



HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 2026

Public Hearing

Mayor Chris Lund called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:30 PM. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Jessica Weber, Eric Poppler, Tim Tracy, City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen, Fire Chief Siewert, and Public Works Jason Buckentin. Councilmember Mitch Polizin and Deputy Clerk Jenni Droege were not present.

Public Comment – No Public Comment.

Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to adopt the Agenda as written. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.

Consent Agenda

- **Approve Payment of Added December 2025 Added Claims (\$49,305.00)**
- **Approve Payment of Added January 2026 Claims (\$76,361.73)**
- **Approve Payment of February 2026 Claims (\$138,972.43)**
- **Approve Minutes for November 25, 2025 & December 9, 2025**
- **Approve Cash Flow Statements for December 2025**
- **Approve On-Sale Liquor License for Lions Club (3/27/26)**
- **Approve Time-Off Request for Jeremy Gruenhagen**
- **Natural Gas Rates (Xcel Energy)**
- **City Offices Closed February 16, 2026, for Presidents Day**

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

Hamburg Fire Department

- **2025/2026 Budget/Fire Equipment CD** - Chief Siewert spoke about the money currently in the Fire Dept. Equipment Fund (2025 Budget) and transferring the bulk of that money into a CD. The chief explained that in 2025, there was no need to purchase gear, air packs, or radios. He also mentioned that a fire truck will most likely need to be purchased in 2027. Council agreed that putting additional money into CDs for potential purchases down the road is a great idea and certainly cost-effective.
- **Storage Shed** - This project hasn't been tackled as of yet. City Administrator Gruenhagen previously mentioned that he wanted to check into any watershed issues. He believes that there are no current issues concerning watershed problems. Chief Siewert mentioned that they will have the locates completed before this project and that a memorial and a tree will need to be moved to complete this project. They will hire a landscape company to take down/move to



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the north. The Chief would like to know if any other issues need to be taken care of prior to the start of this project.

- **Tanker Tires** - Chief Siewert mentioned that the oldest tanker needs new tires, a 1995 GMC Tanker. It is a current rule that no tires can be more than 10 years old, and the current tires are over 30 years old. Jason Mackenthun did reach out for a few estimates. PEEP's Repair is the only company that has gotten back with an estimate. PEEP's Repair is able to perform some general maintenance, including checking the brakes, greasing, replacing the rims (sandblasted), and installing new tires. The Chief doesn't have the estimate with him, but will get it to the council ASAP if needed, but would like to proceed. Clerk Gruenhagen mentioned that since this is over \$2,000.00, City Policy requires two estimates and asked the Chief to provide the estimate from PEEP's, along with a second estimate.

Old City Business/New City Business

- **Melchert-Hubert-Sjodin Conflict Waiver for PID 45.0281600** - Melchert sent a letter stating that there is no conflict in them representing the City of Hamburg, Mr. Brad Droege, and the Lois Droege Estate, as they represent all three parties. The City will be looking at potentially purchasing up to a 50-foot-wide strip of land from the Lois Droege estate for extending George Street to Park Avenue. Clerk Gruenhagen mentioned a land survey needs to be completed first and the reasons for it. He also mentioned that there is currently a plotted easement for a portion of the road access. Council and Chief Siewert mentioned the importance of having a second access into that neighborhood. The only other potential access is a private drive/property owned by the Estate of Lois Droege/Brad Droege.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to move forward with the Conflict Waiver for PID 45.0281600 Ordinance #173 concerning Melchert-Hubert-Sjodin. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Rip Rap Project Complete (Final Payment)** - The Rip Rap project is complete, looks nice and with a final payment of \$99,987.60 to Schneider Excavating. The Original Contract Amount was for \$68,097 (project came in under estimate) but Council did agree to complete \$100,000 worth of work, for \$100,000 was budgeted for this project. We were able to get an additional side completed as well. There will be 2 remaining phases of this project. Clerk Gruenhagen will research PPL (low-interest loan) and look into some potential grants.
- **Snow Plow for City Truck (Budget Item)** - Clerk Gruenhagen mentioned the "nuisance 1 to 2-inch snowfalls". Potentially, the City of Hamburg could plow the city streets for those small snowfalls and would need a plow for the city truck. We would still have WM Mueller & Sons plow for the larger snow events. The plow for the City truck has been added to the "City Budget Wishlist".



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- **Plumbing Estimates (Fire Hall) for Ice Machine/Hall** - In regards to the Fire Hall, the washing machine will need to be moved, the ice maker installed, and the eye wash station (including a mixer) brought up to code. RightWay Plumbing provided a bid of \$6,385.00, and Swanson Plumbing \$6,990.00 (Swanson Estimate doesn't include the cost of the mixer). Clerk Gruenhagen asked Chief Siewert about this estimate, if they agree, and what they will be willing to cover. The Chief explained he would like to confer with the fire department members. Clerk Gruenhagen mentioned that this permit could potentially take 6-8 weeks. City Received two bids for the plumbing for the **Hall Bathroom Project**. RightWay Plumbing LLC came in at \$11,370.00, and Swanson Plumbing at \$17,800.00. The estimated cost was \$10,000.00. Clerk Gruenhagen mentioned that we may need to transfer \$1,000 to \$2,000 from the savings account. All projects will bring both the Fire Department and the Hall into compliance (those specific areas). Flooring for Bathrooms was also discussed, and what the council would prefer. The consensus was tile, but luxury vinyl was also brought up.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to approve the bid for the Fire Hall Project for Ice Machine/Eye Wash Station by RightWay Plumbing LLC (\$6,385.00). Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to approve the bid for the Hall Bathroom project for the bathroom by RightWay Plumbing LLC (\$11,370.00). Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Ash Trees (Park)** - Public Works, Jason Buckentin (along with the assistance of Justin Buckentin) removed and cleaned up 7 trees, most of which had Emerald Ash Borer damage/were dying. Xcel Energy will be removing the tree closest to the power lines. These trees will be replaced this Spring.
- **Rounds (OT Pay/OBBBA)** - Clerk Gruenhagen mentioned that he has run into issues with payroll regarding rounds (One Big Beautiful Bill/OT Changes). The complications arise with CT, Holiday/Vacation/Sick Pay, and On-Call Pay/Rounds. Clerk Gruenhagen wanted to inform the council of what he is facing and would like to reach out to the Auditors and several others to answer those questions. He said many cities are now hiring out their payroll. Clerk Gruenhagen would like to avoid doing this.



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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) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Mitch Polzin (Streets) was absent.
- Mayor Chris Lund, the newsletter should drop this week. March 11th is the City Day on the Hill. Please let Jeremy know if you would like to attend. The mayor also mentioned that there is a Minnesota Mayor currently compiling a list of how/different ways in which Council is paid/salaries. If we make any changes to salaries, they will not go into effect until 2027.

Adjourn City Council Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to adjourn the city council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.

Amended/Approved on April 7, 2026



Jeremy Gruenhagen
City Clerk/Treasurer