



HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 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, Tim Tracy, and City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen. Others in attendance were Steven Siewert, HFD Chief. Councilmember Mitch Polzin is absent.

Public Comment – No Public comments.

Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.

Consent Agenda

- **Approve Payment of Added July Claims List (\$6,638.23)**
- **Approve Payment of August Claims List (\$36,070.73)**
- **Approve Minutes for July 28, 2026**
- **Approve Cash Flow Statement for June 2026**
- **Approve Time-Off Request (Jeremy Gruenhagen)**
- **Approve Temporary On-Sale Liquor Licenses for Hamburg Lions**
 - **October 3, 2026**

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

Hamburg Fire Department

- **National Night Out – August 4, 2026**-Chief Siewert thought the turnout was good and everything went well.
- **Zummerfest Celebration** - Resolution #2026-07 was moved to the next meeting.
- **PERA Benefit Level**- Steven commented that we are currently at \$2,600.00 per firefighter and he would like to go up to \$2,800 or \$2,900 and HFD Relief Association is still around 108% vested. He also mentioned that we could increase to \$3,100.00 without any city contribution. He is willing to answer any questions now, or anyone may reach out to him via email/phone.

Old City Business/New City Business

- **Public Nuisances (Citywide)**
 - **679 Park Avenue:** The property has been cleaned up, although the back area will be looked at again. Chadwick's mentioned that they will be on vacation for two weeks. Future work will be completed after their return. No action taken.
 - **421 Henrietta Avenue:** William Minnihan was present at the meeting and there appears to be some confusion as to what is allowed on the



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vacant property and how many vehicles are allowed. The homeowner does have a plan to scrap at least 2 of the vehicles, possibly more. Council agrees to table this issue until next council meeting to allow Mr. Minnihan additional time.

- **490 Brad Street:** This homeowner cleaned up his property and this issue has been resolved/closed.
- **625 Kim Avenue:** A number of issues have been taken care of. The backyard is potentially an issue. It is undecided how to address the backyard issue.
- **410 Sophia Avenue:** The tires on this property have been cleaned up, but there are still issues remaining. Clerk Gruenhagen did mention that this homeowner has had some interactions with him in the past due to nuisance letters. The council agrees that this nuisance should be sent to the county for possible prosecution.
- **618 Kim Avenue:** Clerk Gruenhagen spoke with the person that is accumulating all of the non-working appliances/junk on the property. He stated that he does want to work with the city. Clerk Gruenhagen would like to know how council would like to deal with this? Many on council commented that they have received numerous complaints concerning 618 Kim Ave. Citizens are not willing to look at all of the junk/non-working items. Council feels that if this individual was interested in cleaning up the property he would have attended the meeting. Ultimately, it was decided to send this nuisance to the county for prosecution.
- **340 Railroad Street:** This property has been cleaned up. Many commented that it looks nice.
- **780 Park Avenue:** The homeowner did make some effort to clean up his property. Council commented that this property is another one that they receive multiple complaints about. This nuisance will also be sent to the court for prosecution.
- **Parcel Split (Parcel 45.0281600)**
 - George Street Extension/Approve Resolution Number 2026-08
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to approve Resolution Number 2026-08 for the split of Parcel 45.0281600. Seconded by Councilmember Eric Poppler. Motion was approved by all present.**
 - **City Office Hours:** Many City Governments are adapting their summer hours to permanent year-round hours.
 - **MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to approve summer hours as permanent, Monday-Thursday 8-5 and Friday 7:30-11:30 AM. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. The motion was approved by all present.**
- **Mayor/Council Wages for 2027:** This will be discussed at a future meeting.



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- **Fall 2026/Spring 2027 Clean Up (Waste Management)** – This will be considered for Spring 2027.
- **Park Bathroom Update** - Two juveniles started a fire in the men's bathroom. Both bathrooms are currently closed. Our insurance agent informed the city that we can choose who we want to do the restoration, but that they will only pay the lowest estimate.

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) had nothing further to report on the water/sewer. He did want to point out that he and his wife went for a walk and did see all of the dental picks thrown on the street.
- Councilmember Mitch Polzin (Streets) was not present.
- Mayor Chris Lund: City Newsletter should drop this week. Mayor Chris Lund will not have Mayor's in time for September.

Adjourn City Council Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:25 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.

Amended/Approved on September 4, 2026

Jeremy Gruenhagen
City Clerk/Treasurer