

**CITY OF KANAWHA**  
**City Council Proceedings**  
**April 14, 2026**

The Kanawha City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Council members present were Dana Kraft, Tim Lodin, Jessica Fowles and Phyllis Jordanger. Chad Lang attended at 6:30 p.m. Also present were Mayor Randy Yeakel, City Clerk Barb Baker and Superintendent of Public Works Ryan Oleson as well as 1 resident. Mayor Yeakel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Fowles made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Kraft. All were in favor. Motion carried.

1. Motion to approve the agenda
2. Motion to approve the Minutes
3. Motion to approve the Clerk's Report
4. Motion to approve payment of bills

Ag Source	Water Testing	\$126.45
Allstate Water Blasting	Floor Cleaning	\$950.00
Amazon	Plugs, storage bins, phone case	\$164.75
Column	Publications	\$406.01
Comm 1	Phone/ Internet	\$611.57
Core & Main	Caps	\$225.61
EMC	Insurance	\$62,034.00
Gold- Eagle	Fuel	\$152.35
Hawkins	Chlorine	\$20.00
High Tide	Annual Renewal	\$240.00
IA Assoc. Muni. Utilities	Membership Dues	\$765.00
IA Dept. Public Safety	3rd Quarter Fees	\$300.00
Imprints	Golf Cart Permit Labels	\$245.00
KC Nielsen	Hardware	\$2.25
Mega Savers	Surender Tobacco Permit	\$14.06
MCI	Long Distance	\$37.57
Muni. Supply	Frost Caps, Diaphragm	\$121.07
Newman	53 Street Signs	\$1,487.00
Nieman	Pump Work	\$3,996.80
Pitney Bowes	Postage	\$287.55
Principal	Insurance	\$80.12
R & M	Main Repair, Old Shed	\$183.95
Swenson's	Fly Trap, Breaker, Keys	\$75.48
US Cell	Phone	\$242.78
VISA	Indeed, Microsoft, Google	\$183.96
Visual Edge	Copier	\$14.95
Waste Management	Overage	\$225.00

Wells Fargo	Copier	\$44.60
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The following report was given to the Council:

April 2026 Expenditures

Treas of Iowa	W.E.T	\$575.43
IRS	941	\$3,537.97
Workforce Development	Unemployment	\$109.17
Treas of Iowa	Withholding	\$1,010.29
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,502.64
Hancock Co Sheriff	Protective Services	\$10,000.00
Wellmark	Insurance	\$3,309.65
Postmaster	Postage	\$129.93
Christine Guthmiller	Mileage	\$25.38
Ingram	Books	\$108.24
Amazon	Books, supplies	\$417.78
Ingram	Books	\$148.99
Mid America Books	Books	\$147.80
TLC	Printer renew	\$88.00
Layton Sousa	Class, reimb	\$637.94
Phillip Kent	Class, reimb	\$624.53
Nat Hill	Class, reimb	\$222.88
Gold-Eagle	Fuel	\$429.31
ABC Allstate	Floors	\$2,050.00
IA League	MLA Class	\$160.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$3,660.27
Barb Baker	Mileage	\$24.65
VISA	Classes, Indeed, domain	\$1,150.48
Swenson's	Keys, Fuel mix	\$283.73
Delta Dental	Insurance	\$269.00

March 2026 Expenditures by Fund

General	23,196.18
Road Use Tax	5,677.77
Employee Benefit/Emerg	4,176.31
Library Fund	3,861.98
Water Fund	15,091.90
Sewer Fund	5,602.62

During public input, a resident spoke about their desire for the council to continue to look for a new police chief as well as property nuisances.

Insurance review was tabled.

At this time, Mayor Yeakel opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed 26-27 Budget. There were no comments and the Mayor closed the hearing.

Lodin moved passage of the following resolution:

**IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF KANAWHA, IOWA,  
RESOLUTION #BUD26-27**

Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

**WHEREAS**, The City of Kanawha, Iowa is an incorporated City within Hancock County, Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Clerk has prepared the FY26-27 annual budget, as set forth in the budget summary certificate, requirement schedules, resource detail, showing estimates and appropriations for said fiscal year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Kanawha, Iowa, does hereby adopt the annual budget FY26-27 and directs the Clerk to make the filing required by the law.

The motion was seconded by Fowles. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Yeakel then opened the hearing on the proposed budget amendment. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Yeakel closed the hearing.

Jordanger moved approval of adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION #BUDAMEN26**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kanawha, Iowa previously adopted a budget on 4/15/25, and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds it necessary to amend the FY26 Budget to include the following unplanned expenditures: public safety costs have increased due to higher operating expenses, Clerk benefit costs have also increased due to a change from single to family health insurance coverage and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Kanawha, Iowa, to adopt Resolution BUDAMEND26.

The motion to approve adoption was seconded by Kraft. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Fowles gave the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of proposed Ordinance #041426-1, an ordinance dealing with water rates and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Jordanger. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Lodin gave the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of proposed Ordinance #041426-2, an ordinance dealing with sewer rates and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Kraft. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Council received proposed Ordinance #041426-3, an ordinance dealing with burial. After reading the proposed ordinance, there was a call for public comment. At this time Council person

Jordanger moved to waive the three readings and the motion was seconded by Fowles. All were in favor. Motion carried. A motion to approve adoption of Ordinance #041426-3 was made by Jordanger. The motion was seconded by Fowles. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Council then received proposed Ordinance #041426-4, an ordinance dealing with peddlers. After reading the proposed ordinance, there was a call for public comment. At this time Council person Lodin moved to waive the three readings and the motion was seconded by Jordanger. All were in favor. Motion carried. A motion to approve adoption of Ordinance #041426-4 was made by Lodin. The motion was seconded by Jordanger. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Fowles made a motion approving the purchase of light pole banners for Main Street up to \$1500.00. The motion was seconded by Lang. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Fowles made a motion approving concrete and sidewalk repairs of up to \$4,400 to include the sidewalk directly in front of City Hall and the sidewalk on West 2<sup>nd</sup> St. The motion was seconded by Jordanger. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Lodin moved to accept the bid from Pavement Doctor for street patching in the amount of \$3,620. The motion was seconded by Lang. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jordanger moved approval of the Sheriff's report. The motion was seconded by Fowles. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor's report included updates on ongoing efforts to explore police coverage options, address public complaints, and consider potential residential clean-up abatements. Additional discussion included zoning matters and the donation of the bank building progress.

The following is a summarized report from the Superintendent of Public Works: A leak was discovered in Cell 2 of the lagoon due to an abandoned pipe. The contents were pumped back into Cell 1, and the pipe was removed and capped. The Iowa DNR was notified, and all required procedures were followed. A similar pipe in Cell 3 will be addressed during an upcoming drawdown, which is expected to take several weeks. A water main break at E. 5th Street and Locust occurred during a fire response, temporarily impacting water availability. A precautionary boil advisory was issued for a limited area and later lifted after testing confirmed the water was safe. The superintendent will attend water treatment training in Cedar Falls and plans to take the Grade 2 certification exam. Fire hydrant flushing is scheduled for next week. At 8:00 p.m., with no further business, Fowles moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Lang. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Barb Baker, City Clerk

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Randolph Yeakel, Mayor