 PEFA Commodity	\$ 22,660.13
Utility Equipment Co., Supplies	\$ 390.30
Van Meter Inc., Supplies	\$ 117.96
Verizon Wireless, Cell Phone	\$ 170.33
Virginia Steil Estate, Ambulance Reimbursement	\$ 667.50
Visa, Microsoft Email/Avaya Phone System/Training/Supplies	\$ 1,314.42
Wellmark, February Premium	\$ 3,335.56
Windstream Enterprise, Gas Alarm Phone Line	\$ 68.52
Woods Construction, Inc., Services	\$ 2,435.25
Collin Woods, Grave Opening	\$ 1,050.00
Elaine Zimmerman, Training Reimbursement	\$ 199.00
The Fairbank Library Board Approved the Following Bills on February 4, 2026:	
Amazon Capital Services, Books & Supplies	\$ 1,060.33
Brock Berg, Services	\$ 160.00
City of Fairbank, Electric & Gas	\$ 222.43
Kanopy, Inc., Movies	\$ 17.00
NE Security Bank, Payroll Processing Fee 1/15/26	\$ 1.48
Visa, AVAYA Phone System/Microsoft Email Accounts	\$ 52.73

Jason Kayser, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk