

The Jewell City Council met in regular session Monday March 10, 2025 at the Jewell City Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Mickey Walker called the meeting to order with Council members: Aaron Boor, Stacy Alsager, Scott Rohloff, Loyal Winborn and Steve Butler were present. Public Works Director Terry Anderson was also in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Alsager made a motion to approve the March 10, 2025 agenda. Rohloff seconded the motion. Roll Call 5—0. Motion carried

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:** Butler made a motion to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- A. Approve minutes from February 24, 2025 regular session
- B. Claims for February 28, 2025
- C. Claims for March 10, 2025
- D. Treasurer’s Report for February

Winborn seconded the motion. Roll Call 5—0. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

FUND	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL	\$48,596.93	\$28,925.23
EMERGENCY	\$1.38	\$0.00
FIRE	\$13,557.98	\$0.00
DEVELOPMENT LOTS	\$0.00	\$0.00
ROAD USE	\$12,269.07	\$5,967.95
TRUST AND AGENCY	\$301.70	\$5,312.53
METER DEPOSITS	\$225.00	\$0.00
WATER	\$31,386.74	\$11,897.88
SEWER	\$14,133.70	\$8,936.91
LOCAL OPTION TAX	\$11,776.13	\$14,500.00
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	\$0.00	\$251,819.96
CHAPTER 410/411	\$0.00	\$0.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$374.99	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$132,623.62	\$327,360.46

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Jackie Reiter expressed concern over the snow mobile route going through her yard and a water service cap in the concrete at 715 Main Street.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:** Public Works Director Terry Anderson discussed the possibility of receiving an intern again this year through IWEA. Boor made a motion for an intern to be hired back on for the summer. Rohloff seconded the motion. Roll Call 5—0. Motion carried.

Anderson also reviewed the information he obtained from Jeremy Butrick regarding GIS mapping. Anderson would like to begin making a digital copy of shut offs and water main locations. A GIS locator could cost between \$5,000 and \$7,000. Council asked that Anderson bring an exact quote for the locator to the next meeting.

Anderson also made mention that he would like to plan each budget year for the replacement of one block of water main.

**FARMER'S MARKET LOCATION:** Rohloff made a motion to allow the closure of King Street from Main Street to the alley for the Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market will run Saturdays from June 7- September 27. The road will be closed from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. during those days. Winborn seconded the motion. Roll Call 5—0. Motion carried.

**511 JOHNSON STREET:** The sewer has been plugged at 511 Johnson Street. The sewer line connects to the Jewell History Museum. Public Works Dave Osmundson met Roto Router and investigated the situation. The problem stems from a Maple Tree owned by the resident.

**2025-2026 BUDGET:** The budget was reviewed and in order to balance the budget the Council decided to hold off on completing the watermain loop on East Lane, a \$42,400 project. The Council also agreed to scale back the amount they were planning to use to repair Waterworks Park from \$35,000 to \$15,000 for this upcoming fiscal year.

#### **MAIN STREET**

- A. CHANGE ORDER ADJUSTMENT:** Mayor Mick Walker discussed the possible change order Snyder recommended to the city. The change order is for additional work that was completed when Jet Drain bored under the railroad. This change order will be discussed further at a future meeting.
- B. SNYDER INVOICE:** Boor made a motion to pay the invoice from Snyder's for \$9,472.60. The motion died for lack of a second. The Council discussed at length whether they should pay the invoice. It was agreed that the work was completed, the issue seemed to lie in the fact that some of the members were not satisfied with the quality of the work and payment should be withheld until there was a resolution of the issues. Council member Butler made a motion to pay the Snyder invoice. Boor seconded. Butler then amended the motion so that the decision to pay the invoice would be made once contact with the city's financial advisor occurred to discuss any possible repercussions to the city and the bond if the council withheld payment until they were satisfied with the work. The check was issued and if the financial advisor recommendation was to pay the invoice, then the clerk is directed to do so. If the financial advisor saw no issue in withholding payment until satisfactory work was completed, then the clerk is directed to wait to pay the invoice. Boor seconded the amended motion. Roll Call 5—0. Motion carried.

**PARICIPATION IN HAMILTON COUNTY'S GROWTH PARTNERSHIP:** Alsager made a motion to participate in Hamilton County's Growth Partnership. Butler seconded the motion. Roll Call 5—0. Motion carried. Council member Boor will continue to attend the monthly meetings.

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR ENGAGEMENT LETTER:** Butler made a motion to sign the engagement letter with Speer for the upcoming sewer lagoon project. Alsager seconded the motion. Roll Call 5—0. Motion carried.

**SET CITY WIDE CLEAN UP DAY AND GARAGE SALE:** Dates will be determined at the next City Council meeting.

**WATERWORKS PARK:** The Council agreed that they desired the restoration of Waterworks Park to be both long lasting and low maintenance. The Park Board will get measurements and continue to solidify a plan for the space.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS REGARDING NONAGENDA ITEMS:** Council member Steve Butler had two comments:

1. He recommended the council set up additional procedures if necessary to curb the public interaction with the council during discussion that should be occurring at the table. Butler believes that it slows down the momentum of the meeting and often derails the conversation.
2. There is a lot of misinformation regarding the EJS police department and police board floating around and just wanted to remind everyone that you cannot believe everything that you hear.

**ADJOURN:** Rohloff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Winborn seconded the motion. Roll Call 5—0. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	\$3,662.20
POSTMASTER	PACKAGE	\$5.25
IRS	TAXES	\$2,635.75
POSTMASTER	WATER BILLS	\$232.62
ACE ELECTRIC INC	WASTE WATER LIFT GENERATOR	\$3,316.61
ALLIANT ENERGY	CITY ENERGY	\$8,002.25
TOTAL		\$19,653.03

03/10/2025 CLAIMS

AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING	\$29.00
AMERICAN SANITATION	RECYCLING	\$1,994.72
BACKFLOW PREVENTION	ANNUAL BACKFLOW INSPECTION	\$955.00
CENTURYLINK	CITY PHONES	\$497.08
COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE EX	POLICE TELEPHONE	\$2.71
ELLSWORTH COOP	POLICE TELEPHONE	\$26.86
ELLSWORTH TRUCK WASH LLC	CAR WASH	\$63.13
HEART OF IA PUBLISHING INC	PUBLISHING	\$213.93
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	ROADS/POLICE FUEL	\$1,208.94
I & S GROUP, INC.	OPERATOR SERVICES	\$850.00
IA ASSN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	WATER MEMBER DUES	\$818.00
IOWA PUMP WORKS	SERVICE AGREEMENT	\$2,138.85
JAMES SWENSON	439 EAST LANE DEPOSIT REFUND	\$75.00
JEWELL FARM & HOME	ICE MELT, CRIMP BRUSH, FURNACE	\$203.82
MCGILL COMPUTER SERVICES	CHANGE INTERNET AT WATER PLANT	\$128.60
MOMAR	POOL PAINT	\$4,338.28
PRINTING SERVICES INC	ENVELOPE SHIPPING	\$14.89
SHERIFF OF HAMILTON COUNTY	ORDER SERVED	\$65.00
SHOMO-MADSEN-KRAUSE	ADDITIONAL PREMIUM POLICE	\$824.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	MAIN STREET ENGINEERING	\$9,472.60
STORY CITY BUILDING	WHITE STRIP	\$56.76
STRATFORD	FIBER OPTIC	\$104.40
TRASHMAN	TRASH BIN	\$94.50
TOTAL		\$24,176.07