

Governmental Body: Winterset City Council

Date of Meeting: February 16, 2026

Time of Meeting: 7:00 PM

Place of Meeting: City Hall - 124 W Court Ave

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-mentioned governmental body will meet at the date, time and manner set out. The tentative agenda for said meeting is as follows:

- 1) Call to Order**
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) Roll Call**
- 4) Adopt Agenda**
- 5) Public Comment**
- 6) Consent Agenda**
  - a) City Council Meeting minutes from February 2, 2026
  - b) Utility Board Meeting minutes from January 19, 2026
  - c) Winterset Municipal Utilities Activity Report
  - d) Class C Retail Alcohol License Renewal - Mi Pueblo Inc
  - e) Utility Bill Adjustment for 821 E Washington St & 809 E Benton St
  - f) FEH Contract for Library Construction Project
- 7) Claims**
  - a) Claims in the amount of \$833,919.81
- 8) Reports from City Boards and Departments**
  - a) Madison County Development Group Executive Director Ryan Marquardt
  - b) Winterset Airport Board Chairperson Dave LaGrange
  - c) Winterset/USW Wastewater Superintendent Nic Smith
  - d) WWTF Update- Strand- Taylor Hopper
  - e) City Administrators Report
- 9) Resolutions and Actions**
  - a) Res No 2026-09 Support of SICOG
  - b) Change Order #3 for WWTF
  - c) Pay App #7 for WWTF
- 10) Council Considerations , Discussions, and Work Session**
- 11) Adjournment**

DATE POSTED: February 13, 2026

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Andrew Barden, City Administrator/City Clerk

The City Council of the City of Winterset, Iowa met on February 16, 2026 in accordance with the above Notice and Call of Public meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Mayor Leners and recited the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT: Michael Cook, Michael Eller, Mike Fletcher, Mary Ann Orr

ABSENT: Christopher Fairholm

The Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the presented agenda. There being no further additions or deletions to the agenda and no further discussion, Council Member Eller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cook. On roll call vote, all Council Members present voted Aye.

Whereupon the Mayor declared that the motion carried.

**Public Comment** - Individuals wishing to speak shall sign up prior to the meeting. When called upon please stand and give your address for the record. Each person may speak for up to three minutes. Please professionally and tactfully express your specific concerns and not disrespect individuals.

A resident at 405 S 16<sup>th</sup> and Friends of the Library Chair presented the financial statements to show financial capacity. Requested to have the document received and filed. The Mayor asked for a motion to receive and file the document. There being no further discussion, Council Member Fletcher made a motion, seconded by Council Member Eller. On roll call vote, all Council Members present voted Aye.

## Consent Agenda

City Council Meeting minutes from February 2, 2026  
Utility Board Meeting minutes from January 19, 2026  
Winterset Municipal Utilities Activity Report  
Class C Retail Alcohol License Renewal - Mi Pueblo Inc  
Utility Bill Adjustment for 821 E Washington St & 809 E Benton St  
FEH Contract for Library Construction Project

The Mayor stated that the minutes of the February 2, 2026 City Council meeting were previously distributed to the Council Members for their review. There being no further discussion; a motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Council Member Orr and seconded by Council Member Fletcher to approve the minutes as submitted. On roll call vote, all Council Members voted Aye.

Whereupon the Mayor declared that the motion carried.

## Claims

The claims submitted are in the amount of \$ 833,919.81.

The Mayor called for a report on the claims. Council Member Cook stated that he reviewed the claims and moved to approve the following list of claims. Council Member Fletcher seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all Council Members voted Aye.

Whereupon the Mayor declared that the motion carried.

## GENERAL

### POLICE:

Aiden Wood, detailing	300.00
Card Services, K9 Cards/training/membership/notary renewal/apparel/gasoline	1,014.06
Centurylink phone service	1,166.45
Madison Co Treasurer, gasoline	1,452.80
Mediacom, phone/internet service	893.80
Payroll Account, salaries	27,438.79
Quality Car Care, repairs	227.54
Stew Hansen, repairs	234.95
T-Mobile, phone service	1,469.60

### FIRE:

Brothers Ace4, LLC, supplies	412.84
Fareway Stores Inc, supplies	198.40
Fire Service Training Bureau, registration fee	150.00
MacQueen Equipment, repairs	277.81
Mediacom, phone/internet service	274.78
MMIT Business Solutions Group, monthly contract	40.00
Motorola Solutions Inc, truck radio	5,464.50
Quality Car Care, repairs	1,201.79
Waste Management of Iowa, garbage service	28.77

### ADMINISTRATION:

Agriland FS Inc, gasoline	29.57
Card Services, training	70.00
Farmers & Merchants State Bank, deposit slips	66.74
Hopkins & Huebner, P.C., IPIB training	993.58
Payroll Account, salaries	11,761.27
Winterset Madisonian, publications	19.91

### ANIMAL CONTROL:

Winterset Veterinary Center, impound fees	45.76
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### BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Payroll Account, salaries	3,343.28
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## GARBAGE FUND

### SOLID WASTE/GARBAGE:

Payroll Account, benefits	177.16
Payroll Account, salaries	1,065.86
Waste Management of Iowa, garbage service	37,844.56

## INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

ADMINISTRATION:

Access Systems, maint contract	197.43
Card Services, tax forms/office supplies	1,132.51
Granite Telecommunications, utilities	264.68
MMIT Business Solutions Group, monthly contract	1,311.89
Quill Corporation, office supplies	840.34
Warren Water District, reading fees	25.00
Waste Management of Iowa, garbage service	29.88
Xplor Pay, fees	3,648.41

ROAD USE TAX

ROADWAY MAINTENANCE:

Agriland FS Inc, gasoline	1,602.97
Card Services, repairs	114.91
Carquest of Winterset, supplies	63.06
Centurylink, phone service	459.50
Farmers Electric Coop, utilities	215.61
Iowa Department of Transportation, supplies	574.55
Payroll Account, salaries	9,097.39
R & B Tire and Auto, repairs	125.00
Randy Barber, tree removal	2,247.00
Titan Machinery-Des Moines, repairs	603.80
Waste Management of Iowa, garbage service	116.92

STREET CLEAN:

Payroll Account, salaries	419.84
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SNOW REMOVAL:

Legacy Materials LLC, supplies	1,225.74
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SEWER UTILITY FUND

SANITARY SEWER:

Agriland FS Inc, gasoline	413.19
Centurylink, phone service	997.18
Cintas Corporation, first aid supplies	79.61
Dept of Inspections & Appeals	40.00
Farmers Electric Coop Inc, utilities	215.60
Interstate Powersystems Inc, repairs	1,588.12
Iowa Pump Works Inc, repairs	3,500.00
Microbac Laboratories Inc, lab testing	2,129.48
O'Reilly Automotive Inc, supplies	104.96
Payroll Account, benefits	414.44
Payroll Account, salaries	2,616.89
Pit Pros Inc, sludge hauling	19,849.12
Pye-Barker Fire & Safety LLC, annual inspection	457.00
US Water Service Corp, contract labor	28,204.32
Utility Equipment Co, supplies	665.34
Waste Management of Iowa, garbage service	473.59
Woodruff Construction LLC, WWTF Pay App 5	641,741.32

TRUST & AGENCY

POLICE:

Payroll Account, benefits	4,526.75
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ADMINISTRATION:

Payroll Account, benefits	2,315.69
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ROADWAY MAINTENANCE:

Payroll Account, benefits	1,606.21
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**Reports from City Boards and Departments**

Madison County Development Group Executive Director Ryan Marquardt provided written activity report to council. Highlighting the Strategic Plan Survey and requested response by February 22, 2026 with appending Planning meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Assistance from DSM Partnership for commercial listing on LOIS site. Pending commercial development was discussed. GMCCF application period is open through March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and a full board is seated and trained.

Winterset Airport Board Chairperson Dave LaGrange provided updates including “Fly Iowa” event on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and May 23<sup>rd</sup> fly in breakfast. Expansion efforts continue for both land purchase and future tenant needs.

Winterset/USW Wastewater Superintendent Nic Smith included activity report in packet and highlighted sump pump program development, repairs of equipment and infrastructure at the plant. Increased copper levels following a warm weather cleaning of the plant was noted and reported to DNR.

WWTF Update- Strand- Taylor Hopper provided update related to construction. Including the phases of construction for concrete pouring, an adjustment of construction for blower building to begin construction ahead of schedule, and contractors now working 9 hour days.

City Administrators Report was provided in packet. Reporting progress for streets project, WWTF, and Thriving Iowa competitive award. Obligatory attendance at multiple meetings. Political actions related to registering for local leader day on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and a meeting with Senator Sinclair and Representative Sorenson; with Mayor Leners. Other discussion about Fire Department 28E agreements and pending staffing decisions for City Finance Officer. Lastly Not for profit requests were shared for consideration.

### **Resolutions and Actions**

A motion was made by Council Member Fletcher to approve Resolution No. 2026-09 a Resolution to Participate in the Planning and Development Programs of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments seconded by Council Member Eller. There being no further discussion; On roll call vote, all Council Members voted Aye.

Whereupon the Mayor declared that the motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

#### A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHERN IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**WHEREAS** the Economic Development Administration was assigned to administer the provisions of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, and

**WHEREAS** the Southern Iowa Council of Governments has been designated by the Economic Development Administration as an Economic Development District, and

**WHEREAS** the State of Iowa and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has designated the Southern Iowa Council of Governments as the area wide planning organization, and

**WHEREAS** the City of Winterset is an active member of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments and participates in formulation of area wide plans and programs,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the Winterset City Council that the City of Winterset desires to participate in the fiscal year 2027 planning and economic development programs of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments in Iowa Planning Area XIV, consisting of Adair, Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor, and Union Counties.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winterset City Council that the City of Winterset provides \$9,367.75 for the operation of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments' planning and development programs.

Passed and Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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Thomas Leners, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrew J. Barden, City Administrator/City Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Eller to approve Change Order #3 for WWTF seconded by Council Member Fletcher. There being no further discussion; On roll call vote, all Council Members voted Aye.

Whereupon the Mayor declared that the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Cook to approve Pay App #7 for WWTF seconded by Council Member Orr. There being no further discussion; On roll call vote, all Council Members voted Aye.

Whereupon the Mayor declared that the motion carried.

**Council Considerations, Discussions, and Work Session**

Mayor Leners reminded all to be observant for pedestrians and motorcycles with the warming weather.

**The Adjournment**

There being no further business, Council Member Eller then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Council Member Cook. All Council Members voted Aye.

Whereupon the Mayor declared that the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Thomas J. Leners, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrew Barden, City Administrator/City Clerk