

DOWS CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 2, 2026

The Dows City Council met on March 2, 2026 at Dows City Hall at 6:00 p.m. in regular session with the following present: Council Members Worden, Plendl, Stuck, Lienemann and Mayor Klatt.

Absent: Council Member Russell.
Also present: Aaron Budweg-Wright County Economic Development, Sam Solis-City Maintenance, Bill Chambers-Dows Legion, Chelsea Herold and Blake Smith.

Motion by Lienemann, seconded by Plendl to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 council meeting. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion by Worden, seconded by Stuck to approve payment of the following bills:

PUBLIC SAFETY

NONE

CULTURE AND RECREATION

1. Shelli Steenblock \$275.00 (community center-cleaning)
2. Woolstock Telephone \$60.00 (library-internet)
3. Culligan \$40.00 (community center-supplies)
4. Windstream \$150.56 (library, pool-phone expense)
5. Deb Olson \$596.90 (library-gross salary)
6. Chase Credit Card \$538.84 (library-books)
7. Waylenn Harrah \$1,094.50 (library-gross salary)
8. Regina Russell \$411.60 (library-gross salary)
9. Swank Movie License \$206.00 (library-DVD license)
10. Waylenn Harrah \$19.00 (library-mileage)
11. Waylenn Harrah \$26.84 (library-supplies and dvd)
12. Waylenn Harrah \$31.30 (library-supplies-Enrich Iowa)
13. Alliant Energy \$420.39 (library, parks, pool-electric expense)
14. KMDE LLC \$275.26 (pool, community center-electric expense)
15. IRS \$411.78 (library-February Federal, FICA-Medicare tax)
16. IPERS \$266.06 (library-February IPERS)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Menards \$769.00 (city hall-supplies)
2. Wellmark BCBS \$1,406.37 (city hall-insurance)
3. Jeanette Wenzel \$2,072.33 (city hall-gross salary)
4. IMFOA \$50.00 (city hall-dues)
5. Copy Systems \$102.17 (city hall-copy machine support)
6. Casey's Mastercard \$153.36 (city hall-tax form filing fees)
7. Jeanette Wenzel \$2,072.33 (city hall-gross salary)
8. Windstream \$83.47 (city hall-phone expense)
9. Wright County Auditor \$654.92 (city hall-election expense)
10. Woolstock Telephone \$50.00 (city hall-internet expense)
11. Quill \$314.70 (city hall-supplies)
12. IRS \$1,034.14 (city hall-February Federal, FICA-Medicare tax)
13. IPERS \$651.97 (city hall-February IPERS)
14. Dows Post Office \$234.00 (city hall-postage)
15. Quill \$22.14 (city hall-office supplies)

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Casey's Mastercard \$363.27 (road use-fuel)
2. Menards \$230.69 (road use-supplies)
3. Alliant Energy \$1,777.67 (road use-shop electric, street lights)

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

1. KMDE \$934.10 (water and wastewater-electric expense)
2. Windstream \$301.43 (water and wastewater-phone expense)
3. Sam Solis \$40.00 (water-phone expense)
4. Sam Solis \$2,002.30 (water-gross salary)
5. Alliant Energy \$553.21 (water and wastewater-electric expense)
6. One Call \$17.10 (water-locates)
7. AgSource Labs \$748.20 (wastewater-testing)
8. Sam Solis \$2,002.30 (water-gross salary)
9. Wellmark BCBS \$1,479.17 (water-gross salary)
10. IRS \$972.68 (water-February Federal, FICA-Medicare)
11. IPERS \$629.91 (water-February IPERS)
12. of Revenue \$205.80 (water-sales tax for January)

Motion carried. All ayes.

Bill Chambers, Dows Legion, was present to ask the Council permission for the Dows Legion Riders to use the parking lot some Saturday in May for a motorcycle safety course.

Motion by Lienemann, seconded by Plendl to approve the Dows Legion Riders using the parking lot in May for a motorcycle safety course. Motion carried. All ayes.

RESOLUTION 26-2 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CITY OF DOWS AS FISCAL SPONSORS FOR DOWS LEGION, DOW LIBRARY AND DOWS RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WRIGHT COUNTY CHARITABLE GRANT

was looked at by each council member. Motion by Lienemann, seconded by Stuck to adopt Resolution 26-2. Motion carried. All ayes.

The Clerk gave each Council Member a copy of the new no change policy that the council will hopefully adopt and begin in July 1, 2026. If a person brings in cash for a water bill whatever amount they bring in will go towards their water bill. The City will not have change anymore. People are coming in with \$100.00 bills and when the City is only allowed \$50.00

change to keep on hand. Motion by Worden, seconded by Plendl to adopt the no change policy beginning July 1, 2026. Motion carried. All ayes.

Opening and closing charges for the cemetery were discussed. The winter cremation grave o/c is not enough to cover the expenses of labor and LP. Council Member Lienemann asked what other cities charge. The Clerk said she hadn't checked but she could. Motion by Lienemann, seconded by Stuck to table the cremation charges until more information. Motion carried. All ayes.

There were two applications for part time mowing. Dale Morisset and Matheu Solis. Motion by Plendl, seconded by Lienemann to hire both Mr. Morisset and Mr. Solis for mowing 2026 season for \$8.00 per hour. Motion carried. All ayes.

Mayor Klatt said the lawyer suggested from here on out any employee hired with a drug test especially if they are driving city equipment. Motion by Lienemann, seconded by Plendl to set the public hearing for the maximum tax dollar on March 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion by Worden, seconded by Stuck to approve the Clerk's Report for January 2026. Motion carried. All ayes. Receipts for January 2026-\$43,768.25. Expenses for January 2026-\$39,491.39.

There being no further business, Mayor Klatt declared the meeting adjourned.

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