

The Independence City Council met in special session in the council chambers at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

OPENING/ROLL CALL

Mayor Bleichner opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Weber, Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, and O'Loughlin in attendance. Council Member Hanna attended via phone. Council Member Appleby was excused.

This meeting was available for public attendance. The meeting was also broadcast on the local access channel, YouTube, and Facebook.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Mayner, second by Council Member Moore to approve the agenda as presented for the special meeting held February 10, 2026. Ayes: All. Absent: Appleby.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Porcia Grover, 807 Spruce Drive SW, spoke to Council last April or May with her concerns about the water collection in her neighborhood. She contemplated purchasing flood insurance last year and has since purchased a policy. She wanted to know who is responsible if her house floods, Steve Gee or Crawford Engineering.

Tom Ciesielski, 166 Goldfinch Court, shared his concerns about water runoff that currently happens when there are heavy rain events. He asked that Council consider doing a study of the whole area in the SW.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Member O'Loughlin with a motion to accept the final plat of the Pines Third Addition and to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached resolution, second by Council Member Prusator. City Manager Schmitz showed the area being discussed on the television screens in Council Chambers. He gave an overview of the history of the storm water pipes that were found while the area was being prepared for construction. Mayor Bleichner mentioned that Planning & Zoning had approved the final plat with some items still needing to be completed on January 6, 2026. Those items included streetlights being installed and the storm water swale behind lots seven to nine. The swale cannot be completed until the houses are built. Further discussion was held about how the detention basin is supposed to work based upon the original engineered plans, but there is not enough data to ensure the basin will be compliant with City Code with the thirty-inch pipe going into the detention basin. Group discussion was held about conducting a study for the Pines Third Addition and then doing a study in the future of the surrounding areas. Council Member O'Loughlin with an amended motion to accept the final plat of The Pines Third Addition and to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached resolution with the additional revisions made this afternoon, second by Council Member Prusator. The roll being called the following Council Members voted: Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Prusator, Mayner, O'Loughlin, and Weber. Absent: Appleby.

Resolution adopted and upon approval by Mayor assigned No. 2026-14 in the Official Book of Resolutions.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Mayner, second by Council Member Moore to adjourn. Ayes: All. Absent: Appleby.

Whereupon Mayor Bleichner declared the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

ATTEST:

Susi Lampe, CMC, IaCMC, IaCFO,
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, Iowa

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