



Ivanhoe City Council Meeting  
Regular City Council meeting  
City Council Chambers 401 N Harold St  
Monday October 27, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Call to Order**

The regular City Council, City of Ivanhoe, Minnesota was called to order on October 27, 2025, at 5:30 pm by Mayor, Shad Lipinski

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call**

The City Council Members present were Brad Blanchette, Kyle Krier (Via Teams), Michelle Sullivan, Absent: Adam Panka

Also, present were City Administrator Dianne Beckendorf, Sarah Marczack, ILS Manager

### **Approval of Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda. Kyle Krier made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Michelle Sullivan seconded the motion which was carried out unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

October 13, 2025

Kyle Krier made a motion to approve October 13, 2025, minutes with the addition of Adam Panka seconding the motion for the ILS hires. Michelle Sullivan seconded the motion which was carried out unanimously.

### **Approval Invoices/Financials**

Invoice payments: Batch 10.27.25 and September 2025 Financials

100 GENERAL FUND	\$12,849.97
225 FIRE FUND	\$400.33
226 AMBULANCE FUND	\$585.15
241 REHAB REVOLVING FUND	0
245 LIBRARY FUND	\$33.00

601 WATER FUND	\$36.01
602 SEWER FUND	\$48.
605 GARBAGE FUND	\$0
	13,951.46
610 LIQUOR	\$17,481.59
TOTAL CLAIMS 8.11.25	\$31,433.05

Michelle Sullivan made a motion to approve the 10.27.2025 invoices, and September 2025 Financials Kyle Krier seconded the motion which was carried out unanimously. Shad Lipinski abstained from voting.

### **Public Comments/Open Forum:**

Vince Robinson shared that the city received the grant for the MN Housing Project. He suggested the city consult with Mike Bubany on the dollars that would be assessed to the property, how much if any the city would absorb. The city will need to decide if they will take the grant funds. The city engineer would need to sign off for the project.

### **Department Reports:**

#### **1. Ivanhoe Municipal Liquor Store**

- \* September Sales are \$44,600, with profits of \$6,724 for the month.
- \* New menu started, and added chips with sandwich and it is going well.
- \* Sales for 2025 first-third quarter are at \$425,000 and increase of \$37,000 from 2024
- \* Sarah attended the regional Municipal Liquor Meeting last week.
- \* Low Potency THC application has been submitted to the State of MN OCM
- \* The new POS system from Ingage will be installed on November 12<sup>th</sup>. A trial unit is at the store for the employees to practice on. The new system will be cloud-based and accessible online. There will be training on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Sarah is planning to offer a late-night menu, coming soon.
- \* Discussed the VFW site, ILS will provide the liquor license for the VFW and will run the liquor side at the site. There will be a POS system put in at the site.

#### **2. City Administrator**

- \* Budget - working on and will meet with PW to finalize the capital outlay.
- \* Insurance- Panka Insurance Agency coming to council meeting November 24, 2025.
- \* AFLAC- offer to city employees a benefit. Employees pay; the city would save tax on the income that the employer deducted to pay the premium. Need three or more participants to use AFLAC.
- Offer Critical Illness, Accident, Cancer, Specified Health Event, Hospital Confinement, and Life
- \*New website- soon be up and running
- \*Business Loan thru SCDP – What terms does the council want to offer the business owner? Can defer a percentage; interest rate is 3%, number of years for payment.
- \*Lincoln Co. is requesting to put solar panels on the ground. Currently the city does not have zoning regarding solar panels.
- The council discussed zoning, and outside of city limits is not controlled by city ordinance.
- The city does not currently have an ordinance addressing solar panels.

\*ILS case updates- 11/6/25 Default Judgement (Civil Case) -Criminal Complaint Nov 20<sup>th</sup> at 9a.m. hearing

\*Meeting at VFW Tuesday 5pm regarding transition – the city administrator will attend the meeting with the VFW.

**Discussion Items:** None

**Action Items**

1. Consider Approval of Bueltel-Moseng Land Surveying, Inc. to survey alley way on south side of town at an estimated cost of \$1,000.

Michelle Sullivan made a motion to approve Bueltel-Moseng Land Surveying, Inc to survey alley way on south side of town at an estimated cost of \$1,000. Brad Blanchette seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

2. Consider Approval to offer AFLAC Insurance to City of Ivanhoe Employees.

No action taken, will have representatives offer a meeting to share what AFLAC offers, and then will decide based on the interest of employees.

3. Consider approval of Kulla Repair & Towing a \$30,000 loan with 10% deferred, over 10 years. Brad Blanchette made a motion to approve the revolving loan to Kulla Repair & Towing for \$30,000 with 10% deferred over 10 years. Seconded by Michelle Sullivan and unanimously carried by all.

**Mayors Report:**

The mayor discussed with the council the current hours of the Public Works Department and would like to consider winter hours Mid-October until May 1 yearly. The council will discuss it with the PW Supervisor at the next meeting.

**Announcements**

11/5/25 EDA Meeting 7:30am

11/10/25 City Council Meeting 5:30pm

11/18/25 Budget work session 5:30 pm

11/24/25 City Council Meeting 5:30pm

12/3/25 EDA Meeting 7:30 am

12/8/25 City Council Meeting 5:30 pm

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Brad Blanchette, seconded by Michelle Sullivan, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Dated at Ivanhoe, Minnesota, this 27th day of October 2025

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF IVANHOE, MINNESOTA

BY \_\_\_\_\_

Shad Lipinski, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Dianne Beckendorf, City Administrator