
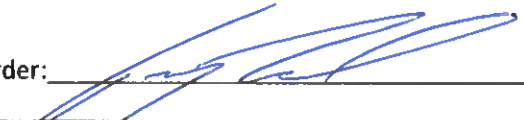


FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026	
Mayor Bailey called the Falls City City Council into regular session on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street.			
Council Members Present: Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Tia Scruton, Councilor Dennis Sickles arrived at 6:14 and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles was absent.			
Staff Present: City Manager AJ Foscoli and City Recorder Jeremy Teal			
AGENDA		ACTION	
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations		Mayor Bailey thanked Council President Houghtaling for running the Council meeting last month and thanked everyone that attended Coffee with the Mayor.	
Public Comment		<p>Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:03 p.m.</p> <p>Jim Miner noted there were problems with Micah's rigs parked on N. Main when not supposed to be. Mr. Foscoli stated he had a conversation with the sheriff but the City was only paying for 1 deputy. Deputy Silverman noted that Polk County had no parking ordinance but the City has one and they could ticket.</p> <p>Tracy Young noted the issue was he parked where vehicles were not supposed to. Mayor Bailey stated he understood the frustration</p> <p>Ms. Young stated she would volunteer to tag vehicles on the weekend. She noted we needed to start ticketing, but municipal court doesn't cover no-parking signs. Mr. Foscoli noted the City was looking to have a case in March to see how the process works. He noted there was a penalty attached with tickets and the fines would start to pile up.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling noted the Council needed to determine how much the fine would be and how much court cost.</p> <p>Deputy Silverman noted that if the City lost in court the defendants would find a way to fight every time.</p>	

<p>c) Grant Contract Proposal</p>	<p>email and the project timeline. Phase 2 of waterline project.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli noted the wastewater facility had been impounding black water since January 27 and full discharge to river on February 25 with no major issues. He stated with the facility had a full week of discharge with no issues that DEQ would give the City the sign off to run.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli stated last month there was a discussion with questions for Hometown Grants and he invited Vanessa Gallego to answer the questions.</p> <p>Vanessa Gallego with Hometown Grants stated her company worked with small cities for all kinds of grants. She mentioned Falls City had no time to look for grants. He stated the City had 2 needs they would be looking for and they would call the funders and discuss the project before recommending the grant to the City. She said the timeframe was usually 6-8 weeks.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey asked if they would streamline the grants and tell us what to go after. Ms. Gallego stated they do all of that and would advise on all the aspects of the grants.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked if the federal grants were drying up where else could grants be found. Ms. Gallego stated the federal grants were on pause and would open up again, but infrastructure has always been safe. She noted there were lots of opportunities with state and private entities as well.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey asked if there was a grant for repairing the bridge. Ms. Gallego stated they were and that water/sewer infrastructure always had grants.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling asked if the Council could help. Mr. Foscoli stated the biggest needs were the Dayton bridge and code/ law enforcement long term funding which were both in line with the Council goals.</p>
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<p>b) Surplus City Dump Truck</p>	<p>duly seconded by Councilor Dennis and CARRIED with a ROLL CALL vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli stated we need the approval of the Council to surplus the old dump truck.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked what the City would sell it for. Mr. Foscoli noted he would be fine with covering the titling fees.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve Resolution 01-2026. A Resolution declaring the city dump truck surplus property and authorizing the sale or disposition thereof. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a ROLL CALL vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, Scruton, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli thanked everyone for coming to the Council meeting.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.</p>
<p>Read and approved this <u>6</u> day of <u>April</u> 2026.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	