

Minutes

The City Council of Raymond, Iowa met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Vick presiding, Council Members: Cronbaugh, Pint, Sorensen, Thies, Wellman.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Vick.

Motion to Approve Agenda: Thies/Sorensen, Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve Consent of Agent: April 20, 2026 regular minutes, Resolution 2025-1673 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Boards, Departments and Commissions (N/A=Not Available): Sheriff's Report, Cronbaugh/Sorensen, Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Bills for May 4, 2026

INRCOG	\$142.44	Hawkeye Flat Roof	\$900.00
T Mobile	\$70.05	City of Elk Run	\$10,701.91
DeLong Snow Removal	\$3,797.60	GFC	\$151.93
MidAmerican	\$1250.89	IRS	\$563.36
Payroll	\$2,822.47		

Public Comment: Minutes from a council meeting can be located in the Independence Bulletin Journal, City Clerk will start posting minutes at City Hall and the Post Office for convenience.

1. Can the pothole be fixed at 5th and Central?
2. Concerns with the volunteers and liability if they get hurt working at the parks.

Engineering Report: MSA, Maddie Adkins, there is a Lafay Rd inspection scheduled for 5/7 with MSA, ASPRO and Mayor, silt fences will be taken out by the contractors and seeding will take place in the next few weeks

Fire Department Report: 2 Fire calls for the month of May so far.

Discuss/Action: Questions and Concerns from the Public Comments from 4/20, Mayor Vick would like to set up a committee to investigate a possible new fire station chaired by Council Member Thies, the pursuit of 224 Washington St has ceased.

How is the community going to pay for a new fire station with all the other city projects? To pay by bonds, increase taxes, & grants fundraisers. *What are the other options?* Another option is to team up with another town without a fire depart.

Can the current fire trucks be repaired? Yes, we can repair the fire truck for right now, yet it is over 26 years old.

There is a concern about purchasing a building south of the railroad tracks & adding time to 1st responders getting to the emergency if there was a train, what are different locations and can the current station be added onto? We are at the beginning of investigating other land & properties as options north of the railroad tracks, no the current station can't be added onto.

Why are we thinking of spending money on a fire station if it is hard to get volunteers now? Many towns are having a hard time getting 1st responder volunteers like Raymond. *Could the fire station be located at HE Pint Park?* No to HE Pint Park as an option due to it being deep in a residential area, fire trucks speeding down that narrow roads. *What will happen to the current fire station?* The current fire station could become a garage for City Works. *Taxes will be raised, not everyone can afford to pay this.* We understand taxes will be raised, we are looking at all ideas to keep costs low. *Is 224 Washington St ADA compliant?* Yes, 224 Washington St is ADA compliant.

Motion to Accept: Rick Troyna's resignation as a member of the Board of Adjustments, Cronbaugh/Pint, Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Discuss/Action: Set the date for Public Hearing for the Amendment of FY26 for Monday May 18th, Cronbaugh/Sorensen, Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve: Resolution 2026-1675, 28E Contractual Agreement for Law Enforcement Services by the Black Hawk Sheriff's Department, FY27 to be \$31,562.11, Pint/Cronbaugh, Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Discuss: Resolution 2026-1676, Contract for Library Services between the Dunkerton Public Library, and the City of Raymond, Iowa, FY22, 23, 24, 25, 26 was \$3,940 per year (\$5 per capita), asking for FY27, 28, 29 to be \$5,313.00 per year (\$7 per capita)

Motion to approve: Resolution 2026-1676, Contract for Library Services between the Dunkerton Public Library, Iowa and the City of Raymond, Iowa, FY27, 28, 29 to be \$5,313.00 per year (\$7 per capita), Sorensen/Thies, Motion carried.

Communications: ASPRO has given us a tentative start date on the Raymond Road Asphalt Resurfacing Project, Raymond Road milling operation will start around the first of June (Dubuque Road going to Gilbertville).

Adjournment: 7:03 P.M.

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5/4/26 minutes