WAUKEE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING
September 14, 2026

A. Call to Order – The work session meeting of the Waukee City Council was called to order by Mayor Clarke at 5:30 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 Parks & Recreation Matt Jermier, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rudy Koester, Fire Chief Clint Robinson (electronically), Police Chief Chad McCluskey, City Clerk Rebecca D. Schuett.

C. Agenda Approval – Council Member Crone 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: Central Iowa Shelter and Services** – Central Iowa Shelter and Services CEO Melissa O'Neil discussed the organization's history, mission and vision, FY2026 statistics, programs and services, and opportunities for support.
2) **City partner presentation: WayPoint Resources** – WayPoint Resources Executive Director Melissa Stimple presented food pantry usage history, other services offered, 2025 statistics, how the City's investment is used, and an update on the organization's new facility.
3) **City partner presentation: Waukee Area Arts Council** – Waukee Area Arts Council Co-chair Karen Dluhos reviewed FY2026 programs, focusing on the arts festival and the budget for that event.
4) **Strategic Plan: Parks and Recreation Master Plan** – Brian Trusty with Pros Consulting (participating electronically) and Matt Carlile with Confluence reviewed a draft of the master plan, discussing public input and analysis, existing parks and trails inventory, programming, maintenance, pricing strategies, facility and programming gaps, financial performance, and growth scenarios.
5) **Regional transportation network improvements overview** – Public Works Director/City Engineer Koester presented a map and construction schedules for various western metro-area transportation network projects. He also reviewed Waukee's planned major road projects for 2027-2031.
6) **Public improvement project construction updates** – Public Works Director/City Engineer Koester provided an update on various projects under construction.
7) **MidAmerican Substation alternatives** – City Administrator Deets shared a MidAmerican Energy proposal for a non-climbable chain link fence as an alternative to barbed wire fencing surrounding the proposed substation site.

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

F. Comments

Council Member Grove moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Member Crone. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried 5 – 0.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Courtney Clarke, Mayor

Attest:

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Rebecca D. Schuett, City Clerk