



## ***HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING***

***April 21, 2026***

Mayor Chris Lund called the Hamburg City Council Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Jessica Weber, Eric Poppler, Mitch Polzin, Tim Tracy, City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen, and Deputy Clerk Jenni Droege. Others in attendance were Gene & Diane Stier, Brad Droege, Alex Trippel, Christophe Morschen, and Richard Malz.

**Public Comment** – No Public Comment.

### **Agenda Review and Adoption**

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

### **Consent Agenda**

- **Approve Payment of Added February 2026 Claims (\$143.10)**
- **Approve Payment of March Claims List (\$21,003.57)**
- **Approve Payment of April Claims List (\$56,161.18)**
- **Approve Minutes for February 10, 2026 & March 10, 2026**
- **Approve Cash Flow Statements for February/March 2026**
- **Approve Time-Off Request for Jeremy Gruenhagen**
- **City Prosecution Contracts for 2027**
- **Xcel Energy Transmission Line Inspections 0717 ARL-CAR**
- **Xcel Energy Rate Increase Notices (Natural Gas)**
- **Pond Open/Close Schedule for 2026**

**MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Mitch Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.**

### **Hamburg Fire Department**

- **Old Tanker Repairs/Estimates** - The storage box on the 1995 GMC is rusting; it contains a water pump. HFD received two quotes from Storms Welding and JIT & OEM, which are included in the agenda packet.
  - **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to approve the repair of the storage box by JIT/OEM for \$2,297.10. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Concrete Estimates for Storage Shed** - Chief Siewert pointed out two estimates for the concrete on the storage shed. Estimates were from Route 1 Concrete and Jensen Decorative Concrete. The ornamental tree will be placed a bit to the north of where the previous tree was.
  - **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve the Storage Shed Concrete Pad to Route 1 Concrete for \$4,000.00 to**



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**be performed in his spare time. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**

- **2025 Annual Township Report** - Chief Siewert reported on the 2025 Township Report. It runs through salaries, expenses, and township fees for 2025.
- **ISO Public Protection Classification (05)** - The community of Hamburg received a Public Protection Classification of 05 (We were at a 6). This should allow a lower score in the citizens' insurance underwriting process.
- **Carver County Hazard Mitigation Plan** - The Hamburg Fire Department met with Carver County representatives concerning natural disasters, with the biggest concern being tornadoes. Carver County would like the City of Hamburg to adopt its Resolution Number 2026-04.
- **Adopt Resolution Number 2026-04**
  - **MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to approve Resolution Number 2026-04. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Ducks/Pond**-The ducks were recently delivered to Chief Siewert's home where they will remain for about 30 days. A waterfowl net will be installed this year in the hopes of protecting the ducks from predatory wildlife. Steven also mentioned that they would like to eventually improve the pond, reinstall electricity, and install a new fence. A gumball-like machine was discussed that would provide duck feed to those visiting the park for feed.

### **Abdo Solutions (Independent Auditors) – Alex Trippel – 2025 Independent Audit**

- **2025 Financial Audit** - Alex with Abdo (6 years) stated that the City of Hamburg is in Compliance, no instances of noncompliance and there are no concerns. Alex reviewed the 2025 Audit Presentation Report with the City Council outlining the city's finances, debt, and performance indicators.

### **Gene & Diane Stier – 270 Railroad Street Railroad Street ROW/Property Line**

Gene and Diane Stier would like to tear out their existing retaining wall and install a new wall that will be around a foot or two into the right of way. Christophe with Melchert Hubert and Sjodin stated that there is a permit the City of Hamburg can issue to allow this. Diane Stier also voiced her concerns about people making U-turns on Railroad and hitting the retaining wall. Council agreed that additional research needs to be conducted. The Stiers also voiced their concern that they would like to proceed as quickly as possible! Clerk Gruenhagen will obtain an opinion for the City Engineer and check with Safebuilt on the retaining wall requirements per code.

### **Old City Business/New City Business**

- **Small Communities Planning Program (2050 Comp Plan)** - The Met Council will assist with direct planning and engineering services to assist with



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preparing the 2050 Comprehensive Plan. Resolution Number 2026-05 will be tabled and discussed at a future Council Meeting. In the meantime, Jeremy would like to send a letter of intent to participate in the Small Community Planning Program.

- **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve the letter of Intent to the Met Council/2050 Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Clarke Environment Mosquito Management Contract** - Included is the Mosquito spray schedule/costs. Contract Period of one year or three years.
  - **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve the Mosquito Management with Clarke Environmental for the 2026-2028 Seasons. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Sidewalk by Post Office (Connie Ricke)** - Connie Ricke called to inform the city that she had fallen and wanted to ensure we were aware so changes can be made if they are needed. Jeremy Gruenhagen mentioned placing some epoxy on the concrete and/or further research is needed. Mayor Lund agreed.
- **Community Center Flag Pole**-The Eagle was removed from the existing flag pole. Parts have been ordered. The flag will not be flown until the flap pole components are repaired.
- **Old MN State Flag** - The decision was made to create a Facebook Survey to ask the citizens which flag should be flown (or not flown). This issue will be tabled until the May City Council meeting, where the results from the survey can be presented.
- **Closure of Co. Rd. 50 (East End)** Signs are currently posted with the closure dates. Patching Project is expected to start April 27<sup>th</sup> and work is expected to take one week, weather permitting.
- **City Ordinances (Update)** – City is currently working on updating all the city ordinances. Jeremy did ask that citizens please email any input on current ordinances and any information on what they would like to see included.
- **Dick Malz** - He spoke concerning the Trebesch property (Salvage Yard for Parts) and expressed his displeasure on multiple fronts. He feels that there is junk on the property and that it seems to be getting worse. Dick also mentioned that more people need to express their feelings to the city on this matter.



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**Recess City Council**

Mayor Chris Lund called the Hamburg City Council Meeting to recess to discuss a potential offer to purchase a piece of property from PID 45.0281600.

**MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to recess the city council meeting at 8:00 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.**

**Move to Closed Session**

Mayor Lund moved to move to closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c)(3), to develop and consider making an offer to purchase part of Carver County Parcel 45.0281600, for an extension of George Street". He asked all parties not involved to exit City Hall.

**MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to closed the city council meeting at 8:02 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.**

**Re-Open City Council**

Mayor Lund called to reopen the city council meeting at 8:29 PM.

**MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to reopen the city council meeting at 8:29 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.**

**Appraisal for Parcel Split (Parcel 45.0281600)**

**MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved for an appraisal of both parcels split off of 45.0281600 and fee title to the right of way. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. 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) mentioned the markings on William Street. These markings are for patching pot holes/street repairs.
- Councilmember Mitch Polzin (Streets) had nothing further to report.
- Mayor Chris Lund, the newsletter should drop this week.

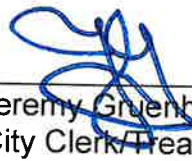


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**Adjourn City Council Meeting**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

**MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to adjourn the city council meeting at 8:33 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.**

Amended/Approved on May 22, 2026

  
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Jeremy Gruenhagen  
City Clerk/Treasurer