

City Administrators Report

February 19- March 5, 2026

CDBG

As noted in my previous report, the lead inspection, asbestos assessment, and historical review have all been completed. With the required evaluations now complete, the project can proceed to the next phase. The architectural team is preparing the bidding documents, and we expect they will be available soon. Once the bidding documents are finalized, they will be submitted to move the project into the bidding phase. I hope we can place this item on the agenda for the next City Council meeting to seek authorization to proceed. However, that timeline will ultimately depend on how quickly the architects complete and deliver the final bidding documents. If they can complete them by the agenda deadline, we will include the item for council consideration; otherwise, it will need to be scheduled for the next meeting.

Engineering agreements

You will notice several agenda items related to agreements with WHKS. These resolutions are intended to formalize engineering services for several upcoming infrastructure projects the City will undertake. The agreements cover multiple roadway projects scheduled for construction this year and projects planned for next year. In addition, they include engineering services related to the trunkline rehabilitation project. The trunkline rehabilitation plans will be included on the next agenda for council consideration. If the council approves the plans, we can proceed to the next step: issuing the project for bids. Following the council meeting and plan approval, WHKS will prepare and advertise the project for competitive bidding, enabling construction to proceed as scheduled.

DOT

I am still awaiting the appraisal reports from the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT). I have been informed that these should be completed and provided to us shortly. Once the appraisals are finalized, the DOT will forward the necessary documentation related to the City's well field property. In addition to the well field documentation, we expect to receive appraisal and acquisition documents for the right-of-way (ROW) required for future interchange improvements at W. 18th Street and Highway 30. These documents are an important step in the property acquisition process and will enable the project to proceed in coordination with the DOT.

Interviews

We have begun conducting interviews for the Planning and Zoning position and expect to continue reviewing candidates over the next several days. Following the completion of the interview process, staff will meet next week to discuss the applicants and make a final hiring decision. Once a candidate is selected, there will be a period of onboarding and training to help the new employee become familiar with the City's procedures, permitting processes, and inspection requirements. Safebuild has indicated they are willing to assist with portions of this training. In particular, they have offered to provide guidance on specific technical aspects of the position and to allow the new hire to shadow them while they are in town conducting inspections. This hands-on exposure should help the new employee gain practical experience and better understand the inspection process. Additionally, Ryan will be available to assist as needed during the transition. His continued support will help ensure operational continuity and provide additional guidance as the new employee becomes established in the role.

City-School Meeting

We had a productive City–School coordination meeting this week, where several ongoing and new topics were discussed. One of the items carried over from previous meetings was the need for additional handicap parking near certain school facilities. After discussing the issue, the City shared that it may be more practical to install temporary handicap parking in the specific location being considered rather than making it a permanent installation. The need for those spaces appears to be tied primarily to certain sporting events, so a temporary solution would allow the City to accommodate accessibility needs during those events while still maintaining normal traffic and parking operations during the rest of the year. We also discussed street signage in the area surrounding the schools. The school representatives reviewed the proposed color scheme for the signage and indicated that they liked the design and felt it would fit well within the area. Our Streets Department will begin preparing the signs so they are ready for installation as the weather continues to improve and conditions allow crews to place them. Another topic of discussion was the land the City is currently in the process of annexing for the future brush and debris site. We informed the school district that once the site is operational, it will be a public facility, and the school will be able to utilize it as needed for brush and debris disposal. Additional items discussed included the condition of the City’s tennis courts and the anticipated timeline for maintenance work. We talked about plans to address cracks in the courts and reseal the surface to help extend their lifespan. Finally, we also had a brief discussion regarding water rates and answered a few questions the school had regarding that topic.

Trunkline Rehab

The trunkline project agreement will be included on the agenda for council consideration and approval. This agreement represents the first step; they will be publishing all related materials in the paper to then issue the final plans and specifications prepared for the project that will be on the next agenda. This will allow the City to move forward with the bidding process once they are approved. Following council approval, WHKS will then get the documents sent out to be advertised for bids, and contractors will be given the opportunity to submit proposals for the work. After the bid opening and award of the contract, construction can begin shortly thereafter. The exact start date will largely depend on weather conditions and contractor scheduling, but assuming favorable conditions, we anticipate being able to begin the project relatively quickly once the contract has been awarded.

Annexation

All required annexation materials have been prepared and distributed to the appropriate recipients as part of the formal annexation process. The next step will be to set the required public hearing, which will be scheduled for the April 13th City Council meeting. This public hearing will provide an opportunity for the council and the public to review and comment on the proposed annexation before the council takes formal action. In addition to the City’s review, the County will also consider the annexation materials at its upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for March 24th. Their review is an important step in the overall process and will allow the County to provide any comments or feedback prior to the annexation request being submitted to the next level of review. Following the County’s review and City Council approval at the April 13th meeting, the next step will be to submit the annexation application to the Iowa City Development Board. The Development Board requires that all application materials be submitted at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which the request will be considered. Based on this timeline, the staff intends to submit the application shortly after council approval so that it can be placed on an upcoming agenda. At this time, we anticipate the City Development Board

reviewing the annexation request at one of its June meetings. Assuming the application is approved at that time, the annexation process would move forward, and the identified land would officially be incorporated into the City limits.

Flint Hills

I have been in discussions with Flint Hills regarding a permanent easement needed to relocate pipelines in the Airport Road / West 18th Street area. The agreement itself is relatively straightforward. Flint Hills will be purchasing a permanent easement from the City in order to accommodate the pipeline relocation associated with their project. Based on their current estimates, the easement value is calculated at approximately \$20,860 per acre. Flint Hills is proposing to acquire a permanent easement totaling approximately 0.59 acres. In addition to the permanent easement, they will also require a temporary workspace easement of approximately 0.64 acres to allow contractors sufficient space to stage equipment and complete the construction work. Based on the acreage involved and the agreed-upon valuation, the City will receive a total payment of \$12,947.40 for the easement and temporary workspace. The land involved is property the City has already reserved for the future interchange project at Highway 30 and West 18th Street, so granting this easement will not negatively impact the City's long-term plans for the area. In fact, the Iowa DOT will likely be purchasing this property from the City in the future as the interchange project progresses, which was the original intent when the land was acquired and the reason it has not been sold or developed. I am currently waiting on additional information from the DOT regarding their timeline and next steps related to that acquisition. This easement agreement will be included on the next council agenda for consideration. Flint Hills had initially planned to begin construction in April; however, due to additional requirements from the Iowa Utilities Commission, there may be some delays in their schedule. Because of these regulatory requirements, the start of construction may be pushed back slightly, potentially to early summer. The work associated with this project will involve boring a new 24-inch pipeline underneath the highway. This trenchless installation method will allow the pipeline to be installed without disturbing the roadway surface, minimizing impacts to traffic and existing infrastructure in the area.

Resource Recovery Center Update

As discussed during our previous City Council meeting, the Resource Recovery Center agreement will be included on the agenda for consideration at Monday night's meeting. This agreement outlines the terms and conditions related to the City's participation and use of the Resource Recovery Center and ensures that the City continues to have an established process for the handling and disposal of designated materials. Council review and approval of this agreement will allow the City to maintain its partnership and ensure that services associated with the Resource Recovery Center continue without interruption. Staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions and provide additional background information if needed prior to council taking action on the item.

Drainage W. 18th Street

The drainage project will be included on this agenda for council consideration and approval. If the project is approved, staff anticipates being able to move forward with the work immediately. The project has been prepared in advance so that once authorization is granted, crews or contractors can begin addressing the drainage improvements without delay. Completing this work in a timely manner will help improve drainage conditions in the affected area and address the issues that have been previously identified. Moving forward quickly will also allow the project to be completed while weather conditions are favorable and before they begin to interfere

with other scheduled construction activities. For additional background information, project scope, and specific details regarding the work to be performed, please refer to the action form included with the agenda materials.

DOT Maintenance Agreement

Erin, Joe, and I have reviewed the agreement and determined that it is a fairly standard Iowa DOT Delegation of Duties agreement. These types of agreements are commonly used when a city has responsibilities associated with portions of the primary highway system that run through the community. Specifically, the agreement clarifies the responsibilities of the City in maintaining and managing certain features within the right-of-way of the primary highways. Under this arrangement, the City agrees to handle a number of routine items related to right-of-way and utility coordination. This typically includes maintenance and oversight of elements such as parking lanes, curbs that help contain and direct drainage, repairs to pavement when utility work occurs, and the maintenance or management of storm sewer infrastructure including intakes and related drainage structures. The purpose of the agreement is to clearly define which responsibilities fall to the City and which remain with the Iowa DOT. By delegating these duties, the DOT ensures that local infrastructure elements tied to the roadway are maintained efficiently while allowing the City to manage items that directly affect local operations, utilities, and drainage systems within the right-of-way.

Monthly Meetings

Lincoln Highway Days
CIRTPA
NEDC
Rotary
Foundation
City-School Meeting
IAMU Legislature



STAFF MEETING AGENDA
Monday, March 2, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M

A. Old Business

- a. City Administrator
 - i. CDBG- Bid documents
 - ii. Bond: Road Projects, Trunkline
 - iii. Access Control
 - iv. SS4A- reapplying
 - v. Capstone Tour
 - vi. Engineering
 - vii. Invoices

- viii. Front Office Arrangement
- ix. Harrington Plan
- x. Decommission- 1st phase of testing
- xi. W. 18th Street drainage
- xii. Internet Services
- xiii. Oak Park Trail
- xiv. Housing Development
- xv. Resource Recovery Center
- xvi. WWTP



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Finance Director / Assistant City Administrator Report

Front Office

I have been extremely fortunate to step into a department with nearly 50 years of combined experience among our front office staff. I look forward to continuing to learn from them as we work together to ensure City Hall remains a helpful and welcoming place for residents.

To support communication and consistency, we have begun holding bi-weekly front office meetings to review current city projects and initiatives that residents may have questions about. We are also beginning monthly one-on-one check-ins with front office staff to maintain open communication and ensure they have what they need to continue serving as the face of the City.

Finance / Administrative Work

I am currently preparing the FY26 Budget Amendments, which are expected to come before Council for review in April. At a high level, the amendments largely reflect one-time capital and grant related activity, rather than ongoing operational changes.

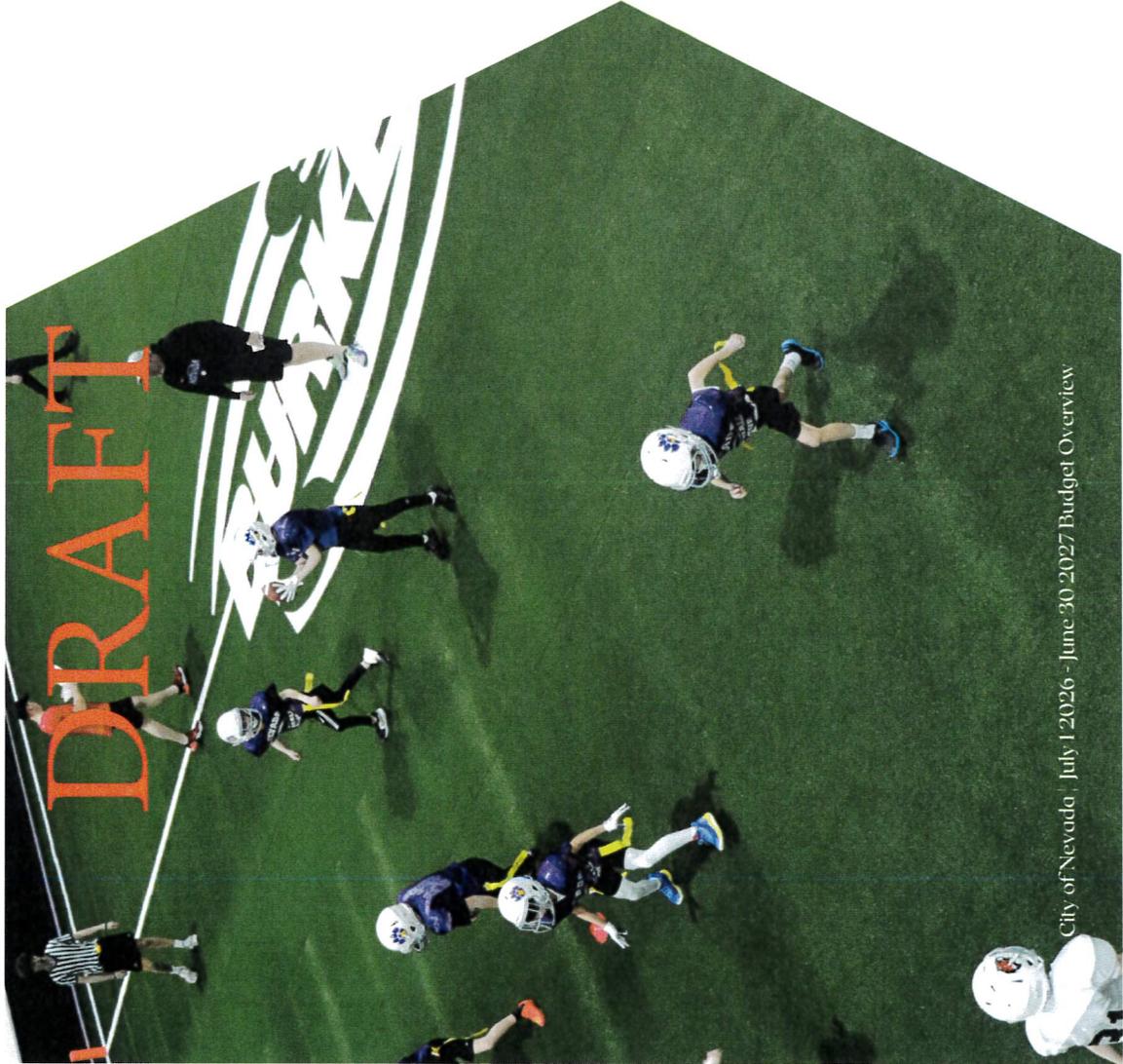
I am also developing a Budget Overview presentation to help residents better understand how city revenues and property tax dollars support services such as public safety, libraries, parks, and infrastructure. My goal is to have this completed next week so residents have an opportunity to review it and participate in the upcoming budget hearings.

Additionally, two grant applications were formally submitted:

- Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant – Award notification expected July 2026.
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) – The Iowa DNR will submit recommended projects to the National Park Service in May 2026, with final award announcements expected sometime in 2027.

Sincerely,

LUCAS BATTANI, FINANCE DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR
CITY OF NEVADA, IOWA



City of Nevada, July 1 2026 - June 30 2027 Budget Overview

What Does This Budget Mean for You?

A look at how property taxes fund essential city services

For a Typical Nevada Home, the City Portion of Property Tax Equals About \$94.93 per Month

- Police, Fire, & EMS - \$35.50
- Parks, Recreation, & Library - \$36.45
- City Operations - \$16.34
- Community & Economic Development - \$2.85
- Transfers for Capital Projects - \$3.80

Based on the Nevada median assessed value of \$175,400; FY 27 Property Tax Levy is \$14.58276 per \$1,000 of taxable value



NEVADA PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

1209 6th Street - P.O. Box 530 Nevada, Iowa 50201 Tele: 515-382-4593



Chris Brandes
Public Safety Director
Chief of Police

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Chris Brandes, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Ref: Report for City Council Meeting for Monday, March 9, 2026

Staffing

CSO Pritchard remains out of the office on medical leave.

NPSD will be advertising for a police officer position. This will be to replace Officer Sydnies.

Activity

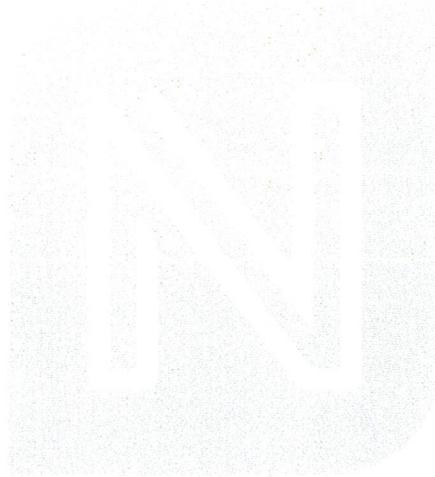
The police department has either responded to or self-initiated 505 calls for service in the month of February.

Highest number of calls listed below:

Traffic Stops: 189
General Info: 63
Medical Assists: 33
Animal Call: 18
Motorist Assists: 17
Suspicious Person: 13
Motor Vehicle Crash: 12

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Brandes
Public Safety Director
Chief of Police





2025 Annual Report

Nevada Public Safety Department

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Dear Mayor, City Council, and Nevada Community Members,

I am happy to present the 2025 Annual Report. The goal of this report is to provide details on the activity of the Nevada Public Safety Department. This report is meant to show the issues officers see, events they respond to, and what self-initiated activity they conduct.

2025 saw several new police officers completing training and beginning to work solo patrol. This resulted in a decrease of scheduled overtime, focusing on the work/life balance for our staff. In addition, the graduation of officers to solo patrol meant a return to additional tasks such as enrolling an officer in EMT school. The goal is to have all officers trained as EMTs to provide a higher level of care for our community members.

We also saw two commitments to military service by our officers. One officer left to serve overseas as part of the Iowa National Guard while the other attended a four-month leadership course as part of the Minnesota National Guard.

The department continued its support of community events such as Pizza Pie Looza, the Fourth of July activities, and Lincoln Highway Days. Events like the bike rodeo and others occurred again and we are looking for different and new ways to engage the community.

ACTIVITY REPORT

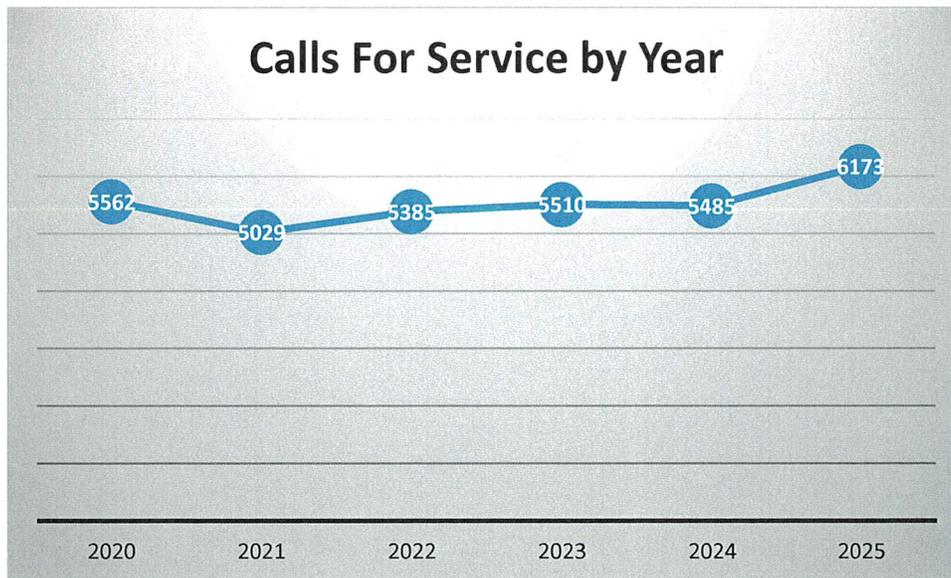
The Nevada Public Safety Department had a total of 6,173 calls for service in 2025. Calls for service would be any instance where the officer notified Story County Communication of their self-initiated field activity or when provided a call from Story County Communications.

*Description of calls provided by Story County Communications include, but are not limited to: animal related calls, medical/fire assists, suspicious persons, welfare checks, assault, burglary, theft, harassment, and others.

*Examples of self-initiated field activity would be traffic stops, foot patrols, or community events.



2025 had the highest calls for service volume for our department over the last 5 years.



Calls for service that result in an arrest or require continued investigation results in a documented report. The department initiated 609 reports, resulting in 189 arrests. Arrests only occur after the investigating officer is able to determine probable cause of a crime being committed.

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| Assaults | 11 |
| Sex Assault investigations | 14 |
| Burglary | 13 |
| Theft | 24 |
| Fraud | 11 |
| Criminal Mischief | 14 |
| Drug / Drug Paraphernalia | 39 |
| Domestic Violence | 14 |
| Alcohol related | 40 |
| Child Endangerment | 11 |
| Warrant Arrests | 16 |
| All Other | 402 |
| Total: | 609 |

Traffic stops remain the highest number of calls for service for the department. Of the 6173 calls for service, 2453 (39%) calls were traffic stops. Of the 2453 traffic stops, 1274 citations were issued. Traffic stops have a higher probability of being self-initiated activity; however, some are a result from a complaint called in to Communications.

GTSB

NPSD renewed our partnership with the Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB). Fiscal year 2025 provided \$21,000 to provide extra traffic enforcement activity. Officers worked 374 hours of additional hours providing traffic enforcement activity for the City of Nevada. This resulted in 934 traffic stops funded by a state grant. In addition to the additional hours, \$5,000 was dedicated to training seminars and equipment.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

This is the second school year in the partnership with the Nevada Community School District to have an officer dedicated completely to being in the school.

This partnership has led to a high school business internship program, job fair participation, and STEM event participation with the school.

SRO VanderHart has completed 197 events in the 2025/2026 school that would have been recorded as a Calls For Service for the duty car assigned to the street. Most events are relationship building and participating in functions with the school.



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Chris Brandes
Public Safety Director
Chief of Police

TO: Chris Brandes, Public Safety Director
FROM: Ray Reynolds, Director of Fire and EMS
DATE: March 1, 2026
REF: Activity report for Trustees, City Council and Honorable Mayor.

Calls to date in 2026: 113
Calls to date same time last year (2025): 126

Fires for Feb 2026: 6
EMS for Feb 2026: 31
Lift assistance for Feb 2026: 11
Good intent for Feb 2026: 5
Community events for Feb 2026: 1

Current roster number of members: 43

Membership

Erica Reyman who headed up our support operations team has reluctantly resigned from the department as her school aged kids require more travel time to club sports, school activities, and family events. She will be available to come back as time permits.

Cal Raiders took a 6 month leave of absence due to work demands.

Minimal-Staffed Calls

2/9/26 2:33 am **Male fell down stairs with possible head injury.** (1 vol., paged fire and got 1 FTE and 2 vol).

2/11/26 11:52 am **Cardiac arrest unresponsive person** (1 FTE and 2 police officers, no volunteers available)

2/12/26 2:20 pm **Person found dead by home health worker** (1 FTE, no volunteers available)

2/25/26 7:37 am **8-month-old seizure** (1 FTE, no volunteers available)

Volunteer Model

(This is an article from a friend of mine that resonates. The demands to be competent with weekly training does impact our crews burnout. We have cut back on public events where possible to avoid placing even more demands on our volunteers. Time is a commodity and we do see other demands pull our people from

the fire department. However, we can not allow untrained staff to handle today's fast fuel fire events. That is a recipe for disaster and injury. We have started working with public works city employees to help on emergencies to shore up the lack of daytime available staff. We also have plans this spring to offer some training to our police to help catch a hydrant and support the fire ground more. We are maintaining our volunteer department as best we can but as the state's businest volunteer department, burnout is a real issue on responding to non-emergency calls.)

At some point, every volunteer fire department has to face a hard truth. The roster might look full. But availability, capacity, and sustainability tell a very different story. We still talk about volunteer numbers as if headcount on paper equals reality or readiness. It doesn't.

Volunteers didn't get lazy. They didn't stop caring. Their lives simply changed faster than our systems did. Their lives got more complex. Expectations increased - at home, at work, at the station. Training demands grew. There was always more work to be done. Time became scarcer. And as departments, we were late to recognize or respond to those shifts. We're still catching up. Many of us are struggling to rebuild our systems to create relevance, connection, meaning, and opportunity in modern volunteer life.

When someone turns in their gear, it's rarely about a single incident. It's usually the result of accumulated frictions.

- Unclear expectations.
- Rigid schedules.
- Training that adds pressure without purpose.
- Leadership pipelines that feel opaque or unreachable.
- A culture that still measures commitment by hours or bingo shifts rather than impact.

We tell ourselves we need better recruiting. But the truth is harder. Retention fails long before recruiting ever matters. If you can't keep the ones you've got, you'll never recruit fast enough to fill the gaps. Volunteers don't leave because they stop believing in service. They leave when the demands of service far outpace the return in meaning, growth, and connection. When the psychological contracts break, people stop staying.

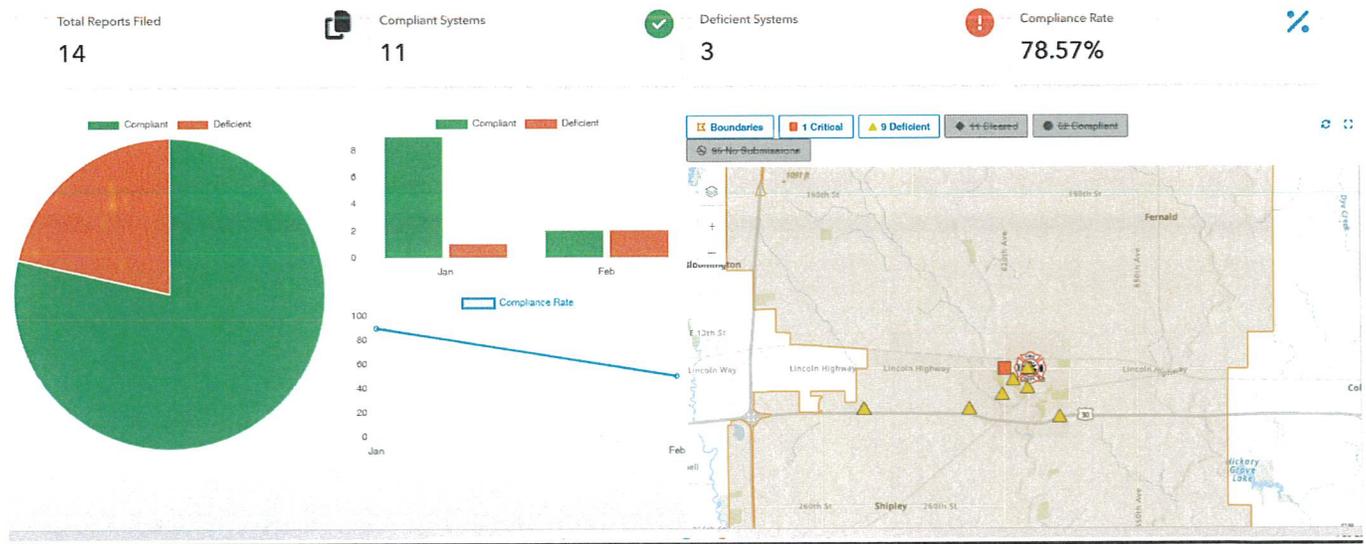
Roster honesty isn't about blame. It's about clarity. If we want sustainable volunteer departments, we have to stop clinging to systems designed for the world we came up in, and instead imagine solutions for the world our volunteers actually live in today. All while looking ahead to the world they'll live in tomorrow. That work is uncomfortable and hard, but crucial.

Pretending the problem is motivation instead of modernization is far more dangerous.



Fire alarm, Sprinkler, and Hood and Duct Inspection Compliance

All Locations - This Year - 2026



A review of our records shows a list of businesses that are past due on completing some sort of inspection or their service provider failed to enter the report in IROL as required by our ordinance. In case you hear any conversations on the matter, we are working with the businesses and their companies that provide inspection services to assure compliance with the fire alarms, sprinklers, and hood and duct extinguishing systems. It is critical these life safety devices are being maintained so we as a volunteer department can get early notification that a fire event is happening. I have found a few instances where the inspection is completed but the report is not entered. However, the City Hall fire alarm inspection is several months overdue and the provider Howard and Sons are horrible about complying with entering the report so we can assure our own buildings are in compliance with codes we enforce throughout the community. It may be an instance where our leadership changes companies to one that will comply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Almaco | Nevada Fire Department | Viking Fire Protection | Annual | Backflow Test | 99 | M Avenue | Nevada | 2024-08-28 | 2024-04-19 | 2025-04-18 | 10 months ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Almaco | Nevada Fire Department | Viking Fire Protection | Annual | Fire Alarm | 99 | M Avenue | Nevada | 2024-08-28 | 2024-04-12 | 2025-04-11 | 10 months ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Almaco | Nevada Fire Department | Viking Fire Protection | Annual | Sprinkler | 99 | M Avenue | Nevada | 2024-09-30 | 2024-09-11 | 2025-09-10 | 5 months ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1st United Methodist Church | Nevada Fire Department | Midwest Alarm Services | Annual | Fire Alarm | 1036 | 7th Street | Nevada | 2024-09-13 | 2024-09-12 | 2025-09-11 | 5 months ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FAREWAY STORES INC. | Nevada Fire Department | Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler Company | Annual | Sprinkler | 1505 | South B Avenue | Nevada | 2025-02-11 | 2025-02-06 | 2026-02-05 | 19 days ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LIL' CUBS CHILD CARE CENTER AND PRESCHOOL | Nevada Fire Department | A Tech Inc | Annual | Fire Alarm | 1120 | South G Avenue | Nevada | 2025-03-06 | 2025-03-04 | 2026-03-03 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SYNGENTA | Nevada Fire Department | Howard & Sons Fire Alarm Sales & Service | Annual | Fire Alarm | 625 | West 18th Street | Nevada | 2025-02-19 | 2024-07-01 | 2025-06-30 | 8 months ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Apartments | Nevada Fire Department | Howard & Sons Fire Alarm Sales & Service | Annual | Fire Alarm | 634 | Academy Drive | Nevada | 2024-10-14 | 2024-06-24 | 2025-06-23 | 8 months ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Story County Medical Center | Nevada Fire Department | Johnson Controls | Quarterly | Sprinkler | 630 | 6th Street | Nevada | 2024-11-04 | 2024-11-01 | 2025-01-31 | A year ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Story County Jail | Nevada Fire Department | Summit Fire Protection | Annual | Kitchen Hood System | 1315 | South B Avenue | Nevada | 2024-11-06 | 2024-10-15 | 2025-10-14 | 4 months ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CASEY'S #2306 | Nevada Fire Department | PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY DBA IOWA FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY | Semi-Annual | Kitchen Hood System | 1136 | Lincoln Hwy | Nevada | 2024-12-13 | 2024-12-04 | 2025-06-03 | 9 months ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ST. PATRICKS CHURCH | Nevada Fire Department | Proshield Fire & Security | Semi-Annual | Kitchen Hood System | 1110 | 11th Street | Nevada | 2025-01-31 | 2024-12-11 | 2025-06-10 | 9 months ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Traditions Memory Care - Accura Healthcare Newton-West | Nevada Fire Department | HOODZ of Central Iowa | Semi-Annual | Kitchen Hood Cleaning | 2130 | S 18th St | Newton | 2025-04-16 | 2025-03-27 | 2025-09-26 | 5 months ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cubbies on Main | Nevada Fire Department | HOODZ of Central Iowa | Semi-Annual | Kitchen Hood Cleaning | 1220 | 6th St | Nevada | 2025-02-19 | 2024-10-17 | 2025-04-16 | 10 months ago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cubbies on Main | Nevada Fire Department | Midwest Alarm Services | Annual | Fire Alarm | 1220 | 6th St | Nevada | 2025-03-31 | 2025-03-28 | 2026-03-27 | |
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Assistant Chief Fred Malven Expected to Retire

Assistant Chief Fred Malven has quietly expressed a desire to retire on July 4, 2026. That will make 45 years as a volunteer firefighter in our community alone. He has 50 years total as a firefighter. I need to review the run history but he has likely responded to 7,200 calls in the 12 years I have been here. If you counted an average of 50 calls per month, he likely has responded to 27,000 calls in our community during his 45 years.

Chief Malven asked to remain active with our support operations team but discontinue responding to medical or fire calls. He is 78 years of age and one of 3 volunteers who respond during the day (all above 70+ years of age). Our department does not yet have a plan on how to replace Fred's response level or increase our daytime staffing due to most of the members being out of town during the day.

Chief Malven has been instrumental in running our training program and mounting our tools to the various apparatus. His connections around the country has brought some of the best in the business into our firehouse to train our staff. I am glad he will still be around our firehouse supporting our rehab technicians and helping around the firehouse. I am curious if the public understands what 27,000 call responses and 45 years of service looks like in today's modern fire service. It is extremely rare for sure.



Street Department has been busy with the following:

- Assisting the library removing items - door handle, door stop install, wood removal
- Assisting the parks dept - truck service/ graves
- Assisting Admin - built office/ moved office furniture
- Located sewer structures along the Indian creek for I and I rehab
- Making street markers
- Installing said street markers
- Working on lights on HWY 30 and 6th ST
- Trying to lock down W18th project to get completed
- Had the sweeper out during the nice weather
- Addressing concrete patches and prioritizing
- Upcoming construction walk - thru with engineers
- Patching when time and staff allow
- Winter weather
- Took down Christmas banners and lights and put up summer banners
- Locates for STORM/SANITARY and WATER
- Putting a plan together for alley work

JOE MOUSEL
STREET SUPERVISOR

March 9th / 2026

Water Pollution Control Council Report

- Regular operation, monitoring & maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant, lift stations, and remote flow basin.
- Advancing staff Continuing Education Credits.
 - Prepping newest operator for Certification Testing.
- DNR Form 30 Part B special sampling analysis Round 2 Conducted.
- UV Proficiency Testing is near complete.
- Ongoing Punch list work being logged and completed at Phase 2.
- Ongoing Warranty Work Orders completed as assigned at Phase 3.
- Lead and Asbestos inspection conducted at Old Facility, awaiting sample results.
- Conducting weekly sewer samples to determine domestic strength in relation to Chloride and Sulfate.
- Final round of special reporting DNR Form 30 part B is scheduled for April

March 9th, 2025 Council Meeting

To: Mayor, City Council and Administrator

From: Shawn Ludwig, Water Superintendent

Water Department Council Report

- Busy with Plant maintenance
- Reading meters.
- Doing a little remodel of a bench in the basement.
- I will be at the DNR Field Office 5 Meeting in Newton on March 11th.

March 2, 2026

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Rhonda Maier, Director of Parks and Recreation

Re: Monthly Information Report



- Completed Work/Accomplishments
 - CPO School (Sarah, Zach and I)
 - Removal of remaining dead trees at Harrington Park
 - Finalized registration for baseball and softball
 - Filter work has been completed at the aquatic center
 - Heater work has been completed at the aquatic center

- Items Currently Working On/Gathering Information
 - Budget Amendment
 - Fundraising for Harrington Park project
 - Harrington Park grant application with Lucas
 - Continued work on Hattery Park refresh
 - Dog Park design
 - Potential purchase of track skid loader with street department
 - Discussions with soccer club on soccer fields
 - Pool vacuum purchase
 - Pool controller
 - Adopt a flower bed/community beautification program
 - Trail signage update
 - Special Events: Pizza Pie Looza, Angels In The Outfield
 - Removal of drop slide at aquatic center
 - Post removal at aquatic center to allow for landscaping updates
 - Gathering information on aquatic center feature updates
 - Gathering information on fertilizer, aquatic vegetation management, and weed control
 - Park and Rec vehicle fleet

- Notable Field House Events
 - Vision Basketball Tournament
 - Nevada Soccer Futsal League and Skills complete
 - Ames Winter Soccer Training
 - AAU Volleyball Tournaments
 - Various birthday parties and social gatherings

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 515-382-4352 or by email at nevadarecreation@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support of Nevada Parks and Recreation.

For: March 9, 2026 Council Meeting

To: Mayor
Nevada City Council
City Administrator

From: Amanda Brewer, Library Director

Nevada Public Library Council Report

MY REPORT

The last three weeks at the library have been challenging as we have had four staff members come down with some form of illness. Thankfully, we are back at full capacity, for a little while. I am finalizing our re-accreditation process up for the library this week. The goal is to receive another three-year accreditation at a Tier 3 status (the highest status possible). The library schedule for March is very full. Dylan is taking the opportunity over Spring break week to host a Grown Up & Me Tea Party. We have quite a few kiddos already very excited for this event. Dylan also sent out the mailing for donors for our Summer Reading Program and, so far, we are getting good feedback. Just a reminder, the library will be having its 150 Birthday Celebration Open House on Monday, April 20th from 5-7pm. This is also the start of National Library Week so please come and help us celebrate.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026, 5:00 P.M.

Chairperson Theresa Presley presided and convened the regular meeting of Nevada Library Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:02 p.m. at the Nevada Public Library, 631 K Avenue, Nevada, Iowa. The agenda was posted on the official bulletin board in compliance with the open-meeting law.

The roll was called indicating that the following named Trustees were present and absent. Present: Derek Grote, Joshua Peschel (via zoom), Theresa Presley, and James Woodard. Absent: Emma Cassabaum, Priscilla Gammon, and Allison Severson.

Others in attendance were Library Director Amanda Brewer, Crystal Edwards, and Donna Mosinski.

Motion by Board Member Derek Grote, seconded by Board Member James Woodard, to **approve the agenda** as posted. The roll being called, the following named members voted. Ayes: Grote, Woodard, Peschel, and Presley. Nays: None. Chairperson Theresa Presley declared the motion carried.

There was no one present who wished to address the Board at this time.

Library Director Amanda Brewer reported on:

- Still getting bids on the front desk
- Programs are going well
- Interviewing for 2 intern clerks

For Continuing Education, Amanda included in the packet overviews of the following files that are at the statehouse: HF2324, HF2136, HF2309, SF2177, SF2119. The discussion lasted 4 minutes.

Motion by Board Member Derek Grote, seconded by Board Member James Woodard, to approve the following ***consent agenda*** items as submitted:

- (1) Approve **minutes** of the January 26, 2026 regular meeting
- (2) Approve February 2026 **claims** totaling \$12,207.06 (see attached list)
- (3) Accept and place on file the Director's **memo** dated February 13, 2026
- (4) Accept and place on file January 2026 financial report

The roll being called, the following named board members voted. Ayes: Grote, Woodard, Peschel, and Presley. Nays: None. Chairperson Theresa Presley declared the motion carried.

The board discussed and made changes to the Proctoring Policy and asked that it be brought back at the next meeting.

Amanda is still waiting on one bid for the replacement of HVAC units in Study Rooms. The CIP budget will have to be amended for this fiscal year.

The April board meeting will be rescheduled to April 27 at 5 p.m. due to an open house for the library's 150th birthday being held April 20.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Board Member James Woodard, seconded by Board Member Derek Grote, to ***adjourn the meeting***. The roll being called, the following board members voted. Ayes: Woodard, Grote, Peschel, and Presley. Nays: None. Chairperson Theresa Presley declared the motion carried. At 5:25 p.m. she adjourned the meeting.