WAUKEE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
August 10, 2026

A. Call to Order – The work session meeting of the Waukee City Council was called to order by Mayor Clarke at 5:32 p.m. at Waukee City Hall, 230 W. Hickman Rd. and electronically via Zoom.

B. Roll Call – The following members were present: Mayor Courtney Clarke; Council Members Kala Anderson, Chris Crone, Rob Grove, Lori Lyon, Anna Bergman Pierce. Absent: None.

Also in attendance: City Administrator Brad Deets, Assistant City Administrator Nick Osborne, Director Finance Rachel Downing, Director Economic Development Jennifer Brown, Director Community Development Andy Kass, Director Parks & Recreation Matt Jermier, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rudy Koester, Director Human Resources Michelle Lindsay, Police Chief Chad McCluskey, City Clerk Rebecca D. Schuett.

C. Agenda Approval – Council Member Anderson moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Council Member Grove. Results of vote: Ayes: Anderson, Crone, Grove, Lyon, Pierce. Nays: None. Motion carried 5 – 0.

D. Work Session:

1) **City partner presentation: Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Authority (HIRTA)** – HIRTA CEO Brooke Ramsey shared HIRTA funding sources, ridership statistics, challenges, successes and where they are headed as an organization.
2) **City partner presentation: Waukee Area Chamber of Commerce** – Chamber CEO Aly Davis presented organization statistics, including collaboration and partnerships.
3) **Strategic Plan: Ute Avenue Corridor Traffic Study report** – Public Works Director/City Engineer Koester and Project Engineer Josh DeBower (Foth Infrastructure & Environment) reviewed the project study area and intersections, existing lane configurations and traffic control, traffic volumes, future land uses and planned phases for roadway improvements.
4) **MidAmerican Energy Company pole agreement** – Police Chief McCluskey discussed the need to remove equipment from MidAmerican Energy Company poles and options for relocation.
5) **Public improvement project construction updates** – Public Works Director/City Engineer Koester provided an update on various projects under construction.
6) **RAGBRAI** – After some discussion, the council agreed to revisit the possibility of applying to host RAGBRAI when the route would go through central Iowa.

E. Council Liaison Reports – Report made by Mayor Clarke.

F. Comments

Council Member Lyon moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Member Grove. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried 5 – 0.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Courtney Clarke, Mayor

Attest:

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Rebecca D. Schuett, City Clerk