REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING September 21, 2026

Mayor Kletscher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll showed Councilpersons Buhr, DeGross, Kraft, Ross, Schone and Stoner were present.

DeGross moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried.

Stoner moved and Kraft seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2026 Regular meeting and the August 31, 2026 Special Meeting. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

Kraft moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve all presented disbursements. Roll call vote showed Buhr, DeGross, Kraft, Schone and Stoner voting yes, with Ross voting no.

Public comments: David Olson followed up on his question from last month as to the number of tickets written versus the number of traffic stops for the year to date. Mayor Kletscher indicated he discussed it with Chief Klatt and the records Olson received were accurate. Carla Peterson questioned why we were still using the cleaning service after her prices were raised and that the city was not happy with her work. Mayor Kletscher noted that a meeting was held between the cleaner, the clerk and himself and expectations were laid out and that the cleaner was given another chance. The topic of people speeding on Oak Street was also brought up. Mayor Kletscher said it's an ongoing problem. When there is police presence, people slow down. Where there is no police presence, people speed. He said he's had discussions with Chief Klatt who will try to be out more to deter speeders. Jacob Maes was present representing the Rustic Lore Committee. He wanted to thanks the community, all the volunteers and the committee, the council for their donation. Dave Nelson asked if it were possible for the city to put out a metal scrap dumpster to possibly earn a little extra money. Dave Caress indicated that the city had a small round scrap dumpster behind the shop. Options were discussed to let the public know about that option, as well as look into options with Kadinger's to have a scrap dumpster set up that they would pick up and haul versus the city.

No one was in attendance for Summer Rec.

Verbal reports were given by Library Director Rochel Karlson, Public Works Director Dave Caress, Fire Chief Greg Holden, EMS Director Julie Lee, Clerk-Treasurer Kristin LaBere and Mayor Kent Kletscher. Karlson discussed the Dolly Parton book program, a successful spaghetti dinner and made mention of 2 grants they had received recently. Caress did not have anything to mention, but council wanted to thank Cory Schone and Mike Buhr for all their work painting lines on the streets. Holden did not have anything for reports, but noted he would discuss an issue during agenda item number 13. Lee thanked all the EMS workers who covered during Rustic Lore. She noted that they would be covering for the upcoming weekend's drag race event. She also noted that she had received 2 grants to cover mobile and portable radios. EMS also recently did a training in Bloomington, MN on ventubation. LaBeree said she was getting ready for the 2027 budget season. Kletscher thanked Mike Buhr and Cory Schone for the line painting, also thanked Amanda Schone and Mike Buhr for volunteering to water the city flowers all summer. He also thanked Public Works, the Police, Fire, & Ambulance and Council for participation with Rustic Lore and being in the parade.

A written report was submitted by Police Chief Klatt.

There were no updates given on Hinman Park.

Brock Geyen of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP gave a presentation over Teams discussing the 2025-year end audit. His report shows that the City is moving in a good direction financially with debt balances, funds and revenue balances.

Resolution 2026-03 Requesting Application for Exemption from the County Library Tax was pass with a motion made by Stoner and a second by DeGross. Voice vote shows all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Ross and seconded by Schone approving Todd Danielson to the Library Board. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

Discussions were held on some fire truck repairs needed on the new engine. Chief Holden presented and estimate laying out the repairs and costs, which could add up to $19,972.50, depending on how much damage is found in the pump and pump body. After some discussion regarding the budget as well as the proceeds left from the sale of the old firetruck, a motion was made by Kraft and seconded by Ross approving the necessary repairs to the new firetruck. Due to the cost of the repairs, a roll call vote was called with all council voting yes. Voice vote carried.

Mickey Shay of 427 E. Oak was in attendance and was seeking approval for a 4th dog at his residence. He indicated that he was not aware of the ordinance regarding the number of dogs allowed per residence until he was reading the ordinances regarding rabies vaccination. After some discussion between the council and Mr. Shay, a motion was made by Stoner and seconded by Ross to approve the 4th dog. After a roll call vote, Ross, Schone and Stoner voted yes, and Buhr, DeGross and Kraft voted No. Mayor Kletscher was the tie breaking vote voting yes. Motion passes.

Mr. Patrick Olson, Superintendent was in attendance to give a presentation regarding the School District referendum that will be on the ballot at the November 2, 2026 election. He discussed the reasons for the need for the additional funds, as well as the impact it would have on taxes. Questions were posed by community members and answered by Mr. Olson.

Discussion was held again regarding the rezone of the property for the School District of Glenwood City from R-2 to Governmental. A motion was made by Kraft and seconded by Buhr regarding action on the rezone. A roll call vote showing Buhr, DeGross, Ross and Schone voting no, with Kraft and Stoner voting yes. Motion fails.

Discussion was held on a Certified Survey Map for Dave Nelson, 624 Clarke St combining parcel numbers 231-1028-300-00, 231-1028-40-000 and 231-1027-50-000 into Lot 1 and Lot 2. A motion was made by Kraft and seconded by Ross approving the Certified Survey Map contingent upon the planning commission officially approving at the upcoming meeting they had later in the week. Voice vote shows all council persons voting yes. Voice vote carries.

A public hearing was opened at 8:33 pm for public comment regarding a rezoning petition and zoning text amendment. Lynn McIntyre from Cedar Corporation outlined the current provision of the Text Amendments governed by §§ 450-94 through 450-97. This is a citywide text amendment. It applies to every corner lot in the city. Lynn also discussed the petition to rezone the C-1 Commercial District portion of proposed Lot 2, which is former Lots 20, 21, and 22, Block 2, Ward 2, Clarke's Addition (Tax Parcel No. 231-1028-40-000), to R-1 Residential District. The rest of Lot 2, former Lots 18 and 19, is already zoned R-1. Council asked questions of Lynn as well as Dave Nelson on the topics. The public hearing was closed at 8:39 p.m.

A motion was made by Ross and seconded by Buhr to adopt an ordinance amending the definition of “Yard, Front” at § 450-103, contingent upon the Plan Commission's approval, and the record developed at tonight's public hearing under § 450-96(B) along with adopting an ordinance, under § 450-96(C), amending the Official Zoning Map to rezone former Lots 20, 21, and 22, Block 2, Ward 2, Clarke's Addition (Tax Parcel No. 231-1028-40-000) from C-1 Commercial District to R-1 Residential District, contingent upon the Plan Commission's approval, and effective upon recording of the Certified Survey Map. Voice vote shows all council persons voting yet. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ross and seconded by DeGross to grant a conditional use permit to Dave Nelson for a detached 40-foot by 48-foot garage at 624 Clarke Street under § 450-69(B)(3)(c), subject to the conditions listed and based on the Plan Commission's finding that all seven standards of § 450-34(A) are satisfied:
1. The use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare.
2. The use, as conditioned, will not substantially impair or diminish the use, value, or enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood, and is compatible with adjacent land uses.

3. The use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding property.
4. Adequate utilities, access, drainage, and site improvements are in place.
5. Adequate measures are in place to provide ingress and egress that minimizes traffic congestion.
6. The use, except for yard requirements and contingent on the rezoning and text amendment in Sections 3 and 4 above, conforms to the applicable regulations of the R-1 District.
7. The use does not violate floodplain regulations.
Voice vote shows all council persons voting yes. Motion carried.

At 8:46 p.m. DeGross moved and Buhr seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin LaBeree
Clerk-Treasurer