



HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 18, 2025

Mayor Chris Lund called the Hamburg City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Jessica Weber, Eric Poppler, Mitch Polzin, Tim Tracy, City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen, and Deputy Clerk Jenni Droege. Also in attendance was the Hamburg Fire Department Chief, Steven Siewert.

Public Comment – No Public Comment.

Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to approve the Agenda as written. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.

Consent Agenda

- Approve Payment of May 2025 Claims **(\$22.50)** & June 2025 **(\$608.50)**
- Approve Payment of Added September 2025 Claims **(\$84.06)**
- Approve Payment of Added October 2025 Claims (\$36,678.56)
- Approve Payment of November 2025 Claims (\$26,171.45)
- Approve Cash Flow Statement for August/September 2025
- Approve Time-Off Request (Jeremy Gruenhagen)
- Approve On- Sale Temporary Liquor License for Hamburg Lions Club
 - January 10th, 17th, 31st & February 7th, 21st 2026
- Approve Lawful Gambling Permit for Duck Unlimited (January 17, 2026)
- Approve Lawful Gambling Permit for Green Isle Sportsmen Club (January 31, 2026)
- Approve Lawful Gambling Permit for HHFC (February 9, 2026)
- Approve 2026 Prosecution Contract with Carver County
- Approve 2026 Policing Contract with Carver County

MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.

Hamburg Fire Department – Chief Siewert

- Chief Siewert spoke about the Officer Selection process including roles for Assistant Chief, Training Captain, and Captain #3. Nick Mackenthun, Jared Mackenthun and Cody Harris, all previously held these roles and ran unopposed.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to approve the Officers said by Captain. Seconded by Councilmember Mich Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.**
 - **AMENDED MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to amend the motion to approve the Officers said by the Chief. Seconded by Councilmember Mich Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.**



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- He then asked council if they have any PERA questions that he might answer. Currently, the firefighters are at \$2,300.00 per year, 120% funded. He would like to move that up to \$2,700.00 per firefighter and 106% funded. City Clerk Gruenhagen did ask if this bump were to take place if any of the current firefighters intend to retire. Chief Siewert stated that he is not aware of anyone that is planning on retirement. Councilmember Mitch Polzin did ask what a \$300 increase would put us at. Steven stated that it would place each firefighter at \$2,600.00 which is 109% funded. He also went on to explain that \$2,900.00 would be 101% funded and at \$3,000.00 would be 98% funded. Councilmember Tracy mentioned that he is comfortable with the \$300.00 increase, 109% funded. There was also discussion of sign on bonuses for new members between the chief and council. He stated that he is open to questions at any time via email, phone or in person.
- Chief Siewert stated that the Toy Drive is scheduled for 12/14/2025 from 8-12PM at Know it All's and is a free will donation, cash or an unwrapped gift.
- The Hamburg Fire Department Gun Raffle is scheduled for December 6th 2025. Christmas lights will be hung this weekend.

New City Business

- Baseball Park Fence - This project will not take place until the Spring of 2026, the City Attorney will be putting together an access easement between Wm. Mueller and Sons and the City.
- The Park Pop Machine had some issues so Viking loaded it up to look at/fix those issues and they will be keeping it for the winter as sales are minimal during that time. The pop machine will hopefully return in the spring.
- PN Violation for PID 45.0282020 (Court Trial) - The court date has been moved to December 10, 2025.
- Rip Rap Project (Phase 2) – Looking for Council approval to extend the completion date of this phase from December 1 to December 31, 2025. The ponds will be fully discharged sometime after Thanksgiving week. That will allow the company implementing the rip rap to see the level of coverage needed.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to approve Change Order #1 for the Rip Rap Project (Phase 2). Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**
- 2025-26 Final Budget Items
- Hold Second City Council Meeting on November 25, 2025
 - 2026 Final Budget Workshop
 - Employee Review/Health Insurance Coverage
 - **Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve the City Council Meeting on November 2nd @ 6:00 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**



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- Set Public Hearing to Adopt City Fee Schedule for 2026 (December 9th)
 - **Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve the Public Hearing to Adopt City Fee Schedule for 2026 for December 9th @ 7:00 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**

City Council Reports

- Councilmember Eric Poppler (Parks) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Jessica Weber (Buildings) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Tim Tracy (Water/Sewer) was not present.
- Councilmember Mitch Polzin (Streets) was not present.
- Mayor Chris Lund – City Newsletter to go out next week. Hamburg Lions Club is donating \$8,000 for Hall Bathroom improvements. He was in the minority about Gun Control at the Last Carver County Mayors meeting.

Adjourn City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:37 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present

Amended/Approved on December 2, 2025



Jeremy Gruenhagen
City Clerk/Treasurer