

City of Fontanelle
September 9, 2025

The Fontanelle City Council met in regular session at the Community Center, with Mayor Brown calling the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Council members attending were Connors, Goetz, Herr and Young. Edwards was absent. All motions are carried out unanimously, unless otherwise noted. City employee, Dodson, was present.

Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

One public concern was heard regarding barking dogs.

Connors moved to approve consent agenda (agenda, minutes from Aug 12 & 20, 2025, financials & bills to pay), Herr seconded.

No Mayor's report.

Connors reported a building permit at 322 8th Street should not be charged a fee due to previous mayor Walker waiving one permit charge. Connors moved to approve with locates, no infringement on the alley and remove hoop building after project is done, Young 2nd. Connors & Young, aye. Herr & Goetz, nah. Failed.

Clerk's report by Dodson: October 1-3 & 15-17, 2025 city hall will be closed, have a building permit approval form, laptop conversion is complete, and codification is working on first draft.

No police report.

Utility report was read by Brown. Coop electrical project complete, west 3rd street project continues, changed 3 transformers, installed new water and electrical service at 416 2nd St, water leak on 250th street, lagoon repair, changed ceiling tile in community center & a letter has been received re sewer bypasses from the Iowa Dept of Natural Resources.

Connors motioned to authorize and approve the Confidentiality Agreement by and between IPPA, MRES, NIMECA, SIMECA, Goetz seconded.

Scott Tonderum of Greenfield Municipal Utilities on behalf of SIMECA introduced the confidential project.

Motion by Connors to move to close session pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 21.5(1)(a), 388.9(1) and 21.5(1)(k) at 6:29 pm, Herr 2nd.

Connors motioned to return to open session, Young 2nd.

Motion by Connors that Fontanelle Municipal Utilities shall participate through SIMECA in the IPPA MISO tranche 2.1 transmission project, Young 2nd.

Goetz moved to approve **Resolution 2025.19** City Street Finance Report, Herr 2nd.

Goetz motioned to continue using JDH Law service, Connors 2nd.

Herr moved to approve 509 Main St building permit pending locates & setbacks, Connors 2nd.

Connors motioned to approve 122 Main St building permit with proper setbacks and locates, Herr 2nd. Young abstained.

Goetz moved to offer a part-time officer position for 20-25 hours with a 2-week rotating schedule, starting wage \$18.50 to increase to \$19.50 after a completed Iowa officer certification, no insurance or benefits, and a 5-year contract. If candidate leaves before 5 years, 20% of a \$4K certification fee to be repaid per year of balance of years of contract left, Herr 2nd. Goetz, Herr, Young: Aye. Connors, nah.

Connors motioned to accept utility supervisor, Hunter Ernst's resignation, Young 2nd.

Connors moved to advertise for a full-time utility employee, preferred experience, pay depends on experience, wage range \$20-\$30 per hour, closing application acceptance Oct 1, 2025, Young 2nd.

Connors motioned to leave the existing contract as is and not send a cancellation letter to Greenfield Municipal Utilities, Young seconded.

No consent agenda items were discussed.

No items noted for October agenda.

Connors moved to approve October 14, 2025, 6 pm as the next regular council meeting, Goetz 2nd.

In closing forum Brenda with Midwest Partnerships presented the council continuing education material.

Connors motioned to adjourn at 7:53 pm, Goetz 2nd.

Bills paid to approve since Aug 12, 2025, meeting

| | BILLS PAID | |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| CMS | processing fee | \$459.78 |
| Cyber Solutions | processing fee | \$80.00 |
| Farmers Electric | utilities | \$207.41 |
| FNB | processing fee | \$25.78 |
| IA Dept Rev | sales tax- AUG 2025 | \$1,014.06 |
| IA Dept Rev | WET tax-AUG 2025 | \$1,026.14 |
| IPAIT | electricity | \$14,988.99 |
| IPERS | IPERS-AUG 2025 | \$2,989.22 |
| IRS | FICA 8/22/25 | \$2,195.80 |
| IRS | FICA 9/5/25 | \$2,248.76 |

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| United Healthcare | healthcare | \$4,787.78 |
| Verizon | utilities | \$124.09 |
| | TO BE APPROVED | |
| 21st Century | supplies | \$442.10 |
| Adair Co Treasurer | property taxes | \$293.50 |
| Agriland FS | supplies | \$1,138.95 |
| Alex Air Apparatus | FD gear | \$858.20 |
| Alliant Energy | Utilities | \$70.15 |
| Border States | supplies | \$739.11 |
| Atlantic, City of | monthly sewer contract | \$1,250.00 |
| Cooper, Jared | overpayment | \$769.20 |
| Creston Publishing | printing | \$206.06 |
| Cummins Sales | service | \$849.41 |
| Dearborn | Insurance | \$170.40 |
| Dept of Energy | power purchase | \$13,622.50 |
| Direct It Services | IT services | \$857.15 |
| Echo | supplies | \$510.95 |
| Farmers Lumber | supplies | \$190.82 |
| Grantham Sanitation | Utilities | \$145.00 |
| GMU | Utilities | \$4,220.12 |
| GMU | contract - Sept 2024 | \$2,303.92 |
| GMU | contract-July 2025 | \$3,667.41 |
| GMU | contract-Aug 2025 | \$4,804.70 |
| Greenfield Lumber | postage | \$122.23 |
| Iowa One Call | service | \$28.90 |
| McIntire, Sam | safety boots | \$310.29 |
| Municipal Utilities | Utilities | \$2,540.85 |
| Municipal Utilities | transfers | \$16,736.42 |
| Neonlink | processing fees | \$84.00 |
| Stamper, Samantha | deposit return | \$96.24 |
| Van Wert Co | supplies | \$597.88 |
| Visa | supplies | \$675.11 |
| Wallace Auto Supply | supplies | \$83.95 |
| Windstream | utilities | \$531.76 |
| Totals | | \$89,065.09 |

Revenues AUG 2025

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|------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund | \$4,125.24 |
| Road Use Tax | \$7,730.71 |
| Employee Benefit | \$0.00 |
| Urban Renewal | \$0.00 |
| Local Option Sales Tax | \$16,002.32 |
| Meter Deposits | \$0.00 |
| Debt Service | \$0.00 |
| Water Fund | \$16,498.12 |

Expenditures AUG 2025

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|------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund | \$12,146.32 |
| Road Use Tax | 3716.59 |
| Employee Benefit | \$95.91 |
| Urban Renewal | \$0.00 |
| Local Option Sales Tax | \$0.00 |
| Meter Deposits | \$0.00 |
| Debt Service | \$0.00 |
| Water Fund | \$31,013.78 |

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| Water Sinking | \$3,751.42 | Water Sinking | \$0.00 |
| Sewer Fund | \$18,577.25 | Sewer Fund | \$22,496.50 |
| Sewer Sinking | \$12,985.00 | Sewer Sinking | \$0.00 |
| Electric Fund | \$64,896.57 | Electric Fund | \$51,908.80 |
| Library Fund | \$508.18 | Library Fund | \$4,353.43 |
| Landfill Fund | \$1,080.14 | Landfill Fund | \$500.00 |
| Totals | \$146,154.95 | Totals | \$126,231.33 |

Attest: City Clerk, Mary Dodson