



HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 9, 2026

Mayor Chris Lund called the Hamburg City Council Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Jessica Weber, Eric Poppler, Mitch Polizin, City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen, and Deputy Clerk Jenni Droege. Others in attendance were Brad Droege, Joel Franck, Sean Franck, and Richard Malz.

Public Comment – Dick Malz is opposed to the George Street Expansion. If it is approved, he would like to see more traffic control in his neighborhood. His second comment is concerning many homes in Hamburg and the junk in their yards. He commented that we need “some teeth” behind the repercussions. Councilmember Eric Poppler mentioned that he would like to see other citizens register their complaints as well. Dick commented that people are afraid. Councilmember Poppler replied that we need to protect our city from the keyboard warrior/s and report their grievances. Dick did mention the possibility of issuing citations/fines. Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen mentioned that we have issued citations/fines in the past.

Brad Droege also agrees with Dick on junk on properties. Brad mentioned a tree that has been cut but has been sitting on the property for some time. He would like to see this change as well. Brad then stated the Lois Droege property will be on the market June 15th. He wants the decision from the city as to whether they will proceed with the purchase ASAP. Brad continued to mention that he feels it is dangerous to have one access to that neighborhood. He went on to mention that he will no longer allow people access through his private drive due to liability issues.

Sean Franck stated he is in favor of the street extension. He commented that during the recent road construction, he waited 15 minutes in his vehicle. If there was a second access to the neighborhood, that would not have been an issue.

Dick Malz also mentioned that the shutdown of Brad Street was not correct. Brad Droege mentioned that they have every right to shut down the road, but with a 24-hour notice.

Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present. (Removed Hall Audio PA System)

Consent Agenda

- **Approve Payment of Added May Claims List (\$12,176.93)**
- **Approve Payment of June Claims List (\$88,272.78)**
- **Approve Minutes for April 21, 2026 & May 12, 2026**
- **Approve Time-Off Request (Jason Buckentin)**
- **City Clerk Gruenhagen Vacation (June 11-22)**



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- **City Offices Closed June 19th (Juneteenth)**
- **Met Council Preliminary Population/Household Numbers**

MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Mitch Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.

Hamburg Fire Department

- **Fire Hall Roof (Dan Oelfke Estimate)** - The fire department roof was initially approved at \$26,142.10. High-temperature pipe boot flashing and some additional valley tin closing strip labor costs have been added, bringing the project to \$27,382.26

MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve change order #1 for the Fire Department Roof. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.

Gene & Diane Stier – 270 Railroad Street Railroad Street ROW/Property Line

- **Railroad Street ROW/Property Line/Retaining Wall**-The Stiers submitted a sketch drawing of their retaining wall project. Clerk Gruenhagen forwarded it to the city planner. We are waiting to hear back from the city planner. He also suggested that the Stiers reach out directly to Safebuilt with any questions they may have concerning codes.

Old City Business/New City Business

- **Appraisal for Parcel Split (Parcel 45.0281600) - George Street Extension:**
The appraisal inspection is scheduled for June 10th. It has been an issue locating someone to perform this inspection; most appraisers are 90 days out. Once the inspection is complete, the City Council will schedule a special meeting to discuss this property. It will be discussed as to whether we should pursue the purchase of the property, and if so, the City will negotiate to purchase the property. If so, this meeting may be closed.
- **Small Communities Planning Program-Approve Resolution Number 2026-05 – Resolution authorizing participation in the Met Council's Small Communities Planning Program for assistance with preparation of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan.**
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to approve Resolution Number 2026-05. Seconded by Councilmember Mitch Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Approve Liquor License Renewals:**
Hamburg Baseball Club - Wine License and 3/2 (\$100)
Know It All's Bar & Grill - On Sale & Special Sunday (\$1,400)- No off-sale.



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- **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve the liquor licenses for the Hamburg Baseball Club, Wine License and 3.2 (\$100) and Know It All's, On Sale & Special Sunday (\$1,400). Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Southern Valley Alliance (Donation Needs) – Night to Unite:** The Southern Valley Alliance is asking for donations on our National Night Out. There are no issues by council.
- **Counting of Write-In Votes for Local Elected Office-Resolution Number 2026-06:** We are questioning whether we should allow or not all the write-in votes. This issue has been handled in several different ways in the past. Currently, we are counting the write-in votes. This decision needs to be made by July 14, 2026.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to approve Resolution Number 2026-06. Seconded by Councilmember Mitch Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Citywide Garage Sales are June 17-20**

City Council Reports

- Councilmember Eric Poppler (Parks) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Jessica Weber (Buildings): Cones and gaps are still open on Robert from sidewalk repairs; when will this be completed? Clerk Gruenhagen will look into this project and its completion. Councilmember Weber mentioned that dandelions are an issue in her area.
- Councilmember Tim Tracy (Water/Sewer) was not present.
- Councilmember Mitch Polzin (Streets): Keep junk off the streets.
- Mayor Chris Lund: City Newsletter should drop this week. There will be no mayors in time for July.

Adjourn City Council Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to adjourn the city council meeting at PM. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.

Amended/Approved July 9, 2026



Jeremy Gruenhagen
City Clerk/Treasurer