



Ivanhoe City Council Meeting

Regular City Council meeting

City Council Chambers 401 N Harold St

Monday December 8, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

The regular City Council, City of Ivanhoe, Minnesota was called to order on December 8, 2025, at 5:30 pm by Mayor, Shad Lipinski

Roll Call

The City Council Members present were Brad Blanchette, Kyle Krier, Michelle Sullivan, Adam Panka

Also, present were City Administrator Dianne Beckendorf, Scott Vizecky, Resident

Consent to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda. Brad Blanchette offered the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Adam Panka seconded the motion which was carried out unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

November 24, 2025

Adam Panka offered the motion to approve November 24, 2025, minutes. Kyle Krier seconded the motion which was carried out unanimously.

Approval Claims/Financials

Invoice payments/November Financial: Batch 12.8.25

100 GENERAL FUND	\$14,253.90
225 FIRE FUND	\$128.62
226 AMBULANCE FUND	\$57,872.51
241 REHAB REVOLVING FUND	\$
245 LIBRARY FUND	\$89.44
601 WATER FUND	\$4,411.63
602 SEWER FUND	\$5,105.65
605 GARBAGE FUND	\$2,849.40
	\$84,711.15
610 LIQUOR	\$17,893.27
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$102,644.42

Brad Blanchette offered the motion to approve the 12.8.2025 claims and November 2025 Financials. Kyle Krier seconded the motion which was carried out unanimously. Shad Lipinski abstained from voting.

Public Comments/Open Forum:

Department Reports:

1. Public Works
 - * Storm Drain Project

2. City Administrator
 - *Budget -2026 set at 3.5% Levy
 - *Benefits- 32 hours currently to earn vacation, sick, and holiday.

Adam Panka made a motion that full-time employees (40 hours a week) will earn vacation, sick, and holiday pay. Michelle Sullivan seconded the motion which was carried out unanimously.

- * Water/Sewer Rates (inflation rate increase cost/Storm Sewer)

Kyle Krier made a motion to add a Storm Sewer Fee of \$2.50 per connection and change late fee to 10% of past due balance, as well as \$1.27 MHD fee effective January 1, 2026. Brad Blanchette seconded the motion which was carried out unanimously.

- * Employee Wages 2026 Pay Scale
- * Resident Sewer Adjustment Request

Adam Panka made a motion to adjust the sewer charge for a resident who requested a decrease due to the water being outside. Kyle Krier seconded the motion which was carried out unanimously.

- * Sheriff Contract- The updated contract was not received however the budget will determine the number of hours the council approves in the budget.
- * Albert Thompson email shared with the council regarding his property classification and taxes. It was recommended that he attend the truth in taxation hearing in April 2026.
- * Sarah Fisher - court hearings are occurring in both the civil and criminal cases involving the defendant.
- *Event Center Rental Agreement was discussed. The rentals will be:
 - Entire hall \$350
 - Wedding \$500 with \$100 returned if the center is cleaned
 - Family event: \$200
 - Civic Organization: \$150-\$200 depending on what part of the building they are renting
 - Non-profit using main area, (no kitchen) \$50.

Kyle Krier offered the motion to table the regular meeting at 6:30pm, seconded by Adam Panka and unanimously carried out.

Truth in Taxation Hearing

Mayor Shad Lipinski explained that the purpose of the Truth-in-Taxation hearing was to discuss the proposed budget and property tax levy for 2026 and to give the public reasonable time to comment on the proposed budget and property tax levy. Scott Vizecky spoke during the public comment period.

Kyle Krier offered the motion to close the Hearing at 6:35pm and resume the regular meeting, seconded by Adam Panka, and carried out unanimously.

Discussion Items:

a. Westside Development

EDA discussed looking into GM Housing buying down construction cost. Lincoln Co has funds available for development statewide housing (SAHA funds), could borrow SCDP funds (inter fund loan), or could borrow from other funds within the city.

Council members discussed next steps to have signs promoting the property put up, posted, shared on social media and advertising on website. The city administrator will contact Kalea Swenson about the signs.

b. South Alley- no discussion at this meeting. No updates.

Action Items

1. Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-53 Resolution Accepting Donation to the Ivanhoe Community Center from BUNCO Ivanhoe in the amount of \$75.00 for heating costs.

Adam Panka offered the motion, seconded by Kyle Krier to approve the donation to the Ivanhoe Community Center for heating costs. The motion was unanimously carried out.

2. Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-54 Resolution Accepting Donation to the Ivanhoe Ambulance from Alter Metal in the amount of \$334.80 for operating costs.

Adam Panka offered the motion, seconded by Kyle Krier to approve the donation to the Ivanhoe Ambulance for operating costs. The motion was unanimously carried out.

3. Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-55 Resolution Accepting Donation to the Ivanhoe Ambulance from Alter Metal in the amount of \$345.00 for operating costs.

Adam Panka offered the motion, seconded by Kyle Krier to approve the donation to the Ivanhoe Ambulance for operating costs. The motion was unanimously carried out.

5. Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-56 Resolution approving Lincoln Co Sheriff Contract.

Adam Panka offered the motion, seconded by Kyle Krier to approve the Lincoln Co Sheriff Contract in the amount of 15 hours a week for a total of \$51,480 January 1, 2026 –December 31, 2026, January 1, 2027 –December 31, 2027: \$53,540, January 1, 2028 –December 31, 2028: \$55,685. The motion was unanimously carried out.

6. Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-57. Resolution approving frequency, day of the month and time of City Council Meetings in 2026.

Kyle Krier offered the motion, seconded by Brad Blanchette to approve the City Council meeting the second Monday of each month beginning January 2026. The motion was unanimously carried out.

7. Consider Approval of Resolution 2024-58 Resolution approving the General Levy collected in 2026 Tax.

Adam Panka offered the motion, seconded by Brad Blanchette to approve the Levy of 3.5% in the amount of \$367,952.85 The motion was unanimously carried out.

8. Consider the Approval City of Ivanhoe Insurance benefits for the 2026 fiscal year.

Brad Blanchette offered the motion, seconded by Michelle Sullivan to approve 100% individual paid insurance benefits with \$100 HSA monthly contribution, and 0% family paid benefits for health, and dental, and vision with 100 % employee contribution. The motion was unanimously carried out.

9. Consider the Approval of Employee Wages for 2026.

Kyle Krier offered the motion, seconded by Brad Blanchette for full time employees (40 hours a week) to receive 2.5% Cola increase in 2026, and 2.5% performance eligible wage increase for full time employees in 2026. The motion was unanimously carried out.

10. Consider Approval to consider awarding A & C Excavating LLC of Marshall MN bid for the T.H. 19 Storm Drain Repair in the amount of \$28,810.

Adam Panka offered the motion, seconded by Kyle Krier to award A & C Excavating LLC the bid for T.H 19 Storm Drain Repair. The motion was unanimously carried out.

11. Consider Approval to fund 30% of the depreciation in the water and sewer funds in 2026.

Brad Blanchette offered the motion, seconded by Adam Panka to approve funding 30% of the depreciation in water and sewer funds in 2026. The motion was unanimously carried out.

12. Consider motion to certify taxes in amount of \$94.12 property ID 18-0060-000 for unpaid utility bill.

Adam Panka offered the motion, seconded by Brad Blanchette to approve certify to taxes \$94.12 property ID 18-0060-000 for unpaid utility. The motion was unanimously carried out.

13. Consider Approval for City Administrator to pay year end invoices for year-end.2025.

Kyle Krier offered the motion, seconded by Brad Blanchette to approve the City Administrator to pay year end invoices for 2025. The motion was unanimously carried out.

14. Consider Approval of Gabe Sterzinger to be hire as a Ivanhoe Fireman.

Brad Blanchette offered the motion, seconded by Adam Panka to approve Gabe Sterzinger as a Ivanhoe Fireman. The motion was unanimously carried out.

Mayor's Report:

The mayor offered his thanks to the council members for their work in 2025, and for helping the city move forward.

Announcements

1/7/2026 EDA Meeting 7:30 am

1/12/2026 City Council Meeting 5:30pm

Adjourn

Kyle Krier offered the motion, seconded by Brad Blanchette to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried out.

Dated at Ivanhoe, Minnesota, this 8th day of December 2025

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF IVANHOE, MINNESOTA

BY _____

Shad Lipinski, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Dianne Beckendorf, City Admin

Truth In Taxation Hearing

December 8, 2025

Monday 6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the City Council of the City of Ivanhoe, Minnesota met for a Truth-in-Taxation Meeting on December 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Shad Lipinski and Council Members Brad Blanchette, Adam Panka, Kyle Krier, and Michelle Sullivan were present. Also, present City Administrator, Dianne Beckendorf, and present in the audience were: Scott Vizecky

Consent to Agenda

Kyle Krier made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Brad Blanchette, and unanimously approved

The purpose of the Truth-in-Taxation Meeting was to discuss and seek public comments on the City's proposed budget and property tax levy for 2026.

1. Present the Final 2026 Budget for the City of Ivanhoe by Mayor Lipinski
2. Hold a Public Hearing for concerns/questions regarding the 2026 Budget
Scott Vizecky spoke at the hearing.
3. Approve the Final 2025 Budget for the City of Ivanhoe
Adam Panka offered the motion to approve the final 2026 budget seconded by Brad Blanchette and unanimously carried
4. Adopt the 2026 Property Tax Levy

Adam Panka offered the motion to adopt the 2026 Property Tax Levy of with a 3.5% levy in the amount of \$367,952.85, seconded by Brad Blanchette and unanimously carried.

Kyle Krier offered the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm, seconded by Adam Panka and unanimously approved.

Dated at Ivanhoe, Minnesota, this 8th day of December 2025

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF IVANHOE, MINNESOTA

BY _____

ATTEST: _____

Shad Lipinski, Mayor

Dianne Beckendorf, City Administrator

City of Ivanhoe
Resolution Number: 2025-53

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION TO THE CITY

WHERAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 allows for gifts of real or personal property to be accepted by the City and maintained for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ivanhoe, Minnesota, to accept the donation of \$75 from Bunco group donation to be designated to the Ivanhoe Community Center towards utility costs.

The above resolution was made and adopted on this 8th day of December 2025.

The resolution was offered by: Adam Panka

This resolution was seconded by: Kyle Krier

Voting in favor: BB, MS, KK, AP, SL

against: None

Attest:

Shad Lipinski, Mayor

Dianne Beckendorf, City Administrator

City of Ivanhoe
Resolution Number: 2025-54

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ivanhoe, Minnesota, to accept the donation of \$ from Alter Metal to be designated to the Ivanhoe Ambulance for operating costs.

The above resolution was made and adopted on this 8th day of December 2025.

The resolution was offered by: Adam Panka

This resolution was seconded by: Kyle Krier

Voting in favor: BB, MS, KK, AP, SL

against: None

Attest:

Shad Lipinski, Mayor

Dianne Beckendorf, City Administrator

City of Ivanhoe

Resolution Number: 2025-55

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION TO THE CITY

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 allows for gifts of real or personal property to be accepted by the City and maintained for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ivanhoe, Minnesota, to accept the donation of \$ from Alter Metal to be designated to the Ivanhoe Ambulance for operating costs.

The above resolution was made and adopted on this 8th day of December 2025.

The resolution was offered by: Adam Panka

This resolution was seconded by: Kyle Krier

Voting in favor: BB, MS, KK, AP, SL against: None

Attest:

Shad Lipinski, Mayor

Dianne Beckendorf, City Administrator

City of Ivanhoe
Resolution Number: 2025-56

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH LINCOLN COUNTY
SHERIFF FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR
THE 2026-2028 CALENDAR YEARS**

WHEREAS the City of Ivanhoe (the “City”) desires to contract law enforcement services with Lincoln County and the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Department; and

WHEREAS, such contracts are authorized by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 471.59, and the 1961 Session Laws, Chapter 693; and

WHEREAS said contract will be for law enforcement services of **15 hours per week** provided during the 2026, 2027, and 2028 calendar years under the terms and conditions contained within the contract.

(Reference #11 in contract) The City agrees to pay the County the sum of \$66 per hour for 15 hours per week (780 hours per year) in 2026, an increase of 4% to the hourly rate in 2027, and an increase of 4% to the hourly rate in 2028. First semi-annual payment to be paid upon start of this contract on January 1, 2026 (½) and July 1, 2026 (½) annually throughout contract.

January 1, 2026 –December 31, 2026: \$51,480

January 1, 2027 –December 31, 2027: \$53,540

January 1, 2028 –December 31, 2028: \$55,685

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Ivanhoe, Minnesota, hereby approves the Contract for Law Enforcement Services for the 2026, 2027, 2027 calendar years, with 15 hours per week of law enforcement service attached hereto and by said references incorporated herein in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract on behalf of the City.

The above resolution was made and adopted on this 8th day of December 2025.

The resolution was offered by: Adam Panka

This resolution was seconded by: Kyle Krier

Voting in favor: BB, MS, KK, AP, SL against: None

Attest:

Shad Lipinski, Mayor

Dianne Beckendorf, City Administrator

City of Ivanhoe
Resolution Number: 2025-57

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FREQUENCY, DAY OF THE MONTH, AND TIME
OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE CITY OF IVANHOE**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ivanhoe will meet monthly, on the second Monday of the month beginning in January 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Ivanhoe, Minnesota, hereby approves the

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council, City of Ivanhoe shall meet on the second Monday of the month at 5:30pm in City Council Chambers.

The above resolution was made and adopted on this 8th day of December 2025.

The resolution was offered by: Kyle Krier

This resolution was seconded by: Brad Blanchette

Voting in favor: BB, MS, KK, AP, SL

against: None

Attest:

Shad Lipinski, Mayor

Dianne Beckendorf, City Administrator

CITY OF IVANHOE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-58

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET, AND APPROVING 2025 PROPOSED TAX LEVY, COLLECTIBLE IN 2026

Be It Resolved by the council of the City of Ivanhoe, County of Lincoln, Minnesota, that the 2026 City of Ivanhoe Proposed Budget is herewith adopted; and

Be It Further Resolved that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2026 upon the taxable property in the City of Ivanhoe, for the following purposes:

Total General Levy \$367,952.85

Final Budget discussions
took place at a regular council meeting,

December 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Questions/comments regarding the budget can be directed to the city council at 507-694-1738 or mailed to City of Ivanhoe PO Box 54 Ivanhoe MN 56142.

The city administrator is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the county auditor of Lincoln County, Minnesota.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ivanhoe, Minnesota, to approve of these changes at the regular council meeting dated Monday, December 8, 2025.

The resolution was offered by: Adam Panka

This resolution was seconded by: Brad Blanchette

Voting in favor: SL, AP, BB, KK, MS

against: None

Shad Lipinski, Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Beckendorf, City Administrator

City of Ivanhoe

Truth In Taxation Hearing

December 8, 2025

Monday at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall Chambers

401 N Harold Street, Ivanhoe, MN 56142

Call to order by Mayor Shad Lipinski at 6:30pm

Roll Call: The City Council Members present were Brad Blanchette, Kyle Krier, Michelle Sullivan, Adam Panka

Consent to Agenda

Truth-in-Taxation Meeting

1. Present the Final 2026 Budget for the City of Ivanhoe
2. Hold a Public Hearing for concerns/questions regarding the 2026 Budget
3. Approve the Final 2026 Budget for the City of Ivanhoe
4. Public Comments

Scott Vizecky, Ivanhoe resident, was present at the meeting and shared that his taxes have increased since moving to town. He shared that he would like to see money go towards fixing the streets, and to support the library.

Kyle Krier made a motion to close the Hearing at 6:35pm and resume the regular meeting, seconded by Adam Panka, and carried out unanimously.