# CITY OF OLDS

**111 South Main Street**
**P.O. Box 185**
**Olds, Iowa 52647** **Regular Council Meeting** **September 9, 2026**

Mayor Candice Curry called the meeting to order at the Olds City Hall at 6:32 p.m. with council members Theresa Willey, Jim Rohde, Sheila Tharp, Jason Waterhouse and Tim Faller. Others Present: Tim Wilson, Barb Shelman, Ruth Meth.

**Citizen Forum:**
Ruth Meth received a Nuisance Property letter and stated that the building in question has been on the property since they purchased the property from Glen & Lois Roth in 1999. She stated that she felt the property should be grandfathered in. She is still looking for the old building permit.

**Consent Agenda:**
Faller moved and Waterhouse 2nd a motion to approve the agenda, minutes of August 12th, 2026, Treasurers Report and following list of bills. 4 Ayes. Motion Carried.

| WATER FUND BILLS | SEPTEMBER 2026 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO WHOM DRAWN | DEBT SERVICE | OPERATION & MAINTENANCE | RESERVE | PURPOSE |
| TIMOTHY WILSON | | 653.13 | | WAGES |
| TIMOTHY FALLER | | 213.80 | | CONTRACT WORK-$150 MILEAGE $63.80 |
| INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE | | 160.08 | | SOCIAL SECURITY 102.18, MEDICARE 23.90, FED W.H. TAX 34.00 |
| IPERS | | 129.62 | | IPERS |
| ALLIANT ENERGY-WATER PUMP | | 79.51 | | |
| KCTC | | 119.87 | | INTERNET |
| RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER ASS'N | | 898.80 | | WATER (LESS DUE TO CREDIT FROM PRIOR MONTH ADJUSTMENT |
| CHEM GRO OF OLDS | | 640.00 | | PREPAY PROPANE |
| IOWA DEPT OF REV. | | 561.51 | | WET TAX |
| SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS | | 289.48 | | CHECKS & ENVELOPES |
| TOTAL WATER FUND BILLS | 0.00 | 3,745.80 | 0.00 | |
| GRAND TOTAL WATER FUND BILLS | | | 3,745.80 | |

| CITY FUND BILLS | SEPTEMBER 2026 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO WHOM DRAWN | GENERAL | LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX | ROAD USE TAX | PURPOSE |
| MEGAN MILLER | 673.48 | | | WAGES |
| BARB SHELMAN | 653.48 | | | WAGES |
| OLDS FIRE DEPARTMENT | 680.00 | | | FIRE PROTECTION |
| WEMIGA | 2,031.23 | | | TRASH REMOVAL |
| INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE | 137.40 | | | SOCIAL SECURITY 99.20, MEDICARE 23.20, FED W.H. TAX 15.00 |
| IPERS | 251.68 | | | IPERS |
| ALLIANT ENERGY -PARK | 34.86 | | | |
| ALLIANT ENERGY-CITY HALL | 88.25 | | | |
| ALLIANT ENERGY-CITY PARK | 513.56 | | | STREET LIGHTS |
| WINDSTREAM | 70.07 | | | TELEPHONE |
| CHEM GRO OF OLDS | 160.00 | | | PREPAID PROPANE |
| MENARDS CAPITAL ONE | 53.69 | | | POST FOR LIBRARY/PAYMENT BOX |
| KP CONSTRUCTION & HYDRO EXC | | | 760.00 | HYDRO VAC & EXCAVATOR |
| HUDSON PROPERTY SERVICES | 750.00 | | | MOWING CITY PROPERTIES 8-3, 8-10, 8-17, 8-24, 8-31 |
| SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS | 289.48 | | | CHECKS & ENVELOPES |
| TOTAL CITY FUND BILLS | 6,387.18 | 0.00 | 760.00 | |
| GRAND TOTAL CITY FUND BILLS | | | 7,147.18 | |

| SEWER FUND BILLS | SEPTEMBER 2026 | | | |
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| TO WHOM DRAWN | DEBT SERVICE | OPERATION & MAINTENANCE | FUNDED DEPREC. | PURPOSE |
| TIMOTHY WILSON | | 307.58 | | WAGES |
| TIMOTHY FALLER | | 150.00 | | CONTRACT WORK |
| INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE | | 92.04 | | SOCIAL SECURITY 51.09, MEDICARE11.95 FED W.H. TAX 29.00 |
| IPERS | | 64.81 | | IPERS |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | | 0.00 | | ELECTRICITY--CREDIT ON ACCOUNT -$30.32 |
| TOP NOTCH LAWN CARE | | 585.00 | | SPRAYING @ SEWER SITE |
| BES INC | | 1500.00 | | TRAILER RENTAL |
| SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS | | 289.48 | | CHECKS & ENVELOPES |
| TOTAL SEWER FUND BILLS | 0.00 | 2,988.91 | 0.00 | |
| GRAND TOTAL SEWER FUND BILLS | | | 2,988.91 | |

Total receipts for September 2026: **City Funds** $8,155.86; **Water Funds** $11,672.85; **Sewer Funds** $6,117.69

**Mayor Curry's Report:**

- Mayors' plaque needs updated with previous mayor dates of service.
- Missing parallel parking sign is needed for Main Street
- Spoke with Emily Davis (All God's Creatures) who will speak to the board about options being cheaper for small towns for strays. Haven't heard from them.
- Working with Theresa Willey on getting the capsule filled with items. No update.
- Would like to create a Olds City Facebook page.
- Would like a laminated sign for City Meeting emergency changes due to weather. Shelman will make one.
- Mayor will create a "Duties of Mayor/City Members Quick Reference guide.
- The library box post has been flagged by One Call, now the box needs installed.
- Fallen trees in the city right away due to storms are the responsibility of city, who will be responsible for this maintenance? This will be added as an agenda item for October.
- The street sign on North Main has blown down, since this is on Hwy 78 the Iowa Department of Transportation will need to be notified, it is not the cities responsibility.
- Mayor Curry reminded everyone of the Open Meeting rules and that anything brought to the Council Meetings needs to be shared with the council and clerk. (Iowa Code Chapter 22)
- Mayor Curry stated that she and her husband have decided to move out of town due to his work in Iowa City. She will provide a termination letter to Shelman effective after the October meeting.

**Clerk's Report:**
Completed and filed the USDA-Rural Development Yearly Report, Sent a certified nuisance letter on the carport on Tweedy property, completed minutes, wrote checks and ordered new checks and envelopes, opened the park for a birthday party.

**Oath of Office:**
The Oath of Office was read by Sheila Tharp for the office of City Treasurer.

**Water/Sewer Supervisor Report:**
Tim Wilson Reported the following:

- Unaccounted for water 15.26%.
- Tim Faller read meters on August 20th. Had one really high usage due to the rain causing their back up water pump to run.
- Bacteria sample was pulled September 8th and taken to Coralville. This sample passed.
- Rural Water did switch us over to Burlington water for about a week which caused the tower to overflow one evening, the valve to feed to the town was shut off and we ran on just the tower for a day to combat this issue.
- There have been several complaints about basements backing up causing property damage. This is not a water or sewer department problem; this is a drainage problem. When owners are getting rid of water and run it to a drain which ends up going to the lagoon. We are 2" away from having to do an emergency discharge. We are hoping we can wait and do the fall discharge on September 15th.
- Reviewed the month DNR Report.

**Fill Council Vacancy:**
There were four candidacy letters to fill the unexpired term for council member. Carol Carpenter, Russell Conrad, Michelle Hesser and Ruth Meth. Ballots were used for voting. It was moved by Waterhouse and 2nd by Faller that Conrad be selected, Roll call vote: 3 Ayes, 1 Nay, motion carried.

**NPDES:**
Jim Warner of Warner Engineering provided the TV Inspection of the storm sewer system. There are a few cracked tile but none that are broken or collapsed. There are fine roots that could be from grass or weeds and a few tap roots from small trees; nothing major. Warner stated that nothing needs to be done to the pipe but to get rid of the air. He suggested additional manholes (2) and will get an quote/estimate from a contractor. He also provided the results of the Sewer Smoke Report on the manholes in the city. Faller motioned to get the quote/estimates for 2 manholes, Waterhouse 2nd motion. Roll call vote: 4 Ayes.

**Main Street Sidewalk:**
Nothing new to report.

**Main Street Parking:**
Nothing new to report.

**Nuisance Properties:**
Nuisance letters were sent to property owners on 11 different properties as a request to move items out of City Right of Way (ROW).

- The property at 207 S. Adams has been resolved the carport and poles have been moved.
- Certified letters will be sent to 300 W Town Street, 204 W 3rd Street, 204 W 4th Street, 102 S Smith Street, 203 W 3rd Street, 204 W 4th Street, 201 North Main for tall grass/weeds or trees. A letter will be sent to 207 S Smith Street for not putting her dog on a leash.
- The property at 101 S White, which is a rental property that Meth's own, has a building constructed in the ROW. Meth stated that she felt this should be grandfathered in since it has been there since they purchased in 1999 and they have maintained that area for years. More information is needed to see if the City or Meth can find a building permit.
- The property at 202 E Park Street have contacted Maddy Tree Trimming to come and trim trees so that they do not overhang the street.
- Shelman will send a 2nd follow-up certified letter to those properties that have not responded to the 1st notice.

**Enhance Henry County Grant:**
Faller measured the park basketball court. Dimensions will be sent to Miller to get a quote for painting the lines. The application is due on October 30th.

**New Business:**
**Snow Removal Bids:** Snow removal bids will be taken until October 9th to approve at the next council meeting. A notice will be posted, sent to the SE Ia Union, Shopper, Beacon, and radio.

A notice from the Iowa League of Cities was read regarding the Constitution and Bylaws Committee changes. The proposed changes will take place at the Annual Business Meeting on September 23, 2026.

**Adjourn:**
Rohde moved and Willey 2nd a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. 4 Ayes, motion carried. Next Meeting is October 14, 2026, at Olds City Hall at 6:30pm.

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Mayor-Candice Curry

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk-Barb Shelman