



HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2025

Mayor Chris Lund 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 were Hamburg Fire Department Chief Steven Siewert and Maintenance/Public Works Jason Buckentin.

Public Comment – No Public Comment.

Agenda Review and Adoption

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

Consent Agenda

- **Approve Payment of Added August 2025 Claims (\$10,234.46)**
- **Approve Payment of September 2025 Claims (\$29,352.73)**
- **Approve Minutes for June/July 2025**
- **Approve Time-Off Request (Jeremy Gruenhagen)**
- **Approve Temporary On-Sale Liquor Licenses for Hamburg Lions**
 - **November 8, 2025 & November 21, 2025**
- **Delinquent Utility Bills Report**
- **2026 Prosecution Contract w/Carver County (Rate Increase)**
- **Notice of Public Hearings for Xcel Energy (Rate Increases)**

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

Hamburg Fire Department

- Chief Siewert included the 2025 HFDRA PERA Report. Steven reported the pension fund is 120% funded. He stated that it is time to think about contributions. Council did not have any questions. Steven encouraged everyone to reach out with any questions that may arise.
- **Zummerfest** - Saturday morning Railroad Street will be shut down at Know It All's to the back of the bar for the street dance. It will open again Sunday morning. Steven also mentioned that the money from Cow Pie Bingo goes back to the winner(s). Clerk Gruenhagen stated that we do need a copy of the liability insurance. The Chief commented that he will provide that to the city.
- **Ice Machine** - The Fire Department will be purchasing an upright freezer and an ice machine.
- **Additional Fire Hydrants**. Chief asked the City to continue to replace old hydrants.



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Central Trap Team-Andy Storms

- Andy, the Central Trap Chairman, is looking for an Exempt Gambling Permit for the annual Gun Bingo. Mayor Lund will be calling for Bingo. The Hamburg Lions will provide the bartending.
- **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve the Exempt Gambling Permit for the Central Trap Team for December 13, 2025. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**

Old City Business

- City Limits Sign (Population) - At the previous meeting a resident had asked why the population is not on the city signs. City council members are willing to have the County add small plaques with the current city population as it is no cost to the City.
- Water Tower Cleaning - In order to avoid the water tower running for a week during cleaning a holding tank has been reserved. This would cost the city \$1,500.00. This will prevent water/chemicals and electricity from being wasted during that time period and save the City money overall. Council had no objection.

New City Business

- PID 45.0281600 - Purchase Land to extend George St. to Park Ave.- In the event that Brad Street is closed, alternative access is needed to the Brad/George/David Kim neighborhood. The city has asked the Engineers to investigate the feasibility of this potential project. Currently, this is just an exploratory stage regarding cost, etc.
- 2026 Proposed Budget - 2025/2026 Budget Items.
 - Toolcat and Garage Door (Band Shelter). The current Toolcat has recently cost \$1,721.00 in repairs and over \$12,000 in repairs the last few years. A new toolcat is estimated to cost \$67,915.67 with a trade-in on the existing Toolcat (\$28,000) which leaves a balance of \$39,915.67. The grapple hooks are expected to cost \$4,086.89.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to purchase a new Toolcat and grapple bucket/hooks for \$44,002.65 using funds out of the city equipment replacement fund (City Savings Account). Seconded by council member Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**
 - The garage door is expected to cost around \$2,500.00. The pitching machine will be stored at the Band Shelter. It was discussed by council that money has been put away for instances such as this along with money that has been specifically put away for a new lawn mower if the current mower should have any issues



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- Budget Workshop (September 16th) - Chief Siewert would like to buy a Pond Net to protect the ducks for next year. He is unsure if the net will need funding or if donations will suffice. This was discussed including the fire department side of the roof, the city hall front door, a bobcat gutter sweeping attachment, tool budget, lumber allowance, street improvement projects, a grass rescue truck (\$20,000), pavement replacement in the park around the band shelter and big shed, tree removal/replacement, updating of the video system in the park, update to the hall men's and women's bathrooms, updated PA system, Hydrant replacement, continued Hydro-jetting Sewer lines, pump servicing and the potential land purchase to extend George St. Clerk Gruenhagen spoke about the possibility of asking for additional grant money to help with the disposal of the trees/brush at the ponds, due to the amount of debris from the storms this summer.
- Hold Second Council Meeting on September 23, 2025. Council would like to move the budget workshop and second council meeting to September 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM.
- **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to combine the budget workshop and second council meeting to September 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM. 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) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Mitch Polzin (Streets) had nothing further to report.
- Mayor Chris Lund – The newsletter will go out shortly with Mayor In-Time on Oct 6th.

Adjourn City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:54 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present

Amended/Approved on November 19, 2025


Jeremy Gruenhagen
City Clerk/Treasurer