City of Guttenberg
Regular City Council Meeting
October 13, 2025

The Guttenberg, Iowa City Council met in regular session Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building City Council Chambers. Mayor Fred Schaub presided with Austin Greve, Michelle Geuder, Mandy Ludovissy, Steve Bahls present and Jane Parker by phone. Absent: None.

Guests: Rick Rosacker, Darla Kelchen, Tracy Kregel, Tierney Hoefer, Kristina Johnson, Sandy Dean, Daniel Schmelzer and Molly Moser.

Bahls made a motion approve the agenda. Geuder seconded. Vote: Ayes: Greve, Ludovissy, Parker, Bahls, Geuder. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Greve made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Bahls seconded. Vote: Ayes: Greve, Ludovissy, Parker, Bahls, Geuder. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approved by Consent Agenda vote:

a) Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting – 09/08/2025
b) Bills & Claims.

CHECK #	VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
59314	A M FOAM WORKS	LIFT & LEVEL CONCRETE	1,200.00
59311	ACCESS SYSTEMS	LIBRARY COPIES/CONTRACT	59.47
59284	AFLAC	EMPL SUPPLEMENTAL INS	484.30
59214	AIRGAS USA LLC	CYLINDER RENTAL	132.77
59312	AIRGAS USA LLC	CYLINDER RENTAL	130.35
59215	ALEX PRO FIREARMS, LLC	PD FIREARMS	2,315.98
59216	ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET	1,719.91
59279	ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET - LIBRARY	149.15
59313	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,366.86
59285	AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INS CO	EMPL LIFE INSURANCE	399.50
59315	AUTOTEK SERVICE CENTER, INC	REPAIR PRESSURE HOSE	38.47
59316	BARD MATERIALS	CONCRETE	1,193.60
59280	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS UTILITIES	1,858.38
59232	BLACKHAWK SPRINKLERS	BACKFLOW TESTING	132.50
59233	BODENSTEINER IMPL. INC	V-BELT & CREDIT MEMO	41.42
59317	BODENSTEINER IMPL. INC	LAWNMOWER BLADES	141.06
59318	BROWN'S SALES & LEASING	VEHICLE REPAIRS - 2010 F350	6,083.27
59217	BUG BUSTERS	PEST CONTROL	325.00
59319	CATALIS LLC	WEBSITE MANAGEMENT 2/25-1/26	2,713.60
59320	CHERYL URBALEJO	ENERGY REBATE - WINDOWS	500.00
59321	COMM FOUNDATION GREATR DB	GUTT. SWIMMING POOL ENDOWMENT	3,000.00
59322	COULEE REGION DOCKS LLC	LAUNCH DOCKS - BUSSEY LAKE	24,481.70
59218	CULLIGAN	BOTTLED WATER - SHOP	30.00
59323	CULLIGAN	BOTTLED WATER - SHOP	37.50
ACH	DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	VISION/DENTAL INS OCT 25	691.50

59219	DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526	POOL JANITORIAL	24.25
59324	DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526	ENERGY REBATE - LED LIGHTING	1,272.50
59325	DONALD SCHAEFER	CONCRETE FORM/POUR	1,156.00
59234	DRIVE LINE INC	SNOWPLOW AND INSTALLATION	12,572.41
59326	EDMUNDS GOV TECH, INC.	ANNUAL SOFTWARE FEES	29,000.00
59327	ELLIOT EQUIP CO	GUTTER BROOM SET	599.34
ACH	EFTPS	SS & FED WITHHOLDINGS	28,693.58
59281	EMERGENCY APPARATUS MAINT, INC	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	4,050.80
ACH	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	HRA FEES	9,329.14
59328	EUROFINS ENVIR TESTING NC, LLC	TESTING - WWTR	424.54
59235	FAHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS, LLC	PATCH/CRACK FILL/SEALCOAT CEM	12,872.70
59329	FASSBINDER SMALL ENGINES	ECHO BLOWER	250.00
59330	FLETCHER REINHART CO	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES	2,388.24
59236	GALLS, ARAMARK CO	MALTESE CROSS NAME PATCHES	44.45
59220	GARNAVILLO OIL, INC	FUEL	2,084.37
59331	GEORGE MORTEO	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	320.00
59221	GORDON FLESCH COMPANY INC	COPIER MAINTENANCE THROUGH 10/7	112.00
59332	GORDON FLESCH COMPANY INC	COPIER MAINTENANCE THROUGH 11/7	112.00
59336	GUTT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	BUDGETED MONTHLY DONATION	1,666.67
59335	GUTTENBERG CITY UTILITY ACCTS	UTILITY DEPOSITS APPLIED	510.00
59333	GUTTENBERG MUNICIPAL HOSPITA	RANDOM SCREENING	80.00
59334	GUTTENBERG PRESS, INC	PUBLICATIONS/NOTICES	571.40
59237	GUTTENBERG RETAILERS	EMPLOYEE SAFETY INCENTIVES	320.00
59337	HACH COMPANY	WATER TESTING SUPPLIES	253.81
59338	HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	1,424.04
59339	HEFEL PORTABLE SERVICES, LLC	PORTABLE RESTROOMS	790.00
59340	HIGHWAY 52 FLOWERS	TREES	221.00
59341	IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	ANNUAL WATER USE FEE	115.00
59238	IA DEPT PUBLIC SAFETY	TERMINAL BILLING - JAS 2025	300.00
ACH	IA DEPT REVENUE & FINANCE	SALES/USE/L OPT TAXES AUG 25	8,226.99
ACH	IA DEPT REVENUE & FINANCE	WATER EXCISE TAX AUG 25	2,587.90
ACH	IA DEPT REVENUE & FINANCE	WITHHOLDING TAXES - SEPT 25	2,046.77
59342	IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	BASIC ACADEMY - MRANS	4,900.00
59343	IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	1,445.00
59344	IA PRISON INDUSTRIES	ILEA BASIC ACADEMY UNIFORMS-MR	230.00
ACH	IPERS	IPERS SEPT 25	13,278.24
59345	JAMIE BLUME	REIMBURSE MILEAGE	143.50
59346	JEFF FRIEDLEIN	ROCK/BREAKER RUN ROCK	1,363.07
59222	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	LIVE TRAP	36.99
59347	JUDE KEPPLER	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND	295.00
59348	KARI HOYHEIM	REIMB MEAL/MILEAGE TRAININGS	643.90
59349	KLUESNER SANITATION, LLC	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	14,112.48
59350	KREGEL BROTHERS RESTORATION	REFURBISH STONES/CEMETERY	1,625.00
59282	KUEMPEL HARDWARE INC	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	53.48

59351	KUEMPEL HARDWARE INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	398.65
59223	KWIK TRIP INC. - CREDIT DEPT.	FUEL	2,375.72
59352	MAT RIES	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	179.70
59353	MEUSER LUMBER CO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	921.91
59239	MEYER COLLISION & SERVICE CNTR	OIL CHANGE 22 F-250	78.62
59354	MEYER COLLISION & SERVICE CNTR	VEHICLE REPAIRS - PD	126.75
59357	MI-T-M EQUIPMENT SALES & SVC	POWER WASHER HOSE	160.00
59355	MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC.	TESTING - WTR	76.25
59356	MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	LIFT STATION CLEANER	1,986.00
922251	MJ ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAL UPDATES	79,238.34
59224	MOSER MECHANICAL	A/C REPAIR - CITY OFFICE	315.00
59358	MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	ELECTRIC METERS	2,075.00
59359	ORIGIN DESIGN	SS/FC ENGINEERING	10,425.91
59360	PAULA DEUTMEYER	ENERGY REBATE - WASHER	50.00
59361	PEERLESS WELL & PUMP, INC.	BOOSTER PUMP	19,420.00
58190	POSTMASTER GUTTENBERG	UTILITY BILL MAILING	531.31
59362	RAPIDS REPRODUCTION INC	FC EECBG PLAN PRINTS	332.48
59225	RELIABLE TECHNOLOGY INC	TREND MICRO SUBSCRIPTION 3 YR	1,140.00
59286	RESALE POWER GROUP OF IOWA	WHOLESALE POWER/SUBSTATION RNT	155,385.62
59363	SCHMITZ JANITORIAL SUPPLY	SQUEEGEE/BLADE/HANDLE	91.50
59364	SCHUMANN REPAIR LLC	VEHICLE REPAIRS-2014 INTNTL	860.87
59226	SCHUSTER, MICK & FRIEDMANN	LEGAL FEES	735.12
59365	SCHUSTER, MICK & FRIEDMANN	LEGAL RETAINER OCT 2025	110.00
59227	SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORP	SHIELDWARE MOBILE	200.00
59240	STEVE MILLER	MOWING/TRIMMING - CEM	3,800.00
59366	STOREY KENWORTHY	UB BILL FORMS	419.10
59367	SUSI NEHLS	ENERGY REBATE - WINDOWS	500.00
59368	TERRY DURIN CO	STREET LIGHT POLES - 1ST ST	62,193.75
59228	UNIVERSAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES	195.69
59283	UNIVERSAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES	109.12
59229	UPPER EXPL REG PLANNING COMM	EECBG GRANT ADMIN	446.43
59369	UPPER EXPL REG PLANNING COMM	EECBG GRANT ADMIN	503.69
59370	UTILITIES	CITY UTILITIES	11,555.02
59371	UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC.	QTLY MAINT - WTR TOWER	3,554.61
59230	WASHINGTON NAT'L INS CO.	EMPL SUPPLEMENTAL INS	524.70
59372	WASHINGTON NAT'L INS CO.	EMPL SUPPLEMENTAL INS	524.70
59241	WELLMARK BC/BS OF IOWA	MEDICAL INSURANCE - OCT. 25	20,812.73
59231	WELLS FARGO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,596.94
59373	WELLS FARGO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	6,565.13

c) Department Reports.

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HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: None.

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Discussed Resolution No. 3466-25, A Resolution Approving the City of Guttenberg Alley Improvement Agreement (Block 97). Bahls made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3466-25. Ludovissy seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bahls, Parker, Greve, Geuder and Ludovissy. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Discussed Tim Schmitt's request on opening meetings with a prayer. Based on information from City Attorney, no change will be made at this time.

Darla Kelchen was present to request a partnership with CCDG for marketing campaign for FY 2025. Discussed asking for $2,000 pledge for 2025/2026. Darla shared information and updates for County activities, grants and funds. Ludovissy made a motion to approve request. Bahls seconded. Vote: Ayes: Bahls, Parker, Greve, Geuder and Ludovissy. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Tracy Kregel and members of the Clayton County Childcare Coalition (CCCC) was present to discuss a budget consideration request. CCCC has been working on goals based on the 2023 study findings. Iowa Quality for Kids is the quality rating and improvement system for licensed Childcare Centers, Preschools, and other entities. CCCC is implementing a fund to expand training and improve retention of staff in Clayton County daycare entities. Those with a current IQ4K rating would eligible for funds. CCCC will utilize a 3-year plan to build funds in an endowment for sustainability (5% of endowment balance paid out each year) and checks and balances will be in place to assure all requirements are met by child care facilities receiving funds. CCCC is requesting the council consider a budget request of $4,800 for fiscal year 26/27. Ludovissy made a motion to add requested $4,800 to budget worksheet for FY 27. Bahls seconded. Vote: Ayes: Bahls, Greve, Geuder and Ludovissy. Nays: Parker. Motion Carried.

Discussed Rick Rosacker's zoning change requests. Discussed consider adding C-1A with additional allowed use of residential on ground floor – request will move back to the P & Z for research and recommendations.

Discussed engine brake ordinance. Mayor Schaub has calls from property owners regarding engine brake use in Payne campground area. Sandy Dean from Riverview Drive notices both Highway 52 and Great River Road use of engine brakes from Big Springs on through town. Asking for Police Department to patrol up by Meyer's Collision Center and Big Springs to monitor engine brake use. Discussed the current sign on Hwy 52 is not very noticeable and adding a red flag to draw attention. Bahls made a motion to approve addition of a sign with flags on the Great River Road near Big Springs and the addition of red flags on the Hwy 52 sign. Greve seconded. Vote: Ayes: Bahls, Parker, Greve, and Geuder. Nays: Ludovissy. Motion Carried.

Discussed Ordinance No. 731-25, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 69, "Parking Regulations" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Guttenberg, Iowa, 2006 Regulating Parking and Providing for Snow Removal. Greve made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 731-25. Geuder seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bahls, Parker, Greve, Geuder and Ludovissy. Nays: 0. Motion Carried. Greve made a motion to approve waiving the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 731-25. Bahls seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bahls, Parker, Greve, Geuder and Ludovissy. Nays: 0. Motion Carried. Greve made a motion to approve Final Reading and Passage of Ordinance No. 731-25. Bahls seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bahls, Parker, Greve, Geuder and Ludovissy. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Discussed Bridge Inspection Agreement. Bahls made a motion to approve agreement. Greve seconded. Vote: Ayes: Bahls, Parker, Greve, Geuder and Ludovissy. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Discussed actions on Alley Assessment Lot 11 Block 95. Discussed tabling for further research into the history of this assessment.

Discussed Office Computer Updates. Ludovissy made a motion to approve updating the 4 workstations in the City Office. Greve seconded. Vote: Ayes: Bahls, Parker, Greve, Geuder and Ludovissy. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Greve made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3467-25, A Resolution Approving the City of Guttenberg 2025 Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025. Bahls seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bahls, Parker, Greve, Geuder and Ludovissy. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Greve made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3468-25, A Resolution to Approve the Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. Bahls seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bahls, Parker, Greve, Geuder and Ludovissy. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Greve made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3469-25, A Resolution Approving the City of Guttenberg 2025 Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025. Bahls seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bahls, Parker, Greve, Geuder and Ludovissy. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Discussed setting the date for Budget Workshop. Discussed setting date for 11/17/2025 at 5pm.

Bahls left at 7:34 pm.

Reports:

- Fire Chief: Written.
- Chief of Police: Written.
- Mayor Report: None.
- Chamber Report: Daniel Schmelzer was present to provide an update to the council. There will soon be a portal for county chambers to coordinate events and not compete with each other. Work is progressing on the new chamber website with a 2-3 week anticipated release of the new site. Discussed Stem Best Grant: working with Ms. DeGidio, school will work with chamber on social media, tech and posters. Discussed fireworks went well at Germanfest. Ghoul's night out is October 16, 2025 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. German Christmas Market and Parade will be November 29, 2025. CP Holiday Train will be in town on November 24, 2025, and a group or business will possibly be selling hot cocoa and cookies at the site.
- Council Report: None

Greve made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Geuder seconded. Council Vote: Ayes: Greve, Ludovissy, Parker, Geuder. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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Fred Schaub, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jamie Blume, City Manager