HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

Mayor Chris Lund called the Hamburg City Council Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM. Councilmembers Jessica Weber, Eric Poppler, Tim Tracy, City Works Jason Buckentin, and City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen were in attendance. HFD Chief Steven Siewert will be joining online. Mitch Polzin was absent.

Public Comment – No Public comments.

Agenda Review and Adoption
MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.

Consent Agenda

- **Approve Payment of Added August 2026 Claims ($18,813.25)**
- **Approve Payment of Added September 2026 Claims ($46,901.18)**

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

- **Shed Estimates for HFD Shed -** Chief Siewert provided 2 quotes for a storage shed to be built on the concrete pad that was poured behind the city office/fire department. The Mayor Lumber estimate was $6,300.00, and Jesse Hackbarth Construction was $7,750. He is looking for approval to proceed with the Mayor Lumber estimate.
- **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy made a motion to approve the Mayor Lumber bid for the storage shed of $6300.00. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Purchasing Policy – Bid Requirements -** The current purchasing limit is $2,000.00, and if over that amount, 2 quotes are needed. Chief Siewert would like to increase that amount. Clerk Gruenhagen would like to do a bit more research on this matter before any decisions can be made. He wants to verify the verbiage and state statutes. Council is open to increasing this amount and wants to revisit this subject after Clerk Gruenhagen clarifies a few things.
- **PERA Pension Benefit Level for 2027 -** Chief Siewert touched on PERA and said that they would like to increase to $2,800 or $2,900 per firefighter. That would leave the fund 106-108% vested. He asked if council has any questions. Tim Tracy asked if the HFD can provide documentation of how $100.00 increments will affect the balance. Chief Siewert stated that he has provided that information to the city but will email it to council as well. Mayor

Lund suggested addressing PERA at the same time as the final levy.

Old City Business/New City Business

- **Public Nuisances (Citywide)** - Clerk Gruenhagen stated that a few residents who were issued nuisances did not address any of their violations. He asked how council would like to proceed. Council agreed that a second round of letters should be sent to those who didn't address the issues on their property. Potentially followed by an additional violation/fine. Clerk Gruenhagen also mentioned that he would like to invite the County Attorney to a council meeting to clarify the City's options, particularly concerning fines.
- **Ordinance Number 174 - Mayor/Council Wages for 2027.** Mayor Wages set at $2,000.00, Councilmembers' Wages set at $1,200.00, and $50.00 per special meeting starting January 1, 2027.
- **MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber made a motion to approve Ordinance number 174, going into effect January 1, 2027. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.**
- **Waste Management Solid Waste & Recycling Service Agreement.** Clerk Gruenhagen mentioned that the City did receive the contract and it is quite lengthy. The fees for the large cans are estimated at around $56.00 a quarter, which seems to be comparable to other communities. This is a 5-year contract along with the CC, Park, and Hall, all at no charge (also 1 roll-off at Zummerfest and the Fish Fry). Mayor Lund also mentioned that he has been questioned as to why we have 1 choice for garbage. Chris mentioned that allowing multiple garbage companies to operate in town is very detrimental to our roads.
- **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy made a motion to approve the 5-year contract with Waste Management. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. The motion was approved by all present.**

2027 Preliminary Budget

- **2027 Proposed Tax Levy and Budget** - Clerk Gruenhagen mentioned that he did add a proposed walking path for an estimated $7,500 to the budget. He stated that it would be a 6.53% tax rate increase and the City Tax Rate would increase from 89% to 93%. He asked council if there is anything else that they would like to add to the budget.
  - **2027 Budget Items/Wish List**
  - **Set Proposed Property Tax Levy/Preliminary Budget for 2027**
  - **Set Public Comment Meeting for Final 2027 Budget**
    - **December 8, 2026 @ 6:30 PM**
  - **Approve Resolution Number 2026-09 (2027 Preliminary Tax Levy)**
  - **MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2026-09, setting the 2027 Preliminary Tax**

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Levy at $655,894.00 and the Public Comment Date for December 8, 2026 @ 6:30 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. The 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) had nothing further to report
- Councilmember Mitch Polzin (Streets) was absent.
- Mayor Chris Lund: City Newsletter should drop this week.

Adjourn City Council Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:56 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.

Amended/Approved on October 29, 2026

Jeremy Gruenhagen
City Clerk/Treasurer