



Ivanhoe City Council Meeting
Regular City Council meeting
City Council Chambers 401 N Harold St
Monday September 8, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Also, present were City Administrator Dianne Beckendorf, Jim Wright, Public Works, Curt Szerlip, Lincoln Co Sheriff, Rebecca Paluch, Kathleen Wall, Ivanhoe Ambulance

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Hearings- None

Approval of Minutes

August 25, 2025

Adam Panka made a motion to approve August 25, 2025, minutes. Kyle Krier seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Approval Invoices/Financials

Invoice payments: Batch 9.8.25

100 GENERAL FUND	\$21,224.52.
225 FIRE FUND	\$2,954.19
226 AMBULANCE FUND	\$548.19
241 REHAB REVOLVING FUND	0

245 LIBRARY FUND	\$253.22
601 WATER FUND	\$5,641.26
602 SEWER FUND	\$5,468.41
605 GARBAGE FUND	\$2,877.60
	\$38,967.39
610 LIQUOR	\$12,824.27
TOTAL CLAIMS 8.11.25	\$51,791.66

Kyle Krier made a motion to approve the 9.8.2025 invoices. Adam Panka seconded the motion which was carried unanimously. Shad Lipinski abstained from voting.

Department Reports:

Lincoln Co Sheriff: Curt Szerlip, deputy Lincoln Co Sheriff gave the council an update on the activities of the sheriff's dept. The hours provided for the City of Ivanhoe by the Sheriff's office were shared with the council. Curt shared that there has been an increase in traffic stops in the city.

Public Works- Jim Wright gave an update to the council regarding the drain repair on HWY19. The engineers are working with MN DOT regarding the repair of the drain. The project is not out for bids and will be planned for repair in 2026. Bolton & Menk is also supporting the city in the MDH lead/copper water lines within the city. There are 19 unknown service lines. Jim gave a report to the council regarding the MPCA Letter received by the city. Jim plans to test more frequently, and complete necessary steps to remain compliant. There is an increase in inflow of up to 40,000 gallons noted at times. Rural water came to smoke the lines a few weeks ago and found some holes to get plugged. A few are empty lots. He stated that cameras can be put down the manholes. Jim is working with the Lincoln Co Engineer, Joe Wilson regarding the recently completed seal coating work completed by ASTECH Corp contracted by Lincoln Co Highway Dept. The total contract price was \$35,281.03 and the total measured price came to \$40,513.98. Jim shared that they arrived at 7pm on a Friday evening, and he was not present when they did the work. The city provided a map when the bid was contracted. Jim will follow up with Lincoln Co. Highway Dept engineer to further discuss the cost. The pool is ready to be winterized, waiting for the BWD to come to winterize the pool. There was one pump that Jim replaced a seal on. The council stated that the summer help is done for the year. The public works will be doing any needed mowing for the rest of the season. The council discussed with Jim the need for notification of weeds on homeowners' properties. Jim shared that next year for Polish Days, the public works dept will assist with blocking the streets and areas needed, and that the community can seek out volunteers for individual activity set up.

Ivanhoe Ambulance- Rebecca Paluch and Kathleen Wall were in attendance to give an update on the ambulance department. The ambulance will be going for an upfit at Arrow in Rock Rapids in approximately two weeks. Arrow will be renting an ambulance to the city for the duration of the time it takes to complete the upfit. There was discussion regarding where the ambulance is housed. The ambulance members are concerned about the tight fit they must back the ambulance in the current public works garage. There is an option to redo the garage at the ILS for use. At this time,

the ambulance will remain in the public works garage. Jim can paint some strips or markings for the drivers to visually see better when backing the ambulance into the garage. Rebecca was going to check to see if the community transit bus is still using a garage at the county as an option.

City Administrator- Dianne Beckendorf

- * Attended the LMC Clerks Academy last week and gathered more information.

- * The SCDP has 4-5 owner occupied home applications needed within the city. Referred some homeowners to DSI for an application.

- * The SRDC would like to schedule a zoom meeting with 2-3 people from the city to learn about connecting businesses, government, and community with resources, planning and services needed to promote growth.

Discussion Items:

1. Dangerous or Potentially Dangerous Dog- The council discussed following through with the steps. The sheriff's dept is following up with the homeowner and are looking for a place to house the dog while the homeowner completes the requirements.

Action Items

1. Consider Approval of Resolution 2025-44 Resolution Accepting Donation to the Ivanhoe Library from Robin Sterzinger in the amount of \$60.00 for books.

Kyle Krier made a motion, seconded by Brad Blanchette, to approve the donation from Robin Sterzinger in the amount of \$60.00 to the Ivanhoe Library for books. The motion was unanimously carried out.

Mayors Report

There is a request from VFW that two members of the council meet with them to discuss the building. A list of costs for the VFW was given to council members.

Budget Workshop

A. Wages- 2026 – COLA of 3% and performance based 2% for 2026.

B. Benefits: Council will determine at the next meeting.

D. Review of Debt- Reviewed spreadsheet

E. Water/Sewer- 2026 All properties will pay base rate for water/sewer and MDH fees.

F. Capital Outlay - Discussion on what is needed. Parks, Pool, Streets, Equipment, Machinery. The discussion was that it is necessary to plan for outlay and budget for future needs.

G. Streets- Bolton & Menk CIP, city needs to prioritize the needs.

H. Sheriff Contract: \$66,415 2026 (+4.9%) 2027 \$72,468 (4%) 2028 \$75,367 (4%)

I. Water Sewer Rates review in October.

J. Preliminary Levy- to be established at the next meeting. The council is proposing a 10% levy.

Announcements

9/22/25 City Council Meeting 5:30pm

10/1/25 EDA Meeting 7:30am

Adjourn

A motion was made by Brad Blanchette, seconded by Kyle Krier, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm.

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

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF IVANHOE, MINNESOTA

BY _____ ATTEST: _____

Shad Lipinski, Mayor

Dianne Beckendorf, City Administrator

City of Ivanhoe

Resolution Number: 2025-44

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 RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ivanhoe, Minnesota, to accept the donation to the Ivanhoe Library from Robin Sterzinger in the amounts of \$60 for books.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of September 2025 by the City Council of the City of Ivanhoe, County of Lincoln, State of Minnesota.

The resolution offered by: Kyle Krier

This resolution is seconded by: Brad Blanchette

Voting in favor: All

Voting against: None

BY _____
Shad Lipinski, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dianne Beckendorf, City Administrator