

City of Maxwell, Iowa
Maxwell City Council Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 6:00 PM Maxwell Legion Hall

Note: The following are unofficial until they are approved by the City Council at the next council meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Higgins at 6:07 pm
2. Roll Call: Steve Gast, Sue Philpott, Joel Westendorf, Doug Miller, and Ken Jans.
Staff Present: City Clerk Wendy Crabtree, Snyder Engineers Wes Farrand and Shannon Schultz and 10 guests.
3. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Westendorf and seconded by Gast. 5 ayes.
4. Farrand provided background information about the Woodlawn Street storm sewer project. The draft is designed to provide convenience for 5-year storm events. A 5-year storm event is 3.81" of rain in 24 hours. A 10-year storm event is 4.46" in 24 hours. Schultz clarified that while the system is designed for a 10-year storm, minor surface pooling may occur briefly. The new design replaces an existing 8" tile with a 24" tile, improving drainage for frequent nuisance flooding. The project will not mitigate major flooding events or issues related to Rock Creek. Citizens raised concerns about persistent low spots near fire hydrants and flooding along Highway 210, which is not included in this plan. The mayor emphasized that while the project won't solve all flood risks, it will help reduce flash flooding and alleviate backup near the school. Financing requires council approval, with potential federal grants to offset costs. The mayor encourages citizens to look for federal grants and advise council of same. The project's estimated repayment is 10 years. Residents asked about broader impact—while immediate effects are limited, future phases will benefit more properties. Council will know more by fall when the project could start. The project is estimated to be \$350,000, including engineering costs. Prices may increase in the future but there are contingencies built into these plans. The council took no formal action but encouraged residents to review project details available at city hall. Schultz will provide a watershed boundary map and has a model available for review via video call or in-person visit to his office.
5. Jans moved to adjourn. Westendorf seconded. 5 ayes 7:01 pm.