

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 9, 2026
REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Oakland City Council met in the Oakland City Services Building and was called to order by Mayor Brant Miller (electronically) at 7:00p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Council Members present were Bernard, Ford, Perkins and Reed. Applegate absent. City staff present were City Administrator/Clerk Marissa Lockwood, Public Works Director Josh Billings and Library Director Kari Rose. Others present were Kevin Schechinger, Pottawattamie County Supervisor Susan Miller, Cindy Kenealy and Mike Bane. Motion by Ford, second by Bernard to approve the agenda. 4 ayes, motion carried.

Open forum was held. Supervisor Miller provided information about the Highway 59 bridge replacement that will begin April 1 and continue through September 2026. The next Pottawattamie County Town Hall meeting will be held in Underwood on March 25th from 6:00-8:00p.m. Miller also discussed the Veteran’s Memorial Wall that will be coming to Lewis Central School Memorial Day weekend and asked for volunteer assistance and for residents to visit the wall. Cindy Kenealy asked for permission to water newly planted grass after having a sewer line replaced. Council said it would be allowed at very minimal amounts and either early morning or late at night.

Motion by Perkins to approve the consent agenda including February Clerk Report, March Claims, February Library Report, February Golf Course Report, February Sheriff’s Report, February Animal Control Report, minutes from February 9th regular session, fire department minutes, Pool committee minutes from March 1st, and liquor license renewal for Buck Snort. Second by Reed. Roll call. 4 ayes, motion carried.

Public hearing concerning conveyance of city owned real estate; lots 10, 11 and 14 of Dobbs Subdivision was opened at 7:09p.m. No public comments were received. Public hearing closed at 7:10p.m. Motion by Ford to approve Resolution 2026-03-01 “Approving the Conveyance of Real Estate by the City of Oakland, Iowa – Lot 10 Dobbs Subdivision”. Second by Perkins. Roll call. 4 ayes, motion carried. Motion by Ford, second by Bernard to approve Resolution 2026-03-02 “Approving the Conveyance of Real Estate by the City of Oakland, Iowa – Lot 11 Dobbs Subdivision”. Roll call. 4 ayes, motion carried. Motion by Reed, second by Perkins to approve Resolution 2026-03-03 “Approving the Conveyance of Real Estate by the City of Oakland, Iowa – Lot 14 Dobbs Subdivision”. Roll call. 4 ayes, motion carried.

Public hearing concerning a request for variances for 502 Oakland Avenue was opened at 7:12p.m. Planning and Zoning met and suggested the variances be approved, to allow residential structures to be built closer to the property lines than currently allowed by ordinance and to allow the lots to be smaller than currently allowed by ordinance. No public comments. Public hearing closed at 7:13p.m. Motion by Reed, second by Ford to approve the request for variances for the property at 502 Oakland Avenue. 4 ayes, motion carried.

Kevin Schechinger and Bernard gave an update on the pool committee’s activities and progress. Approximately \$5000 was raised at the Fire & Ice event. One member has resigned and will need to find a replacement. Setting up a meeting with the Community Foundation.

Kari Rose informed the Council that she has received a grant from the American Library Association for \$10,000 to update the front door to an ADA door opener and update the electrical in the front office area of the library. Rose will come back with bids for the project.

Rose discussed the Fourth of July event. Asked about a water slide and dunk tank with the current water restrictions, Council stated it will have to be evaluated at the time of the event based on the then current water situation. Motion by Bernard to approve the fireworks display agreement with J & M Displays for the show on Friday, July 3, 2026 in the amount of \$7275. Second by Ford. 4 ayes, motion carried.

Source Water Wells project was discussed. Motion by Ford to approve 2023 Wells Project Pay Application 3 from Western Iowa Utilities in the amount of \$154,530.47. Second by Reed. 4 ayes, motion carried. Motion by Reed, second by Bernard to approve 2024 Well Project Pay Application 3 from Western Iowa Utilities in the amount of \$75,737.49. 4 ayes, motion carried.

Bids for chip seal resurfacing of Hurricane Lane, Idlewood Road and Cyclone Street were reviewed. Motion by Reed, second by Perkins to approve the bid from Midwest Coatings in the amount of \$227,500.67 due to them using quartzite and a better preparation of the surface. 4 ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Reed, second by Perkins to approve the employee health insurance renewal with Wellmark with a 12.9% increase. 4 ayes, motion carried.

Bank proposal discussion was delayed until the special meeting due to needing more information.

Billings gave the Crew Report. Will be fixing a leak on Walnut Street, raw water line for new wells is in under the river and just need to get it connected to the old line, met with engineers to look over more details of the building at 308 Oakland Avenue for water treatment plant plan.

Lockwood gave the Clerk’s Report. Provided information on the Veteran’s Memorial Mural that is going in Chautauqua Park, donations can be given at the museum or an account at First Interstate Bank. Iowa League of Cities Municipal Leadership Academy third session is coming up in April. Reminder of special meeting for Proposed Property Tax hearing on March 30th at 5:00p.m.

Miller gave the Mayor’s Report. Working with Dan Easton on a subdivision, meeting with Advance Southwest Iowa to discuss rural economic development options for funding and have a call with the bond attorney concerning TIF options for the area.

Motion by Perkins, second by Ford to adjourn. 4 ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment 7:49p.m.

AGRIVISION	REPAIRS/SERVICE	347.13
AHLERS & COONEY	LEGAL FEES	33,350.00
ANDERSON SERVICE	WINDOW WASHING	100.00
AVAILA BANK	PAY OFF SEWER INTERIM LOAN	2,865,847.66
BILLINGS JOSH	PHONE REIMB MAR 2026	40.00
BURNHAM ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAL REPAIRS	2,135.49
ECHO ELECTRIC - GENERATORS	GENERATOR REPAIR	625.15
HACH COMPANY	ANALYSIS SUPPLIES	1,619.48
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	7,055.32
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX/WET FEE JAN 2026	6,209.67
IMFOA	DUES	100.00
IOWA ASSOC OF MUNICIPAL UTILIT	DUES	870.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	PAY OFF SEWER P&D SRF LOAN	347,900.00
J & M DISPLAYS	FIREWORKS 7/3/26	7,275.00
JP LUMBER	FENCE SCREEN REPAIRS/SUPPLIES	29.76
KIESEL GALE	PHONE REIMB MARCH 2026	40.00

M K MILLS TREE SERVICE INC	GARBAGE CHARGES FEB 2026	11,444.87
MATHESON TRI GAS	CHEMICALS	490.50
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	26,634.93
MIDWEST LABORATORIES INC	ANALYSIS	425.10
MILLER, BRANT	TRAINING REIMB	282.01
NAPA OAKLAND	SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	151.84
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	COMM BLDG DEPOSIT REFUND	250.00
OMNITEL COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	413.48
ORKIN	PEST CONTROL	139.47
PITNEY BOWES BANK INC	POSTAGE	200.00
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE/PO BOX FEE	454.31
POTT COUNTY TREASURER	PCRC USAGE FEB 2026	687.70
PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP	BENEFITS FEB/MAR	28.44
QUICK MED CLAIMS LLC	EMS BILLING	823.10
SMITH JR VIRGIL	PHONE REIMB MARCH 2026	40.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING FEES	10,410.90
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	MONITOR ARM	48.65
UNIFIRST CORPORATION-AR	MATS, MOPS, RAGS	248.63
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	COPIER	143.75
VC3 INC	IT IN A BOX	866.09
VISUAL EDGE IT INC	COPIER	95.35
WARD LUKE CONSTRUCTION	ROCK & HAULING CYCLONE/IDLEWOOD	844.00
WELLMARK BC/BS OF IOWA	HEALTH BENEFITS FEB 2026	18,943.82
WESTERN IOWA UTILITIES	PR 3 SEWER/WELLS PAY APP 2/WTR MAIN REP	136,877.06
WILLIAMS TATEN	COMM BLDG DEPOSIT REFUND	125.00
TOTAL		3,484,613.66

General Fund	Income	96484.05	Expense	128154.24
Local Option Fund	Income	20460.45	Expense	0
TIF Fund	Income	1218.52	Expense	0
Debt Service Fund	Income	740.75	Expense	0
Subdivision Fund	Income	0	Expense	2397.50
Water Fund	Income	436436.77	Expense	638245.56
Sewer Fund	Income	3245792.68	Expense	2888444.61
Sanitation Fund	Income	14910.28	Expense	7917.15
Road Use Fund	Income	2028.30	Expense	11393.29
February Totals	Income	3818071.80	Expense	3676552.35

Mayor

City Administrator/Clerk