



HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 28, 2026

Mayor Chris Lund called the Hamburg City Council Meeting to Order at 6:31 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 Steven Siewert, HFD Chief. Councilmember Tim Tracy is absent.

Public Comment – No Public comments.

Agenda Review and Adoption

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

Consent Agenda

- **Approve Payment of Added May Claims List (\$2,490.51)**
- **Approve Payment of Added June Claims List (\$24,464.43)**
- **Approve Payment of July Claims List (\$137,983.29)**
- **Approve Minutes for June 9, 2026**
- **Approve Cash Flow Statement for May 2026**
- **Approve Election Judges for Primary/General Election 2026**

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

Hamburg Fire Department

- **National Night Out – August 4, 2026:** Chief Siewert stated that the HFD will be there and will be offering fire truck rides starting at 6:00 pm.
- **New AEDs for Community Hall/Community Center:** Both AEDs are either outdated or will be shortly at the C. Center and Hall. An estimate has been provided, and they come in at around \$2,100 each. The AEDs are not in the current 2026 budget but will be added along with the supplies needed (pads, etc.) to the 2027 Budget. The Chief mentioned that HFD will purchase/donate units for the park, baseball park, and the learning center at Emanuel
- **Resignation of Firefighter Johnny Egan:** Johnny Egan served with the HFD for 5 years and moved to Belle Plaine. The Chief thanked Johnny for his service.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to accept Johnny Egan's resignation. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **2026 HFD PERA Report:** The 2026 HFD PERA Report was presented to Council.



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Old City Business/New City Business

- **Parcel Split (Parcel 45.0281600)**
 - **George Street Extension/719 Park Split:** The Memo from Lindsay Duggan, City Planning Consultant, was discussed. After some discussion, the following motion was made on behalf of the City Council acting as the Planning Commission to the City Council:
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to adopt the recommendation to the City Council to approve the Minor Subdivision at 719 Park Avenue (PID #45.0281600). Seconded by Councilmember Mitch Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.**
 - Clerk Gruenhagen is looking for permission from the council for both himself and Mayor Chris Lund to sign any closing paperwork.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to approve Mayor Lund and Clerk Gruenhagen to sign all closing paperwork concerning George Street Extension/719 Park Split. Seconded by Councilmember Mitch Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Parking Area for 350 Jacob St (PID 45.0290300):** The residents of 350 Jacob Street want to extend their gravel pad 10 feet for their camper. This request meets all requirements/city code as outlined in the memo.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin moved to approve the use of gravel for the Driveway (Parking Area) Extension. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Public Nuisances (Citywide)**
 - **679 Park Avenue:** The property owner, Mr. Chadwick, stated that he is working on eliminating the weeds, but he is currently working out of town/long hours, and with the heat, he has been unable to take care of the problem. He intends to remedy the weed issue. Chief Siewert also asked Mr. Chadwick whether there is anything in the fuel tank on his property; if fuel is present, the HFD needs to be made aware. Council will revisit this issue at the next council meeting on August 18th.
 - **410 Sophia Avenue:** There has been no response to the Nuisance letter, and the property is in the same state as before the letter. The CSO Officer will deliver a second letter.
 - **780 Park Avenue:** It appears this property was cleaned up a bit and then reverted to the original state (before the letter). The CSO Officer will deliver a second letter.
 - **619 David Avenue:** The homeowners have made progress in cleaning up their property. They removed a vehicle and some of the other items that were piled in their yard. No action taken.



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- **618 Kim Avenue:** It appears that there was some cleanup, but it also appears that they added to the number of appliances/junk. Some of the citizens also questioned the trailer in front of 618 on the street. A second letter will be delivered by the CSO Officer.
- **625 Kim Avenue:** Multiple citizens pointed out the overgrown vines/grass/weeds. A second letter will be delivered by the CSO Officer.
- **490 Brad Street:** Over the limit of allowed vehicles. A second letter will be delivered by the CSO Officer.
- **340 Railroad Street:** A nuisance letter will be sent to address the weeds; the City hasn't heard from the property owner in a long time.
- **451 Maria Avenue:** The entire property is in disarray. An initial letter was sent, and no response was received, but this property is believed to have been vacated.
- **421 Henrietta Avenue:** The vacant lot has no principle building and should not have any items stored on it. A second letter will be delivered by the CSO Officer.
- **2010 eXmark Mower - Purchase New Mower:** In the fall, this will be looked into a bit more. We currently have \$10,000.00 put away for a new mower. There is some question about whether this should be done in 2026 or 2027 or keep until it no longer runs.
- **City Office Hours:** Many City Governments are adapting their summer hours as permanent year-round. Council suggested asking the citizens via a Facebook poll. Tabled till next meeting.
- **Mayor/Council Wages for 2027:** Council suggested that they will put some thought into wages for them and the mayor. This will be discussed at the next meeting or in the future.
- **Move August 11, 2026 City Council Meeting (Primary Election):** The City Council meeting will move to August 18th, as the Primary Election is August 11th.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to approve moving the City Council meeting from August 11th to August 18th at 6:30 pm. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**

City Council Reports

- Councilmember Eric Poppler (Parks) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Jessica Weber (Buildings) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Tim Tracy (Water/Sewer) was not present.
- Councilmember Mitch Polzin (Streets): Reported that the dental picks are again being thrown onto the streets.
- Mayor Chris Lund: City Newsletter should drop this week.



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Adjourn City Council Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:44 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.

Amended/Approved August 14, 2026



Jeremy Gruenhagen
City Clerk/Treasurer