

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLSTEIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 28, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Holstein City Council was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in City Council Chambers. Mayor Kathryn Breyfogle called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a roll call as follows: Bonnie Stevenson, Terri Schimmer, Steve Tiefenthaler, Marcus Prell, and Mike Johnson.

Mayor Breyfogle addressed the Council regarding a conflict-of-interest issue with the consent agenda. She stated that Council Member Mike Johnson has a conflict of interest related to the wastewater project because his business, Holstein Electric, is serving as a subcontractor on this project. The consent agenda included the Minutes of April 14, 2026, Regular Council Meeting; Claims; a claim to King Contracting LLC in the amount of \$152,285.00 for the wastewater improvement project; and approval of the American Legion/Legionnaire Club Class C Liquor License and a short-term alcohol license for Top of Iowa Lucky Wife (dba Lucky Wife Wine Slushies) for June 19, 2026. Due to Council Member Johnson's company being a subcontractor on the wastewater project, the Mayor indicated the King Contracting LLC claim would be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

A motion was made by Councilperson Tiefenthaler and seconded by Councilperson Schimmer approving the consent agenda, including the Minutes of April 14, 2026, Regular Council Meeting; Claims; and approval of the American Legion/Legionnaire Club Class C Liquor License and short-term alcohol license for Top of Iowa Lucky Wife (dba Lucky Wife Wine Slushies) for June 19, 2026; excluding the King Contracting LLC claim in the amount of \$152,285.00. The motion was duly put to a vote of the City Council. Ayes: Stevenson, Schimmer, Tiefenthaler, Prell, and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Council Member Johnson left the Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Councilperson Schimmer and seconded by Councilperson Prell approving the claim to King Contracting LLC in the amount of \$152,285.00 for the wastewater improvement project. The motion was duly put to a vote of the City Council. Ayes: Stevenson, Schimmer, Tiefenthaler, and Prell. Abstain: Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Council Member Johnson returned to the Council Chambers.

Mayor Breyfogle opened the Citizen Forum. No formal action was taken.

Mayor Breyfogle addressed the Council regarding a conflict-of-interest matter prior to a closed session. She stated that the pending litigation to be discussed involves Holstein Electric, and that Council Member Mike Johnson, as President and Treasurer of Holstein Electric, has a conflict of interest in this matter. On the advice of legal counsel, Council Member Johnson would not participate in the discussion, would not be present during the closed session, and would abstain from the vote to enter closed session as well as any related votes taken in open session.

Council Member Johnson left the building.

A motion was made by Councilperson Schimmer and seconded by Councilperson Prell to enter closed session pursuant to Iowa Code § 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with legal counsel regarding pending litigation. The motion was duly put to a roll call vote of the City Council. Ayes: Stevenson, Schimmer, Tiefenthaler, and Prell. Abstain: Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried. The Mayor announced that the meeting video would be turned off during the closed session and would resume when the closed session was completed.

The Council entered closed session at 5:05 pm. Closed session minutes are maintained separately as required by Iowa Code § 21.5(4).

The Council reconvened in open session at 5:27 pm.

Council Member Johnson returned to the meeting.

Mayor Breyfogle opened the public hearing on the proposed sale of city-owned lots in the East Ridge Addition (Lots 26, 27, 28, and 30, Block 1), notice of which was published in the Holstein Advance on April 23, 2026, at 5:28 pm. No citizens were present to speak for or against the proposed sale. The public hearing was closed at 5:29 pm.

Mayor Breyfogle opened the public hearing on the proposed FY2026–2027 Budget, notice of which was published in the Holstein Advance on April 16, 2026, at 5:29 pm. No citizens were present to speak for or against the proposed budget. The public hearing was closed at 5:30 pm.

Resolution 26-21 Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 As Published in the Holstein Advance on April 16, 2026 was offered by Councilperson Prell and seconded by Councilperson Stevenson. The motion was duly put to a roll call vote of the City Council. Ayes: Prell, Tiefenthaler, Schimmer, Stevenson, and Johnson. Nays: none. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution 26-21 duly adopted.

The City Council considered the SCE bid for the sewer line extension on Lamp-Kastner Drive to serve new construction at 514 Lamp-Kastner Drive. A motion was made by Councilperson Johnson and seconded by Councilperson Stevenson approving the SCE bid for the sanitary sewer extension on Lamp-Kastner Drive in the amount of \$13,960.00. The motion was duly put to a vote of the City Council. Ayes: Schimmer, Johnson, Tiefenthaler, Prell, and Stevenson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The City Council reviewed the ISG proposal for the Holstein 2nd Street site preparation. The matter was discussed; no motion was made and no action was taken.

Mayor Breyfogle addressed the Council regarding the wastewater project discussion. She stated that Council Member Mike Johnson has a conflict of interest related to the wastewater project because his business, Holstein Electric, is serving as a subcontractor on this project. Pursuant to Iowa law and on the advice of legal counsel, Council Member Johnson disclosed his conflict of interest, would leave the Council Chambers, and would abstain from voting on any matter related to the wastewater project.

Council Member Johnson left the Council Chambers.

Resolution 26-20 Approving Pay Application Number 4 for the Wastewater System Improvements Project was offered by Councilperson Tiefenthaler and seconded by Councilperson Prell. The motion was duly put to a roll call vote of the City Council. Ayes: Stevenson, Schimmer, Tiefenthaler, and Prell. Abstain: Johnson. Nays: none. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution 26-20 duly adopted.

Council Member Johnson returned to the Council Chambers.


The City Administrator reported the following receipts and bills that were approved for payment on the consent agenda:

KENKEL ASHLEY	MILEAGE - IMWCA; MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	313.11
IRS - FED/FICA TAXES	FEDERAL WITHHOLDING	4,982.75
AT&T MOBILITY	AMBULANCE/FIRE PHONE	119.68
A & A FOOD & FUEL LLC	FUEL	723.00
BOMGAARS	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	264.94
HOLSTEIN SUPERMARKET	SUPPLIES	87.17
AUREON	EMAIL HOSTING	8.99
ACCO UNLIMITED CORP	CHLORINE	901.70
KING CONTRACTING LLC	PRJ 20-24051 WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	152,285.00
FELDFIRE	VEHICLE OPERATIONS	1,056.70
VC3 INC	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	2,697.88
MAC PLUMBING, HEATING, & COOLING	STATION FILL FOR 277	112.71
VISION SERVICE PLAN	VISION INSURANCE	231.63
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	AMBULANCE OXYGEN SUPPLIES	185.21
PREMIUM QUALITY LIGHTING	REPAIRS	412.75
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	797.50
USPS	POSTAGE	390.00
MARY AHLERS	MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	1,770.42
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	VEHICLE REPAIRS	388.93
HACH COMPANY	CHEMICALS	122.15
REHAB SYSTEMS INC	LIFT STATION CLEANING	1,150.00
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	157.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	UTILITIES	34.88
DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526	SENIOR CARDS	23.00
CORE & MAIN	OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,884.44
AETNA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	EAP SERVICES	43.80
N.E.T. BROADBAND	TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICE	212.29
		171,357.63

A motion was made by Councilperson Prell and seconded by Councilperson Schimmer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly put to a vote of the City Council. Ayes: Stevenson, Schimmer, Tiefenthaler, Prell, and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.



Kathryn Breyfogle, Mayor

Attest:   
 Tamara Nuckolls, City Administrator