

The City Council met in Regular 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, Richard "Tayler" Shore, Brenda Stadsholt, James "Gus" Stroh and Ross McDowell.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

DISCUSSION: Good evening Mayor and City Council members,

I am Margaux Procarione and I reside at 614 E Washington St. here in Havana. I am asking the council to please consider constructing and voting on a city ordinance concerning fires that happen within city limits when we have dry weather, high winds, or when a burn ban has already been issued.

The reason I bring this up is because of the fires that occurred last week that resulted in property damage here in Havana. I would like this to be put in place to preserve and to protect life and property within our community.

I have several ideas/suggestions for the Council members:

- 1). That a citation be issued if a city burn ban has been issued.
- 2). That a citation should be issued to a Havana resident that started a fire if a burn ban has been issued and emergency services have been dispatched to the fire.
- 3). That a citation should be issued if emergency services have been dispatched to a fire call whether or not a burn ban has been issued because of damage to someone else's property or has caused injury to another individual or animal.
- 4). That law enforcement including code enforcement while on duty be allowed to enforce this ordinance if they observe a fire within the city limits only if a burn ban has been issued whether or not there was a call for emergency services.
- 5). In order for the city ordinance to be a deterrent, I would suggest that the fee be significantly high.
- 6). A city ordinance in this case would not only protect the residents of Havana and their property.

Thank you for your time.

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of February 17, 2026.

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

FINANCE REPORT

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

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: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson Shore made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Janis.

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

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

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 talked with Maguire Iron about the mess at the water tower. The hold up on it is the landfill. So hopefully they will have that cleaned up in a couple of weeks.
- We received a letter from the IEPA on February 2, 2026. It said that out of the lead testing we have been doing every year we test low enough that we do not have to do the 20-40 test every year like we have been doing. They gave us a special monitoring required permit so we will only have to monitor 10 sites every three years now.
- Alderperson Rilea typed up a public statement regarding the lead service lines that explains some of the issues that complicate the location and/or replacement process for the lines. We are going to revise that a little bit and we will be posting that out.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

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

- The only thing I have is under personnel there is going to be some resignations. We had some personnel change, two are going to Mason City and Daniel Lenning is going into conservation. In addition, I just had a dispatcher put her resignation letter in. We will have her resignation on the March 17, 2026 agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea reported that he would have a committee meeting prior to the next City Council meeting about considering putting in language to 8.36.010 that states that Fire Chief can declare burn bans in Havana. Keeping the same penalty in place 1.16 and making North Pearl and East Madison a 4 way stop.

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 accept the bid from Petersburg Plumbing for the Water Service Line Identification project, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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

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

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Yesterday, at the standing committee meeting we were talking about the fact that this is the United States 250th birthday on July 4, 2026 and that we would like to have a small committee meet and talk about getting banners or something to decorate our downtown.
- Today a group of 17 high school students participated in the first stage of our new Portrait of a Graduate project. The student focus group was the first of four groups (parents, educators and employers being the others) collaborating on redefining what a graduate of Havana High School will be capable of after they walk across the stage.
- 2nd Annual Mrs. Roper's Romp is on May 9, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Downtown Havana.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer, Daniel Lenning, 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, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer, Kyle McBride, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer, James Stark, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the resignation of Public Works employee, Jerred Carroll, 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, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to go into closed session under Open Meetings Act 2 (C) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.

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, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to come out of closed session. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

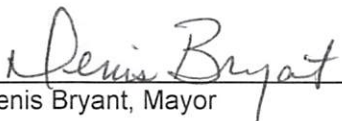
DISCUSSION: None

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 7:49 p.m.



Denis Bryant, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests:

- Matthew Fliege
- Jeremiah Hindahl
- Jay Sarff
- Carson Harris
- Jim Harris