

Council Meeting Avoca City Council, April 29, 2025

Mayor Tom Bruck called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with Diane Stamp, Deb Calhoon, Drew Becker and Robert McCarthy present. William Dea absent. Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Calhoon to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

The City Administrator asked the council to move item 6a closed session after the Public Hearings (items 3 a and b), motion by Becker, seconded by Stamp to move closed session. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Becker to open the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget at 5:31 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Bruck asked if there were any oral or written comments at city hall. None

Mayor Bruck asked for public comment. None

Motion by Calhoon, seconded by Stamp to close the Public Hearing at 5:32 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Calhoon to approve RESOLUTION 25-0429-01: APPROVING PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET. On a roll call: AYES: 4, NAYS: 0.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Stamp to open the second Public Hearing for specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the Avoca Veterans Community Center renovation at 5:34 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Bruck asked if there were any oral or written comments at city hall. None

Mayor Bruck asked for public comment. None

Motion by Calhoon, seconded by Becker to close the public hearing at 5:35 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Becker to approve RESOLUTION 25-0429-02: APPROVING PROPOSED SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE AVOCA VETERANS COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION. On a roll call: AYES: 4, NAYS: 0.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Stamp to close the open session at 5:51 PM to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Stamp, seconded by Becker to re-open the open session at 6:28 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

No motion was made on Resolution 25-0429-03. The Council agreed to revisit the matter at a later date, after additional progress has been made on other City projects.

The city has created a position that supports community programming, events and volunteer coordination, communication, facility management, and citizen engagement.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Calhoon to approve RESOLUTION 25-0429-04: ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR. On a roll call: AYES: 4, NAYS: 0.

The City is now able to enforce nuisance regulations related to excessive traffic noise.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Calhoon to approve RESOLUTION 25-0429-05: APPROVING THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SOUND VUE NOISE CAMERA. On a roll call: AYES: 4, NAYS: 0.

The City Clerk gave a brief overview of the FY 25 Budget Amendment #2 and asked the council if they had any questions.

The City Administrator gave the council an update on water conservation. The council, utility board and culture recreation advisory board will meet on May 6, 2025 to discuss if the pool will open for the season.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Calhoon to approve the matter related to the closed session. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Becker, seconded by McCarthy to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:

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Teresa M Hoepner, City Clerk