

City of Fontanelle
August 12, 2025

The Fontanelle City Council met in regular session at the Community Center, with Pro Tem Mayor Brown calling the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Council members attending were Brown, Connors, Edwards, Goetz. Young was absent. All motions are carried out unanimously, unless otherwise noted. City employees, Dodson and Ernst were present.

Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brown read council member Brown's resignation. Connors motioned to accept the resignation, Edwards 2nd. Roll call, all Ayes. Young absent.

Connors motioned to appoint Brown as Mayor, Goetz 2nd. Roll call: Connors, Edwards and Goetz Aye. Young absent. Brown took oath of office.

Intent letters from Nancy Embree, Shawn McClellan, Shawna Herr and Amando Guerrero for a council member were reviewed. Edwards motioned to appoint Herr, Goetz 2nd. Roll call: Edwards & Goetz, Aye. Connors, nah. Young absent. Motion did not pass. Connors motioned to change vote and appoint Herr, seconded by Edwards. Roll Call: All Aye. Young absent. Herr took the oath of office.

Resolution 2025.18. Edwards motioned to appoint Goetz as Pro Tem Mayor, Herr seconded. All Aye. Young absent.

No public comment heard.

Connors motioned to approve the consent agenda items (agenda, July 8 & 16 2025, minutes, financial statements and bills for payment), seconded by Goetz.

No Mayor's report.

Council person Goetz reported receiving many complaint calls.

Clerk's report by Dodson: IPERS annual statement, building permit approval form, laptop conversion Aug 18, holiday Sept 1 and dog complaint has been sent to our attorney for review.

No police report.

Utility report was read by Ernst. Many locates, weed eating by electrical units, county widened 250th street, working on transformer at coop, fixed intake on 5th street, cleaned shop area, sewer bypasses, break in sewer main at 4th & Scott, many ditches need clean out, speed sign being repaired and put dehumidifier in community center.

Connors motioned not to give cost of living raises but only give performance raises, Edwards seconded. Resolution 2025.15 did not pass.

Edwards moved to approve the 202 4th St Place building permit pending locates, setbacks and payment, Goetz 2nd.

Edwards motioned to table building permit at 322 8th St for more information, Connors 2nd.

Edwards moved to approve building permit 412 Main pending locates, setbacks & payment, Connors 2nd.

Connors motioned to deny a request for the city to take down a tree at 102 Scott, Edwards 2nd.

Edwards moved to contract residents with private wells and give the chose to have a meter installed at their expense or pay an average of per person of city water usage for sewer expense, Goetz 2nd. Goetz, Edwards & Herr, Aye. Connors, nah.

Connors moved to approve **Resolution 2025.17** wage increase for McIntire for water distribution license, Edwards seconded.

Connors motioned to transfer the water distribution license from Greenfield Municipal Utilities to Fontanelle Municipal Utilities as of September 1, 2025, Edwards seconded.

Edwards moved to table water and sewer rate increases for more information, Connors 2nd.

Edwards moved to set a working codification meeting for August 20, 2025, 6-8 pm, City Hall, Connors 2nd.

Police position applicant requested a closed session for a professional review. Connors motioned to enter a closed session at 7:14 pm, Goetz seconded. Mayor Brown requests all in attendance to be vacated.

Edwards moved to return to open session at 7:52 pm, Herr 2nd.

Edwards moved to amend the working meeting start time to 6:15 pm, August 20, 2025, and set a special meeting for 6 pm August 20, 2025, to discuss hiring requirements for a police candidate, Connors 2nd.

No consent agenda items.

Next agenda item: hiring for police position, water/sewer rates and tabled building permit.

Goetz moved to approve September 9, 2025, 6 pm as the next regular council meeting, Connors 2nd.

No closing comments.

Goetz motioned to adjourn at 8:04 pm, Edwards 2nd.

Bills paid to approve since July 8, 2025, meeting

BILLS PAID		
CMS	processing fee	\$342.65
CMS	July correction	-\$206.10
Cyber Solutions	processing fee	\$80.00
Farmers Electric	utilities	\$198.37
FNB	processing fee	\$25.78
IA Dept Rev	sales tax- JULY 2024	\$1,048.92
IA Dept Rev	WET tax-JULY 2024	\$969.57
IPAIT	electricity	\$11,540.11
IPERS	IPERS-JULY 2025	\$3,080.67
IRS	FICA 7/11/25	\$2,268.04
IRS	FICA 7/25/25	\$2,147.89
IRS	FICA 8/8/25	\$2,096.62
United Healthcare	healthcare	\$4,787.78
Verizon	utilities	\$124.09
Visa	supplies	\$751.39
Windstream	utilities	\$103.40
TO BE APPROVED		
1st National Ins	insurance	\$1,798.00
21st Century	supplies	\$631.00
Adair Co Landfill	landfill fees	\$178.20
Alex Air Apparatus	FD gear	\$4,127.68
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$77.13
Appliance Repair of Bridgewater	service	\$111.00
Border States	supplies	\$485.78
Atlantic, City of	monthly sewer contract	\$1,755.00
Casey's	supplies	\$89.31
CIPCO	Excess tax	\$756.00
Creston Publishing	printing	\$438.82
Dept of Energy	power purchase	\$13,460.85
Echo	supplies	\$223.50
Edsall, Richard	lease	\$144.00
Farmers Lumber	supplies	\$11.99
Forward Fontanelle	electricity	\$8,110.12
Fontanelle Observer	newspaper	\$52.00
Grantham Sanitation	Utilities	\$145.00

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GMU	Utilities	\$4,653.73
GMU	contract	\$19,081.48
Greenfield Ace	supplies	\$302.98
Greenfield Lumber	postage	\$42.83
IA DNR	license	\$210.00
Iowa One Call	service	\$19.80
Maguire Iron	inspection	\$1,850.00
Matheson Tri-gas	supplies	\$177.40
Municipal Supply	supplies	\$1,416.00
Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$2,162.22
Municipal Utilities	transfers	\$16,736.42
Neonlink	processing fees	\$86.80
Jim Scott	electricity	\$6.42
State Hygienic Lab	service	\$375.50
John Stuart	electricity	\$17.74
SW IA Pest	service	\$226.00
Sunbelt Solomon	supplies	\$535.00
Visa	supplies	\$1,056.88
Wallace Auto Supply	supplies	\$44.37
Windstream	utilities	\$189.50
Totals		\$111,895.63

Revenues JULY 2025

General Fund	\$5,461.58
Road Use Tax	\$7,384.92
Employee Benefit	\$854.73
Urban Renewal	\$0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$16,792.32
Meter Deposits	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$17,285.54
Water Sinking	\$3,751.42
Sewer Fund	\$19,297.56
Sewer Sinking	\$12,985.00
Electric Fund	\$61,093.36
Library Fund	\$12,508.31
Landfill Fund	\$1,132.16
Totals	\$158,546.90

Expenditures JULY 2025

General Fund	\$37,516.99
Road Use Tax	4809.41
Employee Benefit	\$84.49
Urban Renewal	\$0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$0.00
Meter Deposits	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$20,004.49
Water Sinking	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$24,749.66
Sewer Sinking	\$0.00
Electric Fund	\$49,561.50
Library Fund	\$2,707.97
Landfill Fund	\$2,535.00
Totals	\$141,969.51

Attest: City Clerk, Mary Dodson