

CITY OF CARSON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 PM
JANUARY 12, 2026 CARSON COMMUNITY CENTER

Council Present: Brandon, Roller, Graves, Colvin, Richardson. Mayor Sherkenbach present. Staff Present: Hansen, Hering. Public Present: Tracey Bolte, Susan Miller, Randy Miller, Deb Volz, Mary Ohnmacht, Kristina Hansen, Jeff Martens, Taylor Dietz, Rachel Johnson, Andrew Taylor, Matt Hrrison, Robert McKern, Jeff Godwin, Erik Jorgensen, Dustin Felos, Kari Rose.

Mayor Sherkenbach called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Graves made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Colvin – 5 ayes.

General Public Form Comment Discussion: Tracy Bolte offered his services in planning and development for the City.

Mary Ohnmacht from Midwest Assistance Program offered her services for training the City Clerk and Council Members.

Susan Miller spoke on Southwest Iowa Planning Council (SWIPCO), Business Water & Sewer Rates, Highway 59 Bridge Replacement and Traffic Detour Update and BOOST. Graves made a motion for the City of Carson to work with Carson Business Club to apply for Building Ownership and Organization by Strengthening Teams (BOOST) program, seconded by Colvin – 5 ayes.

Jeff Godwin from Synder & Associates gave an update on Water and Wastewater Projects. Brandon made a motion for the City to purchase equipment for Water Tower repair and to contract for installation once the equipment is received, seconded by Richardson – 5 ayes.

Graves made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 To Designate Rolling Hills Bank and Arbor Bank to be Depository for the City of Carson, Iowa, seconded by Richardson. Roll Call Vote 5 ayes – Brandon, Roller, Graves, Colvin, Richardson.

Richardson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 To Accept and Approve Breezie's Lawncare Bid/Contract for the 2026 Season Cemetery Lawn Care for the City of Carson, Iowa, at \$850 per mowing basis, seconded by Colvin. Roll Call Vote 5 ayes – Brandon, Roller, Graves, Colvin, Richardson.

Colvin made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 To Hire and Set Wages For The Full Time Public Works Labor I and II Positions with the City of Carson, Iowa. Matthew Harrison \$29.00 per hour \$60,320 yearly, and Dustin Felos \$37.00 per hour \$76,960 yearly, seconded by Graves. Roll Call Vote 5 ayes – Brandon, Roller, Graves, Colvin, Richardson.

Brandon made a motion to approve The Herald as the official city legal publication newspaper for 2026, seconded by Colvin – 5 ayes.

Graves made a motion to approve the Carson Volunteer Fire Department Officers for 2026, seconded by Richardson – 5 ayes.

Graves made a motion for the City of Carson to handle the Carson Country Store violation of tobacco sales, seconded by Colvin – 5 ayes.

City Clerk Report – Graves made a motion for the City Clerk to attend Iowa Municipal Institute, seconded by Roller – 5 ayes. Budget timeline was given with a Budget Workshop scheduled for February 4th at 6:00 PM.

Public Works Report – Discussion on repainting parking lines for Main Street.

Graves made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Colvin – 5 ayes. The consent agenda consisted of December 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and December 11 and 17, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes, January 2026 Bills, November 2025 Treasurer's Report, Utility Report, Municipal Infraction Report, Overtime Report, Community Center Report, Fire Department Report, Animal Control Report, Carson Country Store Alcohol Permit Renewal.

Mayor Sherkenbach announced the Commissioners for 2026.

Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM, seconded by Colvin – 5 ayes.

Bret Sherkenbach, Mayor

Attest: Dean Hansen, City Clerk

City of Carson November 2025 Revenues: General \$20,600.57, Road Use \$9,114.22, Employee Benefit Levy \$1,534.98, Debt Service Levy \$9,222.60, Water \$14,928.44, Sewer \$16,064.24, Garbage \$8,212.46

City of Carson November 2025 Expenses: General \$19,045.46, Road Use \$9,553.28, Debt Service \$2,925.00, Water \$22,450.96, Sewer \$7,499.36, Garbage \$7,595.94

<u>Bills January 2026</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Charges</u>
Access System	Copy Machine Lease	130.11
Agrivision Equipment Group	Vehicle Repair/ Parts	63.18
Avoca Journal Herald	Publications	577.50
Body Basic fitness Equipment	Repair and Preventive Maintenance Fitness Equipment	1,037.00
Christine Hering	Cell Phone Reimbursement	30.00
Cindy Johnson	Refund Key Card Deposit	10.00
Compass Business Solutions	Utility Postcards	856.42
Country Store	Fuel	524.23
Dean Hansen	Cell Phone Reimbursement	30.00
Elan Financial Services	Clock Shark, Office/Comm. Ctr. Supplies, Stamped Envelopes, Sam's Membership, Zoom	1,478.68
Electric Pump	WWTP Actuator Repairs	1,417.75
Evans & Dixon	Legal Services	240.00
Farm Service Co Op	Lime for Sewer Plant Issue	1,094.80
FireGuard	Repair on Sprinkler System	377.25
Fox Creek Fundraising	Grant Preparation for Well Project	1,567.50
Griffen Plumbing	Community Center Water Heater Repair	284.35
Hach	Water Testing Supplies	412.29
Heartland Refrigerator	Bar Cooler Repair at Comm. Ctr.	375.00
J.P. Cooke Company	Name Plates for Council and Employees	179.25
Kristina Hansen	Cell Reimbursement	30.00
Larac Stark	Refund on Closed Utility Account	39.62
Lynch Dallas Legal	HR Legal Fees	1,855.00
Menards	Shop Supplies, Comm. Ctr. Supplies & Trash Cans, WWTP Supplies	251.63
MidAmerican Energy	Gas, Electric	3,718.55
Midwest Laboratories	WWTP Testing	1,547.07
Mills Trash Service	Trash Service	6,911.30
Omnitel Communications	Phone Service & Internet	456.84
Pottawattamie County Elections	Election Cost	1,226.02
Pottawattamie County Health & Animal Control	Cat License Tags	36.00
Pottawattamie County Sheriff	3rd Quarter Law Enforcement Contract	3,556.00
Quill	Office Supplies	121.03
RVS	Utility Software Renewal	1,462.00
Safeguard	City Checks and Deposit Slips	587.51
Schroer & Associates, PC	Audit Preparation	5,500.00
Secretary of State	Notary Fee for Clerk and Deputy Clerk	60.00
Snyder & Associates	Engineer Fees for Water Supply Well	4,750.00
Smith's Fine Tune and Auto Repair	New Battery for Dump Trailer	302.15
Suzane Jones	Flowers for Tanks	358.48
UPS	WWTP Sample Shipping	30.00
Western Iowa Development	Dues	2,000.00
Hotze Tree Service	Take Down of Christmas Decorations	300.00
CITY SUBTOTAL		45,784.51
FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLS:		
Bound Tree	Medical supplies	516.18
Carson Fire Department	Member's Meeting Benefits	2,522.00
Country Store	Fuel	75.29
Iowa Western	EMS Training for Mahan and Easton	1,400.00
MidAmerican Energy	Gas, Electric	471.89
Mills Trash Service	Dumpster	30.00
Omnitel Communications	Telephone and Internet	128.83
Randy Miller	Salt for Softner	17.10
Tyler Dittus	Mileage to EMT Classes in Harlan	882.00
Verizon	Cell Service	35.01
FIRE DEPARTMENT SUBTOTAL		6,078.30
TOTAL		51,862.81
PAID BILLS:		
Carson Post Office	Postage for Utility Bills/Newsletters	1,600.00
Council Payroll	Additional 2 Special Meetings in December	261.93
David Rose Jr.	Comp Time Payout	1,938.35
David Rose Jr.	Vacation Time Payout	2,486.92
Delta Dental	Dental/Vision Insurance	190.88
Dept of Treasury	Federal Payroll Liability	9,071.92
HomeServe USA	Servline Insurance Premium Payment	754.60
IPERS	Payroll Liability	3,710.48
NIS	Life/Disability Insurance	99.15
Payroll	Employee Payroll (3 PAY PERIODS) and Final for David Rose Jr.	23,519.23
Treasurer-State of Iowa	Payroll Tax Liability	730.57
United Healthcare	Medical Insurance Premium	3,051.02
SUB-TOTAL PAID BILLS		\$ 47,415.05
TOTAL		99,277.86