

CITY OF MAXWELL, IOWA SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 22, 2026 IN MAXWELL CITY HALL

These minutes are recorded by the city clerk and are subject to city council approval at the next regular council meeting.

1. The Maxwell City Council held a meeting on the above date pursuant to the rules of the council, notice posted at city hall, city website, post office, Maxwell State Bank, and Facebook. Meeting called to order by Mayor Higgins at 6:01 pm. Roll call was answered by Rothe, Philpott (phone), Miller, and Westendorf. Jans absent. City staff present clerk Wendy Crabtree and Public Works Assistant Scott Johnson.
2. Westendorf moved; Miller seconded approval of the agenda with moving 12,13,14 after 5. All ayes, M/C.
4. Rothe moved, Miller seconded consent agenda. All ayes, M/C.
5. Westendorf moved; Miller seconded opening public hearing for FY2027 proposed budget at 6:03 pm. No public comment in person or via phone. Westendorf moved; Miller seconded closing public hearing at 6:04 pm. All ayes, M/C.
12. Rothe moved, Westendorf seconded approval of Heffron's dust control bid of \$6,080.75. All ayes, M/C.
13. Rothe moved, Miller seconded tabling discussion on broken John Deere mower until public works can review the bids and provide recommendation back to council. All ayes, M/C.
14. Rothe moved, Westendorf seconded tabling LL Pelling bid until receiving updated price. All ayes, M/C.
6. Rothe moved; Westendorf seconded Approval of Resolution 2026-20: A Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 budget and certifying it to the Story County Auditor. All ayes, M/C.
7. Rothe moved; Westendorf seconded Approval of Resolution 2026-27: A Resolution Setting the Date and Time for a Public Hearing for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment. All ayes, M/C.
8. Rothe moved; Westendorf seconded tabling Resolution 2026-25: A Resolution Declaring Intent to Set a Public Hearing for the EMS Soccer Field land transfer to the Collins Maxwell School District. All ayes, M/C.
9. Miller moved; Rothe seconded the Second reading of Ordinance 347: Amending the Maxwell Code of Ordinances to Update Water and Sewer Service Rates and waiving the third reading. All ayes, M/C.
10. Miller moved; Rothe seconded the second reading of amendment to Chapter 57 Dangerous and Vicious animals and waiving third reading. All ayes, M/C.
11. Miller moved; Westendorf seconded approval of American Pride Kustoms' offer to provide free metal-scrap dumpsters for the City-Wide Clean-Up Day. All ayes, M/C.
15. Miller moved; Rothe seconded tabling discussion on the DOT's TEAP study recommendations for the summer 2027 ADA compliant sidewalk project. Local Dollar General management has expressed support for contributing to a sidewalk leading to the store, but any shared funding would require approval from the corporate office. All ayes, M/C.

16. Rothe moved; Miller seconded tabling discussion of facilities committee's sidewalk repair recommendations near the school until 5/13 meeting. All ayes, M/C.

17. Rothe moved; Westendorf seconded approval of Resolution 2026-19: A Resolution Amendment to Resolution 2025-41 Authorizing FY26 Budget Transfers and Completion of All Budgeted FY26 Transfers. All ayes, M/C.

18. Rothe reported that he is researching mower options compatible with the city's current equipment in order to extend the life of the zero-turn mower and will follow up with Public Works. He requested that council members contact him by email rather than stopping at his residence. Rothe also noted he will be out of town on Cleanup Day. Philpott inquired whether Iowa Code Enforcement could provide a report. The mayor stated he does not want that information made public. Westendorf reported that the Decorah Fire Department is disposing of a 2013 Kawasaki Mule with approximately 100 hours, equipped with lights, winch, and a water tank. The fire department is interested in submitting a bid for use in brush fires and EMS transport at local events. Bids are due May 4, and the fire board can meet prior to that date to determine whether to proceed. Westendorf also stated he will be unavailable for Cleanup Day. The mayor directed the Clerk to contact the school regarding student volunteers for Silver Cord hours for Cleanup Day. Miller asked about the DOT's report of Baldwin working day count and will follow up with the city engineer.

19. Philpott moved; Westendorf seconded adjournment at 7:06 pm. All ayes, M/C.