MEETING MINUTES
City of Polk City
Work Session

5:00 p.m., February 9, 2026
City Hall Council Chambers

A City Council Work Session was held on February 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers in Polk City, Iowa. Mayor Karsjen and City Council Members, Rob Sarchet, Dave Dvorak, James Hill, and Nick Otis were present. Jeff Savage was absent.

Minutes

Discussion of FY26 Budget

City Engineer Travis Thornburgh provided detailed updates on the North Trunk Sewer, explaining its importance for long-term growth, the constraints caused by limited remaining sewer capacity, and the need to establish a clear construction schedule. Thornburgh noted that approximately 7,500 acres lie in the service area and that easements will likely be required from multiple property owners, making early planning essential. Council discussed whether the project should proceed in FY27 or be delayed pending conversations with developers, agreeing to keep funding in the budget while staff seek developer timelines and prepares an RFP for design work in the coming months.

Construction Observer Nick Furness presented on the Street Repair Program, where staff reported approximately $4.4 million in identified street repair needs, along with additional costs for trails, sidewalks, and ADA ramps. With current funding levels near $200,000 annually, staff explained it would take roughly 30 years to eliminate the backlog, whereas increased funding could accelerate progress. Council reaffirmed the planned $400,000 allocation for FY27 and indicated interest in future evaluation of funding levels.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Otis and seconded by Hill to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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Steve Karsjen, Mayor

Attest

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Susan Lawton, City Clerk