

# CITY OF PANORA

## City Council Meeting

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 AT 5:30 P.M.**

**I.** Mayor Thornberry opened the council meeting at 5:30 p.m. and called Roll. Council members present were Roger Dorr, Brian Dorsett, Tom Flanery, Blake Michelsen, and Mark Sheeder. Staff attending were Dan Hagen-Assistant Electrical Superintendent, Doug Long-Electrical Superintendent, and Lisa Grossman-City Administrator. The meeting was accessible electronically thru GoToMeeting as allowed by Section 21.8 of the Iowa Code.

**II. Approval of Agenda** – Dorr made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Sheeder. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Public Forum** – Dave Garland of 210 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street addressed the council and declared his support of the text amendment that would allow a church to be built in the Light Industrial District.

**IV. Consent Items** – Dorsett moved to approve the minutes of 02-23-26 Regular Meeting, seconded by Flanery. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **V. Council Business**

A. Pat Subbert addressed the council and asked for a reduced rental rate for the community center for Panora Lion's Club events. After a discussion, Dorsett made a motion to set the rate at \$100 for the Panora Lion's Club, seconded by Dorr. With the roll being called, the motion carried unanimously.

B. The council discussed the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a text amendment request from Lutheran Church of Hope, who requested churches be added as a permitted use in the Light Industrial District. Mark Brandt addressed the council in regards to the request. Dorr then made a motion to move the process forward to add the text amendment to the code, seconded by Sheeder. With the roll being called, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 26-14 was considered, supporting a submission of an application to the "Hometown Pride" program. Michelsen made the motion with a total 5-year contribution amount of \$12,500, seconded by Dorr. With the roll being called, the resolution carried unanimously.

D. A discussion was held regarding Resolution 26-15, approving a revised Electric Utility Inspection and Maintenance plan for Panora Municipal Electric Utility. Assistant Electric Superintendent Hagen gave an overview of the plan. Dorsett made a motion to approve, seconded by Flanery. With the roll being called, the resolution carried unanimously.

E. The water access policy was considered.

F. Resolution 26-06 was then considered, approving amendments to the Utility Customer Service Manual. Dorr made a motion to approve, seconded by Michelsen. With the roll being called, the resolution carried unanimously.

#### **VI. Financials.**

A. Sheeder moved to approve the bills payable, seconded by Dorr. With the roll being called, the motion carried unanimously.

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B. Dorsett moved to approve the monthly financials, seconded by Sheeder. With the roll being called, the motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Information Items.** Administrator Grossman provided a verbal report to the Council. Assistant Superintendent Hagen gave an update of the undergrounding projects. Dorsett gave an update on the EMS Advisory Committee.

Mayor Thornberry asked for a motion to adjourn. Michelsen made a motion to adjourn at 6:03 p.m., seconded by Flanery. With the roll being called, the motion carried unanimously.

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Curtis Thornberry, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Grossman, City Administrator