MEETING MINUTES
City of Polk City
Work Session

5:00 p.m., June 8, 2026
City Hall Council Chambers

A City Council Work Session was held on June 8, 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

Trunk Sewer Presentation

City Engineer Travis Thornburgh (with Snyder & Associates) presented updated information regarding the North and Northeast trunk sewer projects, including additional analysis requested by Council. City Engineer Thornburgh reviewed feasibility, costs, and alternatives, emphasizing that the North trunk sewer remains the most practical and cost-effective solution to serve future development areas, including the Young property and surrounding parcels. Alternative alignments, such as routes along 3rd Street or the use of lift stations, were determined to be significantly more expensive, more disruptive, and less efficient long term.

Council discussed current development activity and noted that while there has been interest in northern properties, there is no immediate demand requiring near-term construction. Council members expressed concern over timing, debt financing, and ensuring a reasonable return on investment, balancing the benefits of proactive infrastructure with the risks of premature spending. After discussion, the majority of Council indicated they did not support moving forward with construction in the upcoming fiscal year and instead directed staff to continue evaluating the projects, prioritize areas with stronger near-term commercial potential, and prepare a Capital Improvement Plan amendment reflecting a one-year deferral and updated priorities.

Adjournment

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

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Steve Karsjen, Mayor

Attest

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Susan Lawton, City Clerk