**MEETING MINUTES**
**City of Polk City**
**Work Session**

**5:00 p.m., April 27, 2026**
**City Hall Council Chambers**

A City Council Work Session was held on April 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers in Polk City, Iowa. Mayor Karsjen and City Council Members, Rob Sarchet, Jeff Savage, Dave Dvorak, James Hill, and Nick Otis were present.

***Minutes***

Presentation from Matt Stoffel, PFM on Water and Sanitary Sewer Rates

Matt Stoffel of PFM presented an overview of the City's water utility finances, noting the utility is in good financial condition but faces long-term cost pressures from regional capital investments through Central Iowa Water Works (CIWW). He reviewed the CIWW rate structure, peak-day water demand trends, and the impacts of irrigation on system capacity. A 7.5% water rate increase was recommended to maintain financial stability, protect cash reserves, and prepare for future expansion costs. The current irrigation rate premium was discussed, including comparisons to other metro communities and potential alternative pricing structures.

Stoffel also reviewed financial projections for the water utility, emphasizing that future CIWW expansion costs will primarily affect the City's cash position and underscoring the importance of gradual rate adjustments to maintain long-term stability.

The presentation continued with an overview of the sanitary sewer utility and the City's participation in the Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA). A 5.5% sewer rate increase was recommended, primarily due to ongoing debt associated with the Rock Creek sewer connection, which will remain in place through approximately 2040. Stoffel discussed WRA cost allocation based on flow, projected increases in WRA operating costs and debt, and the City's local capital needs, including trunk sewer projects. Council members discussed long-term debt management strategies, funding options, and the importance of balancing affordability with infrastructure obligations.

***Adjournment***

Motion was made by Dvorak and seconded by Otis to adjourn at 5:56 p.m.
*Motion carried unanimously*.

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Steve Karsjen, Mayor

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Susan Lawton, City Clerk