

PUBLIC NOTICES

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City of What Cheer • Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a second Public Hearing shall be held on January 13th 2025 at 7:15pm at the What Cheer City Hall.

This public hearing will be on the proposal of adopting a municipal

code of ordinances. A copy of said codified ordinances is now available at the What Cheer City Hall for public review. City Clerk

Melanie Vermillion 641-634-2590.
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City of What Cheer • Receipts & Disbursements

CITY OF WHAT CHEER
RECEIPTSDISBURSMENTS
GENERAL FUND, \$31207.21.....
.....\$12129.58
ROAD FUND, \$9430.65
.....\$14928.89
DEBT SERVICE, \$0.00\$0.00
TRUST & AG, \$8691.71 ..\$2104.45
GARBAGE FUND, \$5792.00.....
.....\$6223.00

WATER FUND, \$7832.61
.....\$7120.97
SEWER FUND, \$5026.46
.....\$5075.07
LOCAL OP SALES TAX,
\$5166.29.....\$13532.58
LIBRARY, \$4195.57.....\$1494.79
TOTAL, \$77342.50 \$62609.33
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of What Cheer • Claims 12.9.2025

BILLS PRESENTED AT

DECEMBER 9TH 2025 MEETING
WHAT CHEER FIRE DEPT
..... 417.84
ALLIANT ENERGY3612.27
WATER EX TAX..... 510.66
941 TAX.....2812.38
IPERS ~1653.88
WAPELLO RURAL WATER
.....3551.34
DJ DAVIS TRUCKING 774.24
DOUDS STONE..... 1161.36
MCKIM TRACTOR 182.24
H&M FARM AND HOME 466.15
WASTE MANAGEMENT ..6546.83

MID AMERICA PUBLISHING.....
..... 78.40
TREMME BACKHOE SERVICE .
..... 400.00
GLOBAL LIFE 431.76
KINETIC313.17
DSG 1379.52
BILL & RAYS.....882.75
KEOKUK CO. AUDITOR ...635.56
KEOKUK CO. HWY DEPT ..762.25
CASEY'S 619.38
MICROBAC LAB.....329.50
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Petition • Case No. JVVJ005988

TO: ALL PUTATIVE BIOLOGICAL FATHERS OF B.A., A CHILD BORN ON JULY 2, 2017, IN POLK COUNTY, IOWA

You are notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of Court for Keokuk County, a Petition in Case Number JVVJ005988 which prays the child in interest, B.A., be found to be a child in need of assistance. For further details, contact the Keokuk County Clerk of Court Office at (641)622-2210. The petitioner's attorney is Terri A. Menninga, Assistant Mahaska

County Attorney, whose address is 106 S. 1st Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577, and whose telephone number is (641) 673-9819.

You are notified that the next hearing in this matter is scheduled to be held in the Iowa District Court for Keokuk County, at the Courthouse in Sigourney, Iowa, at 1:30 o'clock P.M. on March 11, 2026

Sara Oden, Clerk
Kim Andeway, designee
CLERK OF THE ABOVE COURT
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TRUST NOTICE

Axmear Revocable Trust

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: DAVID M. AXMEAR AND ELIZABETH ANN AXMEAR REVOCABLE TRUST DATED OCTOBER 22, 2009, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST NOTICE

To all persons regarding David M. Axmear, deceased, who died on or about the 27th day of November 2025.

You are hereby notified that Douglas J. Wood and Darci Elizabeth Ann Axmear are the Successor Co-Trustee of the David M. Axmear and Elizabeth Ann Axmear Revocable Trust dated October 22, 2009, as Amended and Restated. That, at this time, no probate administration is contemplated with regard to the above-referenced decedent's estate. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Keokuk County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent, spouse of the decedent and beneficiaries under the trust whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or the trust are requested to make immediate payment to the under-

signed trustee and creditors having claims against the trust must mail them to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, and unless so mailed by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 15th day of December 2025.

David M. Axmear and Elizabeth Ann Axmear Revocable Trust dated October 22, 2009, as Amended and Restated

/s/ Douglas J. Wood
Douglas J. Wood
11516 Angle Road
Ottumwa, Iowa 52501
SUCCESSOR CO-TRUSTEE
/s/ Darci Elizabeth Ann Axmear
Darci Elizabeth Ann Axmear
5905 Winslow Road
Marion, Iowa 52302
SUCCESSOR CO-TRUSTEE
Attorney for Trust:
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PROBATE

David M. Axmear ESPR038653

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR KEOKUK COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF David M. Axmear, Deceased
Case No. ESPR038653

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of David M. Axmear, Deceased, who died on or about on November 27, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on December 12, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of David M. Axmear, deceased, bearing date of October 22, 2009, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mail-

ing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated the 15th day of December 2025.

/s/ Douglas J. Wood
Douglas J. Wood, Proponent
11516 Angle Road
Ottumwa, Iowa 52501
/s/ Darci Elizabeth Ann Axmear
Darci Elizabeth Ann Axmear, Proponent
5905 Winslow Road
Marion, Iowa 52302
Attorney for Estate:
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Petition • Juvenile Case No. JVVJ006025

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR KEOKUK COUNTY IN THE INTEREST OF R.S.,

Minor Child
Juvenile Cause No. JVVJ006025

NOTICE

TO: Joshua Rice, Father of R.S., born July 1, 2025

You are notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above Court, a Petition in the above-entitled action alleging that the foregoing child is in need of assistance. For further details contact the office of the Clerk of Court for Keokuk County, Iowa. The Petitioner is the State of Iowa whose attorney is Keokuk County Attorney Maddison A.E. Denny and whose address is 101 South Main Street, Sigourney, Iowa 52591, telephone

number (641) 622-3500, facsimile number (641) 622-2688, email: attorney@keokukcounty.iowa.gov.

You are further notified that said Petition has been set down for hearing before the Juvenile Court at the Courthouse, Third Floor, in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa, on January 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Note: You are advised to seek legal advice at once to protect your interest.

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at (641) 684-6502. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Sigourney • Minutes 12.17.2025

SIGOURNEY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The following are summarized minutes of the regular city council meeting on December 17, 2025.

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, with Mayor Morlan presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Clark, Conrad, McLaughlin, and Schultz. Others present were: Don Northup, Public Works Department I; Brent Gilliland, Public Works Director II; Dave Goldman; Jesse Hannam; Larry Chmelar, Matt Walker, French Reneker Associates; Steve Shet-

ler, with Steve Shettler Media; Casey Jarmes, Sigourney News Review; Kadie Conrad, Deputy City Clerk and Ashley Fry, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. McLaughlin moved, seconded by Conrad, to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call vote Ayes: 4

Conrad moved, seconded by Schultz, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of December 3, 2025; Council Account Payable in the amount of \$19,042.46; Resolution # 2025-12-39 Providing for the Financial Support of the AREA 15 Regional Planning Commission; Credit Card

Report and Set time and place for the January 7, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call vote Ayes: 4

Schultz moved seconded by Conrad to approve Resolution # 2025-12-40 Establishing Mayor- Pro Tempore for the City of Sigourney, Iowa Roll call vote Ayes: 3, Abstain: 1

Schultz moved seconded by McLaughlin to approve Resolution #2025-12-35 re: to award the bid for the Water Tower Rehabilitation to Tanks Co, Inc, in the amount of \$308,500.00– Sigourney Iowa -2025. Roll call vote Ayes: 4

Clark moved seconded by Conrad to approve a ½ page ad in the 2026

Keokuk County Visitors Guide. Roll call vote Ayes: 4

Conrad moved seconded by Clark to approve the Annual Council Member Remuneration for Calendar Year 2025. Roll call vote Ayes: 4

Clark moved, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Ayes: 4

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Jimmy Morlan, Mayor
Ashley Fry, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of What Cheer • Minutes 12.9.2025

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday December 9th 2025

The What Cheer City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Tuesday December 9th 2025. Mayor Darrell Wilkening called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council Members answering roll call were: Sandra VanPatten, Dwight Danner, Donna Rogers and Christine Howard. Rick Shafranek was absent. Also, present was Frank Calvert, Carl Hampton, Gary J. Van Patten, Terry Fogle, Lisa Bracklesberg and City Clerk Melanie Vermillion.

Rogers motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Van Patten. All in favor. Motion Carried. Mayor Darrell Wilkening gave his Mayors Report. He gave an update to the council that there has been

no change on the appealed court cases. He gave some information to elected officials on open meetings and open records courses that need to be taken after being sworn in for the upcoming term. And lastly let the council know about a repaired water leak on Burlington St.

Terry Fogle addressed the council about installing 50 amp service on the East Washington St Bridge for the band that will be playing on the 3rd of July. He was asked to get an estimate from Atwood Electric and bring it back before the council.

Van Patten motioned to set a resolution 25-12-14 to set a second public hearing on the adoption of the new city code. The meeting will be January 13th at 7:15. Van Patten seconded the motion. Roll Call: Van Patten, Aye; Danner, Aye; Rogers, Aye; and Howard Aye. Mo-

tion Carried.

Rogers made a motion to proceed with selling the former state plow truck for parts and scrap. Howard seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Howard made a motion to purchase a truck with a dump box, to be used for snow removal and sanding with a maximum purchase of \$20,000. Van Patten seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Van Patten made a motion to purchase a blade with the maximum price of \$8000.00. Howard seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

During an employee's 30-day evaluation Dwight Danner made a motion to increase part time worker Carl Hampton's pay a dollar more an hour. Van Patten seconded the

motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Howard made a motion to adopt a resolution 25-12-15 providing for the financial support of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission. Van Patten seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Rogers, Aye; Howard, Aye; Danner, Aye; and Van Patten, Aye. Motion Carried.

Rogers motioned to approve the Annual Finance Report. Danner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Danner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm, seconded by Howard.

Darrell Wilkening, Mayor
Melanie Vermillion, City Clerk
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