



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

### ***August 12, 2025***

Interim Mayor, Councilmember Tim Tracy called the Hamburg City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Jessica Weber, Tim Tracy, Eric Poppler, Mitch Polzin, City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen and Deputy Clerk Jenni Droege. Also in attendance, Hamburg Fire Department Chief Steven Siewart, Johnny Egan and Attorney Glenn P. Bruder, who is potentially representing a client. Mayer Chris Lund was absent.

**Public Comment** – Johnny Egan questioned why the new Hamburg signs do not include the current population. Clerk Gruenhagen will contact the county concerning that question.

### **Agenda Review and Adoption**

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

### **Consent Agenda**

- **Approve Payment of Added July 2025 Claims (\$4,712.27)**
- **Approve Payment of August 2025 Claims (\$34,550.30)**
- **Approve Minutes for January, February, March, April, May 2025**
- **Approve Time-Off Request (Jeremy Gruenhagen)**
- **Approve Temporary On-Sale Liquor Licenses for Hamburg Lions**
  - **October 4, 2025 & October 25, 2025**
- **Approve Liability Coverage Waiver Form (LMCIT)**
- **Approve Exempt Permit for Gambling (Central Booster Club – 10/4/25)**
- **Delinquent Utility Bills Report**
- **Transmission Line Work Notice (Xcel Energy)**

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

### **Hamburg Fire Department**

- Chief Siewert reported that the turnout was good for National Night Out and that he received positive feedback on the fire extinguisher simulator.
- **Zummerfest Celebration** - The committee is requesting that Railroad Street be closed for the 9/13/2025 celebration. They are also requesting an off-premise liquor license. Johnny Egan also mentioned the possibility of Cow Pie Bingo. Jeremy Gruenhagen asked about insurance coverage. Know it All's is currently looking into their policy and will get back to council.



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- **MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to approve the off-premise liquor license and Railroad St. closure pending proof of insurance coverage through Know It All's Bar. Seconded by councilmember Mitch Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.**
- Pera Retirement Fund - Chief Siewert will provide the retirement fund numbers at the next council meeting. He pointed out that he feels we can make an increase without any contribution from the city. This will be addressed during the 2026 Budget Process

### **Old City Business**

- Public Nuisance Violations, PID 45.0282020. This case is headed to court and is currently slated for November 5, 2025.
- Call Out Pay for Employees (Employee Handbook) Exempt employees will be paid \$50/day for scheduled rounds on the weekend and holidays and a minimum of 2 hours of over-time pay, at the current Public Works pay, for being called out after regular work hours/work duties.
  - **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve the amended language in the Employee Handbook concerning Call Out Pay/2-hour minimum. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**
- Cameras for Park/Hall/City Office - Cameras have been installed at the Hall (dumpster) and at the City Office.

### **New City Business**

- Fence Repair (East Ball Field) - An insurance claim was filed for the damage (tree fell on fence) to approximately 50 feet of the fence from one of the July storms. Both Midwest Fence and Mfg. (\$3,993.00) and Century Fence (\$3,549.00) have provided quotes.
  - **MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to award Century Fence the contract at \$3,549.00. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**
- 2026 Budget Items - Hall Improvements with a potential upgrade to the existing bathrooms. The Toolcat was in the shop for another repair, as a result of the age of the machine it may make fiscal sense to look at the cost of a new machine and trade-in value on the current machine. The council was in agreement that they would like to know the trade in value of the current machine and pricing of a new machine. The Community Center roof is in need of repair and it is being looked into/estimate gathered.
- The Hunt and Fish Club is looking at replacing their fish fry trailer and want to explore all options. With that being said they would like to know if the council would consider letting them install a full commercial kitchen in the basement



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of the hall, specifically for their fish fry. Although some on the council don't feel this is financially feasible for the Hunt & Fish Club, they are willing to proceed to the next step and look into drawings/estimates, etc. The major concern of all on the council is the potential deep fry/fish smell.

**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) would like to see all trees removed and or trimmed from the power lines. Councilmember Tracy is also in agreement with Councilmember Polzin.
- Councilmember Mitch Polzin (Streets) would like to see all trees removed and or trimmed from the power lines. He also commented that we pay a fee on our bill every month for this service and it needs to be taken care of.
- Mayor Chris Lund – Per Clerk Gruenhagen the City Newsletter will go out shortly.

**Adjourn City Council Meeting**

**MOTION: Councilmember Jessic Weber moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:55 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present**

Amended/Approved on November 19, 2025

  
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Jeremy Gruenhagen  
City Clerk/Treasurer