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City of Emmetsburg

Emmetsburg City Council Proceedings
Regular Session
September 28th, 2026
5:00 P.M.

The Emmetsburg City Council met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on the above date with Mayor Patrick Degen calling the meeting to order and the following council members answering the roll call: Julie Miller, Patrick Martini Jr., Mark Berkland and Mike Sonnen. Brian Malm and Bill Burdick Jr. were absent.

AGENDA
Motion carried to adopt the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion carried to adopt the consent agenda of approve previous minutes of September 14th, 2026, approve August 2026 Financials, Approve PACGDC Demo Grant – Betty Leners

REPORT OF OFFICERS
There was no report of officers

STANDING COMMITTEES
There was no standing committees

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS
Motion carried to approve Resolution No 26-16 – A Resolution approving City Street Finance Report
Motion carried to approve Resolution No 26-17 – A Resolution approving temporarily closing a City street – Homecoming
Motion carried to approve Healthy Home Grant

ADJOURN
With no further discussion to come before the council the meeting was adjourned.
Mayor Patrick Degen
ATTEST: Tony Brugman, City Clerk

GENERAL FUND.....	144,164.74
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.....	10,460.62
ROAD USE FUND.....	69,512.23
HRA FUND.....	1,844.24
EMERGENCY FUND.....	10.62
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.....	47,215.33
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX.....	5,028.04
TIF SOUTH.....	2.1
TIF WEST.....	1.84
CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION.....	43.44
WILD ROSE ALLOCATION FUND.....	8,993.66
PA GAMING CORP ALLOCATION.....	2,154.42
TRUST FUND.....	1,098.16
DEBT SERVICE FUND.....	4.49
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND.....	552.98
CAPITAL IMPR REVOLVING FUND.....	1,612.59
CAPITAL IMPR LAKE FUND.....	278.19
CAPITAL IMPR RAILROAD.....	63.22
CAPITAL IMPR AIRPORT LAND.....	42.97
CAPITAL IMPR 5-ISLAND CAMPGROUND.....	59.06
CAPITAL IMPR LAWLER ST.....	226.53
CAPITAL IMPR LAKESIDE.....	13.19
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND.....	480
SOLID WASTE FUND.....	52,790.35
CEMETERY FUND.....	4,436.73
TOTAL ALL FUNDS.....	351,089.74

Motion by Merrill, 2nd by Faulstich to approve a utility permit for River Valley Telecommunications
In Section 5 of Vernon Township. Motion Carried.
Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve a utility permit for River Valley Telecommunications
In Section 2 of Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.
Motion by Faulstich, 2nd by Wirtz to approve a utility permit for River Valley Telecommunications
In Section 2 and 3 of Lost Island Township. Motion Carried.
Carmen Moser, Auditor, presented the Annual Urban Renewal Report for FY26.
Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Wirtz to approve the FY26 Annual Urban Renewal Report. Motion Carried.
John King, County Sheriff, met with the Board.
Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Merrill to approve hiring Shannon Iverson as full-time jailer at \$25.59 per hour effective September 29, 2026. Motion Carried.
Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstich to go into Closed Session at 9:16 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (g) for hiring an Information Technology Director. Motion Carried.
The Board exited closed session at 9:44 a.m.
Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstich to approve a starting offer of \$75,000 for the full-time IT Position with benefit package of approximately \$20,000 with a 6-month review. Motion Carried. Nays: Wirtz.
Motion by Merrill 2nd by Wirtz to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Linus Solberg, Chairman
Carmen Moser, Auditor 40.1

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City of Mallard

City Of Mallard, Council Meeting
September 21st, 2026

Mallard City NEWSPAPER

Those in attendance were:
Mayor Pro Tem: Larry Akridge, Council Members: Heath Hoch, Tonia Hoch, and Ted Lyon; City Clerk: Kayla Lanning and Public Works Supervisor: Scott Davis; Public: Kevin Schumacher, Mike Gehrt, Kim Gehrt, Josh Esdohr, Evelyn Schneider, Lou-lean O'Brien, Alex Bell, Paxton Reese, Rochelle Brickman, Joan Akridge, Heath Sabin and Brooke Sabin.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Akridge on Monday, September 21st, 2026.
Discussion took place with the public regarding the chicken ordinance and requests were made to amend the ordinance to allow chickens to stay in town.
Ted Lyon made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda which includes:
• Minutes from August 10th, 2026,
• Regular Meeting
• Summary List of Claims
• Clerk's Reports, Financials
• Agenda for Monday, September 21st, 2026.
Heath Hoch seconded the consent agenda.
Ayes: All. Nays: None Motion Carried.
Ted Lyon made a motion to put the proposed urban chicken ordinance on the agenda for the meeting on October 12th, 2026. Tonia Hoch seconded the motion. Ayes: Hoch, Hoch, Akridge, Lyon. Nays: None, Motion Carried.
Discussion took place regarding the postal building agreeing to allow Paxton Reese to take care of the grassy lot to the east. The council decided he is allowed to plant flowers, grass, or garden without building any structures.
Discussion took place regarding putting a roof or cover of some sort over the can redemption cage to prevent cans from flying out and cluttering up the yard and street nearby. A roof of some kind will be put up in the near future.
Tonia Hoch made a motion to purchase cell phones for the City Offices and the Library. Verizon was the carrier with the best pricing. Ted Lyon seconded the motion. Ayes: Hoch, Hoch, Akridge, Lyon. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Cell Phones will be provided to the city and library for official business.
Discussion took place regarding Halloween; we will be having the Trunk or Treat in the park again from 5-7 on Thursday, October 29th, 2026. Details will be published in the Newsletter, Newspaper and the City Facebook page.
Tonia Hoch made a motion to accept Resolution 03-2026 accepting the Annual Financial Report. Ted Lyon seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Tonia Hoch-Aye, Ted Lyon-Aye, Larry Akridge-Aye, Heath Hoch-Aye, Troy Auten-Absent. Nays: None. Resolution passed.
Heath Hoch made a motion to accept Resolution 04-2026 accepting the Street Financial Report. Tonia Hoch seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Tonia Hoch-Aye, Ted Lyon-Aye, Larry Akridge-Aye, Heath Hoch-Aye, Troy Auten-Absent. Nays: None. Motion passed.
Tonia Hoch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Heath Hoch seconded. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Meeting Adjourned.

ATTEST: Kayla Lanning, CITY CLERK
SIGNED: Larry Akridge, MAYOR PRO TEM

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Sunday, September 27, 2026
At 1:10 pm, the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office investigated a motor vehicle accident in the 3000 block of 460th Avenue. Following an investigation, the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office determined that Pierce Naeve (16) of Graettinger was driving a 2007 Buick Lacrosse north in the 3000 block of 460th Avenue. Due to a distraction inside of the vehicle, Naeve's vehicle drifted to the east shoulder. Naeve attempted an evasive action to bring the vehicle back onto the roadway, causing the vehicle lose control and enter into the east ditch. Once Naeve's vehicle entered the east ditch, it rolled and came to rest on it's top. Naeve did not sustain any injuries in the accident. Naeve's vehicle was deemed a total loss. The Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office cited Pierce Naeve for failure to maintain control, which is a simple misdemeanor.

At approximately 7:12P.M., the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office arrested Hayley Byerly (30) of Spencer, on a valid Palo Alto County arrest warrant for Violation of Probation. Byerly was unable to post the \$5000.00 cash only bond and was placed in jail to await her initial appearance before a Judge.

Monday, September 28, 2026
At 2:56PM the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office responded to the intersection of 535th Ave/475th St. West Bend, for a report of a two-vehicle personal-injury accident. After an investigation, the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office determined that a 2006 Buick Lacrosse operated by a 17-year-old juvenile, but owned by Tara Hoch (45) of Mallard, was westbound on 475th St. The operator was using an electronic communication device and looked up as he was approaching 535th Ave. At this time, a 2005 Toyota Corolla, driven by Kaighy Jo Alexis Origer (27) but owned by Joshua Jonathan Origer (28) both of West Bend, was westbound ahead of the Corolla, and was slowing down to turn north onto 535th Ave. Origer did have a blinker on, signaling the turn. The Lacrosse was unable to stop in time and rear-ended the Corolla, sending it rolling into the ditch, and coming to rest on all four tires. Origer and a 7 month old baby were transported by Ambulance with non-life threatening injuries. Damage was estimated at \$8,000 for the Buick and \$10,000 for the Corolla. The 17-year-old was issued a citation for Use of Electronic Communication Device, a Simple Misdemeanor.
The Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the Iowa State Patrol, West Bend Fire and Ambulance, Wickman's Towing, and West Bend Ford.

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
At 5:15 PM, the Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office arrested Eric Jose Navarro Marquardt (24) of Emmetsburg, on a valid Palo Alto County arrest warrant for Probation Violation. Marquardt was unable to post the \$5000.00 cash only bond and was placed in jail to await his initial appearance before a judge.

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Tuesday, September 22, 2026
EPD arrested 59-year-old David Allyn Wekony of Emmetsburg on a valid Palo Alto County warrant. The warrant was for three counts of sex offender registration violation 2nd or subsequent offense (all class D felonies) and telephone dissemination of obscene material to a minor 1st offense (aggravated misdemeanor). Wekony was booked into the Palo Alto County Jail as he was unable to post the \$17,000 cash only bond.

Saturday, September 26, 2026
Following an investigation into the allegations of an assault, Quentin Ort, 21 of Emmetsburg was arrested and charged with 1st offense domestic assault, a serious misdemeanor. Ort was placed in the Palo Alto County Jail to await his initial appearance before a judge.

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Officers of the EPD responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of 12th Street and Broadway Street. After an investigation, EPD determined that Marcus Busch was operating a 2008 Ford Explorer Sport eastbound on 12th Street, entered the intersection, and failed to observe a 2005 Chevrolet Colorado operated by Casey Metz of Emmetsburg. Damage was estimated at \$8,000 to Metz's vehicle and \$3,000 to Busch's vehicle. No injuries were reported at the scene. Busch was issued a traffic citation for failure to stop at a stop sign. EPD was assisted on scene by Wickman's Towing.

Thursday, October 1, 2026
Following a traffic stop EPD arrested 33-year-old Evans Nyabwari of Emmetsburg for driving while revoked. Nyabwari was booked into the Palo Alto County Jail where he waits for his appearance before a judge. Nyabwari was also issued a citation for operation without registration.

Following a traffic stop EPD arrested 50-year-old Justin James Woodall of Graettinger, IA for driving while suspended. Woodall was booked into the Palo Alto County Jail where he waits for his appearance before a judge. Woodall was also cited for expired registration and no insurance.

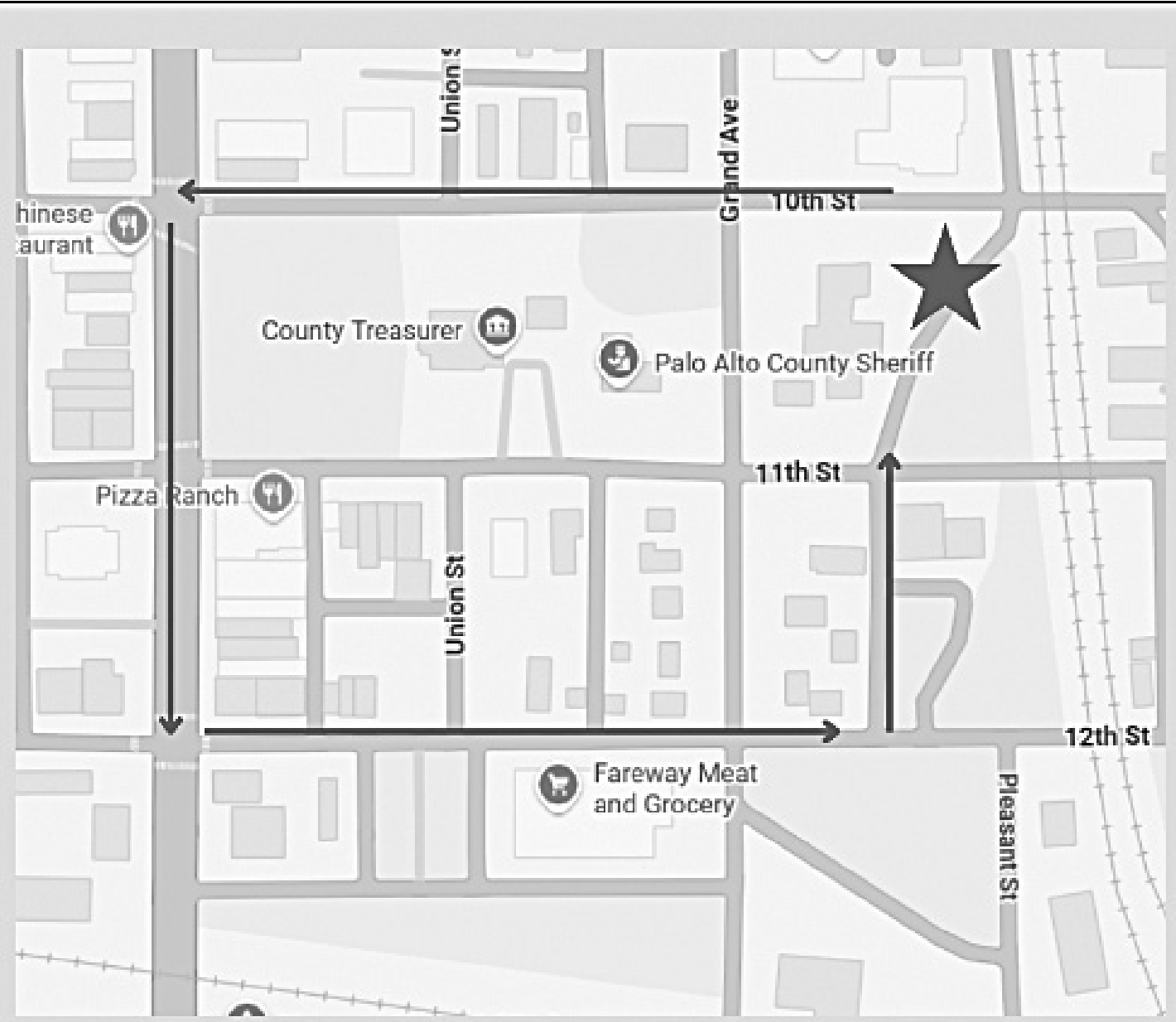
Saturday, October 3, 2026
The EPD responded to the 2100 block of 10th street for a disturbance. Upon law enforcement arrival and an investigation, Jason Langschwager of Emmetsburg was arrested for disorderly conduct, a simple misdemeanor. Langschwager was transported to the Palo Alto County Jail to wait to be seen by a judge.

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City of Mallard

STATE OF IOWA 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026 CITY OF MALLARD, IOWA DUE: December 1, 2026		16207400600000		
		CITY OF MALLARD		
		605 Inman		
		MALLARD IA 50562		
		POPULATION: 257		
NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.				
ALL FUNDS				
	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	151001		151,001	141,553
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	151,001		151,001	141,553
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0	0
TIF Revenues	0		0	0
Other City Taxes	46,940	0	46,940	46,700
Licenses and Permits	529	0	529	475
Use of Money and Property	2,201	0	2,201	0
Intergovernmental	143,747	0	143,747	81,000
Charges for Fees and Service	63,277	157,985	221,262	220,335
Special Assessments	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	24,927	1,650	26,577	19,500
Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues and Other Sources	432,622	159,635	592,257	509,563
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	63,250		63,250	49,200
Public Works	195,282		195,282	180,230
Health and Social Services	1,600		1,600	2,000
Culture and Recreation	58,952		58,952	55,510
Community and Economic Development	45,340		45,340	1,644
General Government	78,174		78,174	65,750
Debt Service	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	442,598	0	442,598	354,334
Business type activities		166,615	166,615	153,940
Total All Expenditures	442,598	166,615	609,213	508,274
Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	442,598	166,615	609,213	508,274
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	-9,976	-6,980	-16,956	1,289
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2025	488,653	-71,570	417,083	391,575
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026	478,677	-78,550	400,127	392,864
NOTE - These balances do not include the following, which were not budgeted and are not available for city operations:				
Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds		Pension Trust Funds		
Private Purpose Trust Funds		Agency Funds		
Indebtedness at June 30, 2026	Amount	Indebtedness at June 30, 2026	Amount	
General Obligation Debt	0	Other Long-Term Debt	0	
Revenue Debt	0	Short-Term Debt	0	
TIF Revenue Debt	0			
		General Obligation Debt Limit	986,948	



★ Parade Start/Lineup and End Location

→ Parade Route

- Tailgating downtown - 1:45pm
- Parade Lineup - 2:00pm
- Parade Start - 2:30pm
- Pep-Rally at Courthouse Square following the parade!

