

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL, VICTOR, IOWA, APRIL 23RD, 2026

The city council met in regular session at City Hall at 6:00 P.M. Present were council members, Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Absent, Craig and Smith. Mayor Eric Refer called the meeting to order.

Public forum: Sharon G. asked what the balance of the park was and \$8676.01 was given. She also asked about nuisances in yard that were brought up. Joel will get pictures and will send them to Melanie. She will review and send to lawyer with questions.

Motion Faga, second Sternhagen to approve the permit for V. Kalamabhaetti for an addition to 804 8th St. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried. Motion Sternhagen, second Faga to approve a fence and shed in the backyard for R. Robertson at 809 4th St. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Josh Scanlan with HRGreen attended the meeting. He delivered packets for the council members to review. A special meeting will be had for the members to discuss with him questions they have after review. He quickly explained there are 4 options to consider. He was impressed with the City's low violation notice with the treatment plant.

Mayor Refer opened the Public Hearing to adopt the 2026-2027 Budget. No public complaints were filed or spoken. Motion Sternhagen, second Faga to close public hearing. Public hearing was closed. Motion Sternhagen, second Faga to adopt the 2026-2027 Budget. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion Faga, second Rhinehart to approve the alcohol renewal license for the American Legion Hall. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion Faga, second Rhinehart to approve the Settlement Statement for the Baustian Land purchase for \$341,534.99, which includes lawyer fees, title opinion fees and final abstracting. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion Sternhagen, second Faga to approve the Settlement Statement for the Advanced Rigging, LLC building purchase for \$139,357.21, which includes lawyer fees, title opinion fees and final abstracting. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion Faga, second Sternhagen to approve the tobacco license renewal for D&P Tavern. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Eric updated the council about the matching grant funds. Cindy and Eric worked with Laura Sauser to turn in updating the basketball court as a project for the City of Victor it was due April 15th, to the Community Foundation Grant and will be awarded in June if selected.

Joel gave updates for the water treatment plant and sewer plant. He gave a quote from J. DeNeve lawn care. The council is going to look into buying a sprayer and renting a utv for a week for application. They will review prices at the next meeting. Joel also gave updates about the water boil issue. He stated the chorine pump malfunctioned. To prevent this from happening again Nick and Joel are going to have a double system set up. He talked about a customer needing a new sewer line put in and was discussing cheaper options with the council. The council stated to look into boring a new line, but if not would need to keep his line running in the street. Joel gave more estimates for the excavation process at the Legion Hall. Motion Faga, second Rhinehart to go with Fenner Underground with an estimate of \$19,630.00. Aye: Faga,

Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried. Motion Sternhagen, second Faga to approve Joel to purchase two needed pumps from Electric Pump. The one for Kuba division without labor was listed as \$2,767.15, and the sewer plant listed as \$15,404.00 with no labor. The quote said it could take up to 12-14 weeks to get in. Council wanted to make sure the order was placed. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried. Motion Sternhagen, second Faga to approve Joel and Nick to update the water treatment pumphouse chlorine system, up to \$5000.00. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

In other business, time cards were turned in. Both Jamie and Joel turned in April training of Trenching and Shoring. Melanie presented to the council about a credit card for Jamie so he wouldn't have to take Joels in emergencies. Motion Sternhagen, second Faga to approve a city credit card. His limits will be the same as Melanie and Joel at \$1000.00. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A complaint was filed with the DNR about the boil advisory. Melanie handed out the complaint and the response from the DNR. Melanie will also respond to the complaint via the email that was sent.

Motion Faga, second Sternhagen to approve the minutes for- March 18th, March 25th, April 7th, and April 21st, 2026. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion Faga, second Rhinehart to approve all claims for April 2026. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cardmember Service		-1,078.09
Wellmark	April Billing	-1,803.83
Hawkins, Inc	IN7364864	-1,528.76
Victor Lumber Company		-449.38
Friedman Farm Supply	2024 325D/61 Grasshopper IN 92920	-16,708.00
Cub's Automotive, Inc	IN014292	-785.58
Cooperative Telephone Co		-245.97
US Post Office	April Invoices	-244.00
US Cellular	855877725	-210.82
IA County Sheriff Dept	April 1- June 30 2026	-42,433.25
ANIC, LLC		-1,160.00
Microbac Laboratories, Inc	NT2602223	-851.75
Victor Oil Co. (v)	19470	-301.93
Carquest of Marengo	529351	-45.08
Victor's Market		-911.94
Rohrer Bros, Inc	19540	-1,259.86
S & J		-9,435.93
Iowa Assoc. Of Municipal Utilities	Quarter 2 safety training- April to June 2026	-674.00
Alliant	38.32 56.11	-94.93
THOMAS KUROVSKI.	Weekend hours- 3/21-3/22/2026 I2026.00000235; I2026.00000234;	-200.00
WMPF	I2026.00000330	-283.59

John Deere Financial		-51.84
Alliant	A Ave Sign	-24.20
Kinzenbaw Earthmoving, Inc	14284	-8,250.00
Alliant		-6,466.26
Alliant		-92.66
McGrory, Mark	Trucking	-4,400.00
US Cellular	855877725	-210.82
Cardmember Service		-1,572.41
United States Treasury		-2,342.84
IPERS		-2,752.29
Department of Revenue and Finance		-2,744.03
United States Treasury		-2,428.62
Cindy L Smith		-137.46
Donald D Craig		-109.97
Eric J Refer		-765.86
Lisa Rhinehart		-137.46
Marla Faga		-164.95
Shawn Sternhagen		-164.95
Crystal Hall		-482.69
Joel M Baetsle		-3,233.34
David J Claeys		-3,278.78
Thomas Kurovski		-92.75
Tiffany C Lynn		-1,842.92
Melanie Kempf		-2,322.27
		<u><u>-124,776.06</u></u>

Motion Faga, second Rhinehart to approve the external hard drive from amazon for Eric's computer. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion, Sternhagen, second Faga, up to \$1000.00 to approve the renting of a Harley rake for Jamie and Joel to use to redo some alleys and the cemetery's driveway. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion Faga, second Sternhagen to adjourn the meeting. Aye: Faga, Rhinehart, and Sternhagen. Nay: None. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Next regular scheduled meeting is May 20th, 2026, City Hall at 6:00 P.M.

<u>Fund Name:</u>	<u>Balance:</u>
General Fund	\$65,806.34
Special Rev Fund	\$32,633.16
Road Use Tax	\$57,664.21
Fire Fund	\$25,305.60
Water	\$238,755.83

Sewer	\$158,150.15
Garbage/Recycling	\$13,280.72

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