CITY OF OLDS

111 South Main Street
P.O. Box 185
Olds, Iowa 52647 **Regular Council Meeting** **October 14, 2026**

Mayor Candice Curry called the meeting to order at the Olds City Hall at 6:320 p.m. with council members Theresa Willey, Jim Rohde, Jason Waterhouse, Tim Faller, Russell Conrad (phone). Others Present: Tim Wilson, Barb Shelman, Sheila Tharp.

Citizen Forum:
Susan & Mark Brecht received a Nuisance Property letter and stated that the fence in question has been on the property for 7 years. They do not wish to move it. Monick Sanders stated that they are in the process of clearing the dirt pile with weeds on their property. They also asked about the ordinance of building a replacement home on the property. Abbie Liechty is running for Henry County Attorney.

Consent Agenda:
Rohde moved and Waterhouse 2nd a motion to approve the agenda, minutes of September 9th, 2026, Treasurers Report and following list of bills. 5 Ayes. Motion Carried.

WATER FUND BILLS		OCTOBER 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		81.98		ELECTRICITY
KCTC		119.87		INTERNET
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER ASS'N		2,433.60		WATER
CHEM GRO OF OLDS		0.00		PREPAY PROPANE
IOWA DEPT OF REV.		554.91		WET TAX
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS		0.00		CHECKS & ENVELOPES
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA		22.00		TAXES
STATE HYGIENIC LAB		16.50		WATER TESTING
NSF-WOODSMALL		242.44		NSF-RETURNED WATER BILL-MICHAEL WOODSMALL
TOTAL WATER FUND BILLS	0.00	4,627.93	0.00	
GRAND TOTAL WATER FUND BILLS			4,627.93	

CITY FUND BILLS	OCTOBER 2026			
TO WHOM DRAWN	GENERAL	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	ROAD USE TAX	PURPOSE
MEGAN MILLER	0.00			WAGES
BARB SHELMAN	810.60			WAGES
OLDS FIRE DEPARTMENT	680.00			FIRE PROTECTION
WEMIGA	2,031.23			TRASH REMOVAL
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	183.00			SOCIAL SECURITY 124.00, MEDICARE 29.00, FED W.H. TAX 30.00
IPERS	215.88			IPERS
ALLIANT ENERGY -PARK	36.38			ELECTRICITY
ALLIANT ENERGY-CITY HALL	83.12			ELECTRICITY
ALLIANT ENERGY-CITY PARK LIGHTS	519.49			STREET LIGHTS
WINDSTREAM	72.27			TELEPHONE
CHEM GRO OF OLDS	0.00			PREPAID PROPANE
MENARDS CAPITAL ONE	0.00			POST FOR LIBRARY/PAYMENT BOX
KP CONSTRUCTION & HYDRO EXC	0.00			HYDRO VAC & EXCAVATOR
LL PELLING CO	0.00		30,128	SEAL COATING STREETS ($30,629.00-LESS OLDS UCC PAID $501.00)
HUDSON PROPERTY SERVICES	600.00			MOWING CITY PROPERTIES 9-10, 9-14, 9-22, 9-28
MASTERCARD	217.25			STAATS-$38.52 PLAQUE, POSTAGE $132.24, WALMART-SUPPLIES $46.49
SOUTHEAST IA UNION	99.75			PUBLISHING OF SNOW REMOVAL AD
JASON WATERHOUSE	166.23			PER DIEM 4 MTGS
CANDICE CURRY	325.13			PER DIEM 4 MTGS
JAMES ROHDE	166.23			PER DIEM 4 MTGS
THERESA WILLEY	166.23			PER DIEM 4 MTGS
SHEILA THARP	255.15			COUNCIL MEETINGS $83.03, WAGES $172.12
TIM FALLER	166.07			PER DIEM 4 MTGS
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	20.00			STATE TAXES
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	0.00			CHECKS & ENVELOPES
TOTAL CITY FUND BILLS	6,814.01	0.00	30,128.00	
GRAND TOTAL CITY FUND BILLS			36,942.01	

SEWER FUND BILLS		OCTOBER 2026		
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 -$24.72
TOP NOTCH LAWN CARE		0.00		SPRAYING @ SEWER SITE
BES INC		1500.00		TRAILER RENTAL
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA		18.00		
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS		0.00		CHECKS & ENVELOPES
TOTAL SEWER FUND BILLS		2,132.43		
GRAND TOTAL SEWER FUND BILLS			2,132.43	
			$ 43,702.37	TOTAL ALL BILLS

Total receipts for 2026: **City Funds** $7,589.73; **Water Funds** $9,466.70; **Sewer Funds** $6,500.34

Mayor Curry's Report:

- Mayors' plaque has been updated.
- Missing parallel parking sign is needed for Main Street
- Working with Theresa Willey on getting the capsule filled with items. Added a few items to capsule.
- A flag has been placed where the library box post is to be installed. Wilson & Faller plan to set post.

Clerk's Report:

- Filed USDA-RD Yearly Report for sewer loan was sent in, copies for council.
- Sent 11 certified letters to nuisance properties
- Administered Oath of Office to Conrad, Conrad and Shelman completed Open Meetings Training.
- Shelman and Tharp plan to attend the 2026 Budget Workshop in December.

Water/Sewer Supervisor Report:

Tim Wilson Reported the following:

- Unaccounted for water 16.35%.
- Tim Faller read meters on September 20th. Still had a few high usage due to rain events and people pumping their basements out.
- Bacteria sample was pulled October 7th and taken to Coralville. This sample passed.
- Called out on a Sunday to valve off the parish hall as there was a leak in the basement after the meter. McCoy Plumbing repaired the leak and Wilson replaced the valve.
- More water is coming into the lagoon than we are pumping into the public water supply. This is due to the rain events. Our system is not designed to handle the hydraulic loading that is going through.
- Working on a fall discharge and then will winterize the valve boxes at the lagoon to prevent freezing.
- Discussion was held on forming a Public Works committee to investigate issues such as old lines that need to be closed off. Faller and Wilson will talk to the public and come up with a few residents to be on this committee.

NPDES:

A homeowner had a sewage blockage, and it was fixed by their contractor, however, the pipe is 3 feet high and will need to be fixed correctly. Wilson will talk to the contractor.

Main Street Sidewalk:

Conrad will plan to talk to the owners on both sides of Main Street about sidewalk work to keep water from ponding on sidewalk.

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). (1) Brecht's met with Faller to review where the fence they constructed is in the city right-away. Brecht's stated they talked to Kenneth Reschly about putting up a fence and thought they had called city hall and talked to someone and were told they did not need a building permit. Discussion was held, and the city needs to consult with the City's attorney to determine the next step. (2) Monick Sanders reported that they are in the process of leveling out the soil on their property and taking care of the weeds there as well. They asked about City requirements of putting a new home. They were given a copy of a building permit and city ordinance was reviewed with them. (3) Curry expressed the need for an extension on removing the trees in the easement area on her property due to the rain they were unable to get the trees taken care of. She will be given a deadline of November 15th. A new letter will be sent to Curry with this information. (4) The red car and trash dumpster needs to be removed from the city right away at 301 S Main Street. (5) The property at 205 North Main Street has a camper in the right away that needs to be moved. Letters will be sent to these owners. Returned certified letters was discussed and it was since the city has a 28 Agreement with the Sheriff's Office they could be notified to hand deliver the letters to the homeowner.

Enhance Henry County Grant:

Shelman had estimates for painting the basketball court and also for the swing set and KidsCourse. Discussion was held and it was decided to create a Park Committee with Tim Wilson and Tim Faller and members of the community to get plans together on exactly what is needed/wanted and then apply for grant funds.

City Ordinance Update:
Have continued to reach out to SEIRP to get update on progress and haven't heard back. Conrad will give them a call and see where they are at on this.

Maintenance of Trees on City Property:
If a tree from a property falls on the city street the council will move the tree off of the street onto the homeowner's property and the homeowner will be responsible for cutting up and removing the debris.

Facebook Account:
Curry had addressed interest in creating a Facebook account for the city. However, after talking with Bev Conrad, Wayland City Clerk, an individual will need to create and maintain the page. There was no interest from Council or Shelman in creating the city account with their personal information.

Snow Removal Bids:
Two bids were received for snow removal. It was moved by Conrad, 2nd by Waterhouse to award the bid to Jason Unternherer to remove snow this winter. 5 Ayes. Motion Carried.

City Trash Cans:
The 4 trash cans on Main Street are being abused as people are putting pet poop bags and other political mail from the post office in them. It was motioned by Waterhouse and seconded by Willey that the hanging trash cans be removed. 5 Ayes. Motion Carried. Faller will empty and remove them.

Drainage Issue on Smith Street:
It was brought to the attention of the council by Conrad that due to the property owner at 201 Smith Street putting in a rock driveway without a culvert, on the south side of his house that extends to the city street, the rock is impeding the water flow. The rock needs to be removed, or a culvert installed to the city's specifications for size, material and placement. It was moved by Conrad and 2nd by Faller to send a letter to the landowner to correct this issue. 5 Ayes. Motion Carried

Resolution 2026-09 Adding Tharp to Financial Records:
It was motioned by Faller, 2nd by Rohde to add Tharp to all the financial accounts at Pilot Grove Savings Bank. Roll call vote. 5 Ayes, motion carried

Mayor Curry Resignation:
Mayor Curry presented her resignation letter to the council effective at the end of the meeting. It was moved by Faller, 2nd by Willey that the mayor position be posted for public to apply. 5 Ayes. Motion Carried. Shelman will post the position at the City office, Post Office and Park.

Resolution 2026-10 Resolution of Appreciation to Mayor Curry:
It was motioned by Willey, 2nd by Waterhouse that the Resolution thanking Mayor Curry for her years of service to the City be recognized. Roll Call: 5 Ayes. Motion Carried

FY2026 Financial Report:
Shelman with the help of Bev Conrad, Wayland City Clerk completed the FY26 Financial Report. The report was posted at in City Hall, Post Office and Park and website. The Council were given copies for review and acknowledged receipt of the report.

Adjourn:
Rhode moved and Waterhouse 2nd a motion to adjourn. 5 Ayes, motion carried. Next Meeting is November 11th, 2026, at Olds City Hall at 6:30pm.

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Theresa Willey, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk-Barb Shelman