

Regular Meeting – July 13, 2026

The Ashton City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Ashton City Hall. Those in attendance were: Mayor Mark Vander Pol, Council Members: Jacob Bos, Mark Carlson and John Corbett. Others present were: Regina Johnson, Brian Mino, City Employee Andy Gacke and City Clerk Nancy Marnach. Council Members John Bucher and Kay Winkel were absent.

Mayor Vander Pol called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Corbett and seconded by Bos to approve the July 13, 2026 agenda. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Sibley Postmaster Regina Johnson spoke to the Council regarding the Ashton Post Office. The lease is coming up and she did not think that the post office would renew the lease as there are improvements that need to be made. She gave us contacts that we can get in touch with to get more information. Brian Mino will contact Senator Grassley's office and other people. Mayor Vander Pol and Council Member Carlson will speak to the owner of the building.

A motion was made by Corbett and seconded by Carlson to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Council member Carlson introduced Resolution No. 2026-09 entitled "RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE" and moved that it be adopted. Council member Bos seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: AYES: Bos, Carlson and Corbett. NAYS: None. Whereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly adopted. Public Notice for the Sale of Real Estate will be published. Bid forms for the sale of property at 3016 3rd Street may be picked up from the City Clerk and sealed bids have to be turned in by 4:00 p.m. on August 7th.

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Corbett to approve the outdoor service extension for Ashton Whiskey Vault for August 1st and August 2nd for the street dance. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Mayor Vander Pol received an email from a realtor regarding the Heiman property. He will contact the realtor and let him know that we may be interested in the property.

Property maintenance was discussed. A motion was made by Corbett and seconded by Carlson to send letters to some residents for cleanup and weed control.

An ordinance for lead and copper was discussed. We will contact our city attorney to see if they can draw one up for us.

We have been waiting for FEMA funds to pay Andy and Nancy for FEMA wages. Since we have not received them yet, a motion was made by Corbett and seconded by Carlson to pay Andy and Nancy for FEMA wages. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Andy Gacke reported on different projects. He is doing mosquito spraying and has been working on street replacements. There are 13 more trees that need to be taken down at the park and he is planning to do that. Maguire Iron is moving equipment in tomorrow and they plan to start sandblasting on the water tower next week. We will have Mike Carr with DGR Engineering come to the August 10th council meeting to discuss the sewer lagoon project. Andy received quotes on the city office front. A motion was made by Corbett and seconded by Carlson to go with stucco in the amount of \$10,600. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

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Mark Carlson reported on public safety.

A motion was made by Bos and seconded by Carlson to approve the clerk reports. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Corbett and seconded by Carlson to approve the following bills. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

Bills paid in Vacation

Susan R. Christiansen	June Library wages	875.61
Nancy J. Dykstra	June Library wages	233.64
IRS	federal tax deposit	2,750.02
IPERS	IPERS withholding for June	1,513.53
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Iowa withholding	1,520.00

July Bills

Andrew J. Gacke	June salary	3,665.99
Alliant Energy	utilities	2,265.90
AT&T Mobility	cell phone service	50.58
Bomgaars	concrete sealant	29.97
C & B Operations, LLC	o-rings	4.18
Cooperative Energy Co.	gas & diesel fuel, oil	3,475.18
Cooperative Farmers Elevator	chemicals	162.48
Corbett Plumbing	fix stools at park	387.57
Fenix USA LLC	monthly data & software charge	263.75
Foundation Analytical Laboratory	water analysis	30.00
Freedom and Glory	flags, holders & poles	1,033.76
Frontier Communications	phone & internet service	276.05
Timothy B. Helmers	mowing	956.94
IDNR	annual water supply fee	49.09
Iowa Information, Inc.	publication of minutes	159.09
Iowa One Call	digging notifications	84.00
Nancy A. Marnach	June salary	2,395.10
Nancy A. Marnach	insurance reimbursement	511.45
Nancy A. Marnach	mower belts	219.89
O. C. Sanitation	June garbage collection	3,323.90
OCEDC	assessment for 2026/2027	252.10
Osceola Co. Rural Water System	881,404 gallons water	2,388.60
Osceola County Treasurer	July police protection	3,183.67
Premier Communications	internet service at GSR site	63.90
Schwebach Tree Service	balance to remove trees & stumps	20,500.00
Sibley Auto Parts	supplies	59.67
Sibley Hardware	supplies	228.14
Treasurer, State of Iowa	WET sales tax	517.44
USDA	principal & interest on GSR \$371,000 loan	984.00
USDA	principal & interest on GSR \$1,000,000 loan	2,650.00
Vander Haag's Inc.	battery box cover, air valve	329.87
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	health insurance	1,678.23
Susan R. Christiansen	July Library wages	1,077.10
Nancy J. Dykstra	July Library wages	299.79
IRS	federal tax deposit	2,919.68

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Juan Cervantes Construction LCC	stucco front on city building	4,000.00
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Library Bills

P & K Pest Control	spraying for ants	75.00
Visa	books/fund raising/ patron purchase	145.47
Pomeranke Trucking	gravel for new Library addition	660.72
Andy Gacke	concrete slab for new Library addition	21,210.00
Vogel Paint & Glass	windows & doors for new Library addition	11,000.00
Premier Communications	phone & internet	54.05

July 2026 Expenses:

General Fund Expenses:	\$ 40,646.85
Employee Benefits:	\$ 3,613.47
FEMA	\$.00
Debt Service:	\$.00
Road Use Tax:	\$.00
Water:	\$ 6,797.46
Sewer:	\$ 1,711.29
Garbage:	\$ 3,323.90
Total:	\$ 56,092.97

June Receipts:

General Fund:	\$ 51,457.30
Employee Benefits:	\$ 591.45
FEMA	\$.00
Debt Service:	\$ 253.75
Road Use Tax:	\$ 4,690.44
Local Option Taxes:	\$ 4,810.38
Water:	\$ 9,755.93
Sewer:	\$ 6,000.70
Garbage:	\$ 4,458.98
Total:	\$ 82,018.93

Total Expenses for July:	\$ 60,477.06
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Total Income for July:	\$ 37,472.42
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Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2026:	\$ 14,987.07
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A motion was made by Bos and seconded by Corbett that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. The motion was carried.