

**CITY OF POMEROY**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 12, 2026**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

**Call to Order:** called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Cynthia Loots.

**Roll Call:** B Hinners, D DeVore, B Thoma and C Charleston. Absent: M Becker.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mayor Loots gave updates on the code book updates, Grow Green County Grant and donations for the gym.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Hinners to approve the agenda. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston and D DeVore. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was none.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** B Thoma made a motion, seconded by C Charleston, to approve the consent agenda: financials, minutes, requests, reports and bill list. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston and D DeVore. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Library:** The Library Board and employees discussed the library's budget with the City Council. They discussed the move to the church, salaries and health insurance for the library. The Council stated if the library wants to offer health insurance, they will have to find it in their budget for this year and submit the request to the budget workshop later this month for next year.

**Water/Sewer/Streets:** D Koval gave an update for the department. He stated an electrical malfunction due to workers in the near vicinity, caused the permanganate pump to stick on cause the purple water that was reported on Facebook. It was handled immediately with no threat or collateral damage. A motion was made by D DeVore, seconded by C Charleston, to assess delinquent water bills to the property taxes for four accounts as presented to the Council. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston and D DeVore. Nays: None. Motion Carried. The Council discussed sewer and water rates that have not been increased since 2019 and 2021. The Council compared rates to neighboring towns and discussed future infrastructure projects. The Council will continue these discussions during the budget workshop meeting.

**Park/Cemetery/Library/ Comm. Center:** Mayor Loots stated the gym committee has raised 50k for the gym project and there will be a meeting this Wednesday night. Mayor Loots said there is a diocesan meeting on Friday, and they will make the final decision regarding the future of the church.

**Building Permit:** A motion was made by B Hinners seconded by D DeVore to approve the building permit for 413 S Ontario St. for a garage. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston and D DeVore. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Nuisance Property:** The Council discussed the list of abandoned properties and the City taking ownership of 407 Ontario St.

**Police Dept:** There were six calls, with no unusual calls reported.

**Fire Dept:** D DeVore gave an update on the department, and the Council reviewed the minutes.

**City Hall:** Mayor Loots discussed the proclamation drafted for the national guard members who lost their lives last month, but she might just write a letter to the families. The Council will hold a budget workshop on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30P.M. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Hinners to approve the Council appointments as listed:

**Outlining Mayor/Council Appointments:** (2 year Terms expires 01/2028)

*Mayor Pro Tem* Cathy Charleston

*Depository* First Community Bank

*Office of Publication* Calhoun Co Journal Herald

*Water/Sewer Superintendent/Street Commissioner* Damon Koval

*Fire Chief* Daniel DeVore

**Police Chief** Lorie Gerdes  
**City Clerk** Sarah Juilfs  
**City Attorney** George Blazek  
**Cemetery/Park** B Hinners, M Becker  
**Library** C Charleston, M Backer  
**Fire** C Loots, B Thoma  
**Emergency Management Commission** C Loots, D DeVore  
**Investments** C Loots, B Hinners  
**Water/Sewer/Streets/Landfill** B Thoma, B Hinners  
**Calhoun Co Economic Development** C Loots, C Charleston,  
**E911 Commission** D DeVore

Roll call: Ayes: B Thoma, B Hinners, C Charleston and D DeVore. Nays: None. Motion Carried. The Council held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance #246 Natural Gas. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Thoma to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance #246 Natural Gas, waving the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston and D DeVore. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:49 P.M.

CASEYS	4 DEPT'S GAS CREDIT CRDS	\$	6.83
CAL CO JOURNAL HERALD	Cncl min 10-13 Ord246 RevPur	\$	264.49
WESTERN IOWA EQUIP	Servicing Loader	\$	1,910.75
HAWKINS WATER T	Azone 15	\$	1,681.08
WINDSTREAM	Telephone	\$	653.84
NWC	CH Internet Park Lib Tel	\$	154.87
NC IA	4 weeks packers	\$	1,207.74
WELLMARK	Health Ins	\$	6,829.76
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTE	GARNISHMENT	\$	461.54
MIDAMERICAN ENE	Electricity	\$	2,139.43
GRAY SANITATION	247 Garbage Services	\$	2,513.50
US POST MASTER	Water Bills & Roll of Stamps	\$	255.51
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	\$	2,824.21
FIRST COMMUNITY BANK	FED/FICA TAX	\$	4,046.48
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	Nov WET Tax	\$	1,604.61
IA ONE CALL	38 emails	\$	34.20
FS NEW CENTURY	FD LP	\$	421.74
MENARDS	supplies Shop	\$	100.44
MANSON SWANSON	water supplier	\$	11.48
HIWAY TRUCK EQU	repair cylinder	\$	404.58
JUILFS TRUCKING	Hauling 32Tons Sand	\$	300.00
IA FINANCE AUTHORITY	WTP Semi Ann Interest Fees	\$	18,081.93
ESSING JUDY	2hr Cleaning SH	\$	44.00
USA BLUE BOOK	testing supplies water plant	\$	111.27
BADGER METER, INC.	Beacon Hosting/Orion Cellular	\$	52.57
FELD FIRE	Strainer.new truck	\$	4,584.47
WOODS SUPERMARKET	Prog Supplies	\$	15.24
ACCESS SYSTEMS	Main Cont	\$	128.89
BASYS PROCESSING	Campground Fees	\$	93.92
UMB BANK, N.A.	Semi Interset 2025 St Prj	\$	23,730.25
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	Dental Ins	\$	415.14
HARTFORD	Life.short.long.dis Ad/D	\$	161.72
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	Drinking water	\$	75.00
REDING'S GRAVEL INC	Pay request #2 N Ontario St.	\$	293,382.57
J & K LEASING LLC	Rent	\$	1,530.00
SYNTEX INDUSTRIES	2100 Gal Liner FD	\$	774.00
BMO HARRIS BANK	MLA-Becker.OnTheClock	\$	422.19
GOPHER'S GARAGE LLC	tires on blue truck	\$	1,080.16
DAVE'S DIESEL	new steer tire dump truck	\$	377.00
LAW OFFICE OF GEORGE BLAK	Abandonment.personnel matter	\$	800.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2025 St Paving Imp	\$	1,271.70
PLATINUM CONSTRUCTION DEO	Sidewalk recons Eside Ontario	\$	49,054.30
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 11/26/2025	\$	7,073.08
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 12/04/2025	\$	2,581.17
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 12/10/2025	\$	7,944.21
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$	441,611.86
	GENERAL FUND	\$	27,652.02

ROAD USE FUND	\$ 7,978.95
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND	\$ 7,406.62
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 23,730.25
2021 Street Project FUND	\$ 343,708.57
WATER FUND	\$ 20,511.36
SEWER FUND	\$ 10,624.09

Total Revenues for Nov: General Fund \$11,177.84 Special Revenue \$12,792.32 and Utility Funds \$29,776.68 Total Rev. \$53,746.84

### City of Pomeroy Gross Payroll for 2025

Behrends, April	\$360.00
Behrends, Wade	\$395.00
Crotty, Yvette	\$10,679.06
DeVore, Dan	\$320.00
Gerdes, Lorie	\$53,139.73
Hammen, Nicholas	\$305.00
Hanlon, Cheyne	\$110.00
Janssen, Betty	\$407.82
Juilfs, Sarah	\$53,555.79
Koval, Damon	\$67,903.46
Miller, Bryce	\$20.00
Mogensen, Terry	\$3,748.94
Oberhelman, Dale	\$108.00
Otto, Michael	\$180.00
Passow, Adam	\$70.00
Seehusen, Holly	\$2,538.88
Sundermeyer, Curtis	\$225.00
Sundermeyer, Jasmin	\$200.00
Thoma Jr., Ben	\$375.00
Thomas, Katrina	\$5,425.16
VanMeter, Brad	\$33,514.77
Watts, Brandy	\$4,158.98
Zinnel, Colton	\$235.00
Mayor/Council Compensation	
Becker, Melissa	\$800.00
Charleston, Cathy	\$880.00
DeVore, Dan	\$1,140.00
Hinners, Barb	\$880.00
Loots, Cynthia	\$3,380.00
Thoma, Benjamin	\$860.00
Total	\$225,171.34

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Cynthia Loots Mayor

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Sarah Juilfs City Clerk