

The City Council met in Special Session in Council Chambers. Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk, Jesse Hall, called the roll and the following Alderpersons answered to their names: Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, William Janis, Christopher J. Rilea, Brenda Stadsholt, James "Gus" Stroh and Ross McDowell. Absent: Richard "Tayler" Shore.

A quorum was present. The minutes were recorded by City Clerk, Jesse Hall.

The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was repeated by all City Officials and guests.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Bryant asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of March 3, 2026.

**ACTION TAKEN:** There being none, the minutes are approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Alderperson Rilea made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Janis.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Bryant asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Treasurer's Report. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**FINANCE REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Stadsholt made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Bryant asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Finance Report. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Stadsholt, Stroh, McDowell and Cooper

Voting No: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Public Works Director, Jay Sarff, reported on the following items:

- I do plan to start interviews next week for a full-time public works employee. Therefore, I should have somebody on the agenda at the next regular council meeting.
- I also would like to hire a part-time employee just for the back of the garbage truck.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Police Chief, Jeremiah Hindahl, reported on the following item:

- Next meeting I am going to have a couple positions filled. Two police officers and one dispatcher and that will be on the next agenda to vote on.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Fire Marshal, Matthew Fliege, reported on the following item:

- I am just going to take a few minutes and talk about the bad weather we had a couple of weeks ago. Kind of give you an overview on how the timeline works for bad weather for Havana. Usually what happens when we know we are going to have tornado activity or severe thunderstorms. I am notified from the Weather Service in Lincoln a couple days ahead of time. They setup webinars with the most up-to-date information. It is usually a couple of days in advance and then they do it again about 12 hours ahead of when they predict our area is going to be impacted. So I always sit in on those if I am unable to actually be in the webinar they send me the slides by email. In the case of a couple weeks ago I had a lot of people inquiring as to why they did not hear a tornado siren at midnight when a tornado was trying to form over Havana. Havana city limits went under a thunderstorm warning at 11:38pm and then went under a tornado warning at 11:57pm. At 11:49pm is when we saw the brunt of that problem and that is when the tornado itself is actually trying to form as it is moving over Havana. The tornado watch that was issued earlier in the day, is specifically for that reason a tornado has to form somewhere or at some time. It just so happened that there was no indication that the tornado was trying to form until it was over Havana. I got the notification just a couple of minutes before everyone else did, but by that time, it is already past Havana. The tornado itself did not form until three miles outside of Havana.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FINANCE AND PURCHASING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Cooper made a motion to pay the remaining balance for the 2026 fireworks out of the H/M tax fund, seconded by Alderperson Stadsholt.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Bryant asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PLANNING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PROPERTY AND ZONING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Stadsholt made a motion to approve Construction Engineering Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project with Maurer-Stutz, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Bryant asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the resignation of Dispatcher, Jaylee Hopkins, seconded by Alderperson Janis.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Bryant asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

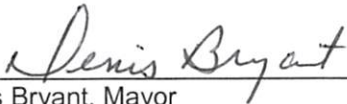
**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson McDowell and seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



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Denis Bryant, Mayor



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Jesse Hall, City Clerk

**Guests:** Matthew Fliege  
Jeremiah Hindahl  
Alex Noble  
Jay Sarff  
Carson Harris  
Jim Harris