
Finance Director / Assistant City Administrator Report*Reporting Period: June 8, 2026 – July 12, 2026***FY2026 Year-End Budget Recap**

With the fiscal year closed, the City finished in a sound, on-plan position. The General Fund expended approximately 86% of its adopted budget, with core revenues, including property tax, coming in essentially on target. Road Use Tax and our enterprise funds both closed comfortably within budget at roughly 77% and 78% expended, respectively, reflecting normal timing of capital and utility work.

A result like this is not guaranteed every year; unexpected expenses do arise, and some years will close tighter than others. That is precisely why conservative, deliberate budgeting matters. This kind of steady, on-plan result is exactly the discipline that will set Nevada apart as the State's new 2% General Fund levy cap takes effect, giving us room to absorb the change on our own terms and continue funding core services without abrupt adjustments. I'm happy to walk through any of the year-end questions with Council members individually

RAGBRAI 2026, "Why Nevada?" Campaign

With our RAGBRAI lunch stop approaching on July 22, the "Why Nevada?" campaign is in final preparations. The yard signs are expected to be ready for pickup on July 15, with placement along the route and throughout Main Street to follow. The landing page and staffed information tent are set to highlight housing and job opportunities in Nevada, while pointing riders toward the school, local events, and downtown businesses to explore and support. Participating employers are also lined up for exposure to the statewide audience passing through. The effort remains funded entirely through the RAGBRAI host contribution and vendor and sponsor participation fees, with no General Fund dollars used. Everything is on track for event day, and I will report back afterward on rider engagement and campaign reach.

Storm Damage Cost Tracking (June 29–July 4 Event)

Following the late-June storm event and the Story County disaster proclamation, our office built a cost-tracking system to position the City for state and potential federal reimbursement. This includes a department-head request for labor, equipment, and receipt documentation, paired with a tracking workbook keyed to our adopted equipment rates. We are also monitoring whether a

federal disaster declaration follows, which would shift reimbursement to FEMA's equipment-rate schedule; capturing this documentation now ensures the City is prepared either way.

Employee Retirement Benefit Review

We met with financial officers and plan partners to explore options for the City's 457(b) retirement program, to offer employees more competitive returns and added value at no additional cost to the City. Several providers now pair these plans with financial wellness services such as budgeting tools and one-on-one financial consulting. Before bringing anything forward, we intend to compare offerings from an additional advisor to ensure we are evaluating the market fairly. This is an early-stage review; any recommendation would come before Council through the normal process.

FY27 Insurance Allocation Renewal

I met with our insurance agent to review the City's FY27 insurance allocation and discuss coverage levels heading into the new year. The review confirmed our allocation aligns with the agent's figures across all major coverage lines, and we are well positioned on coverage as we move into FY27.

Sincerely,

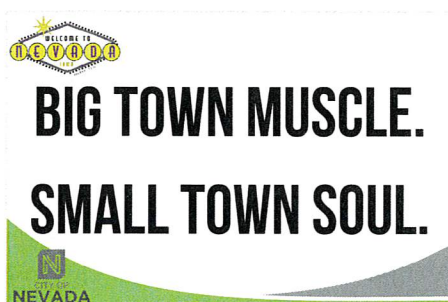
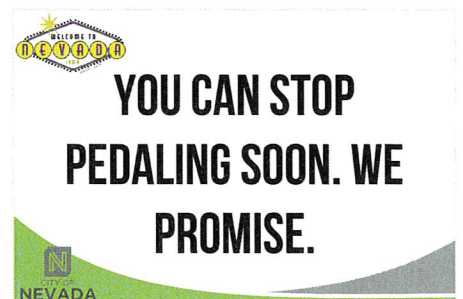
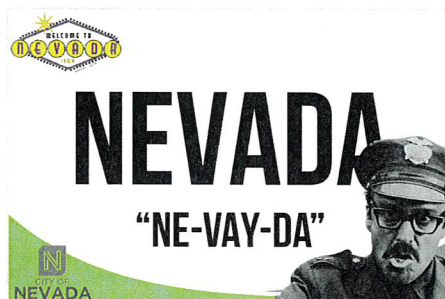
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LUCAS BATTANI, FINANCE DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR
CITY OF NEVADA, IOWA

RAGBRAI 2026 Yard Sign Preview

A look at the "Welcome to Nevada" signs going up along the route and downtown

Below is a representative sample of the City's Las Vegas-themed "Welcome to Nevada" signs. The set blends humor with real facts about living, working, and investing here; each points riders to our landing page and staffed info tent.



Participating Business Signs

Local employers and organizations featured alongside the City's campaign

Sponsoring businesses receive their own custom signs along the route, giving local employers direct exposure to a statewide audience.

Camelot
THEATER FOUNDATION



**RIDE ON DOWN TO THE
CAMELOT THEATER FOR BEER!
FOOD! MUSIC! AND HISTORY!**

GATHERINGS



**DON'T GAMBLE ON ANOTHER STOP
THIS IS YOUR WINNER!**

 **JUST AHEAD!**

GATHERINGS



GATHERINGS EVENT VENUE
1024 6TH ST.

 **A/C**
 **PASTA BAR**
 **CRAFT BEER GARDEN**
 **VODKA LEMONADE**

NOW HIRING

**Inspire
Kids.
Build Your
Future.**



N NEVADA SCHOOLS

**StoryCounty
Medical
CENTER**



**FINISH RAGBRAI.
START YOUR CAREER!**

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**BLINK TWICE IF YOU
NEED IBUPROFEN.**

Main Street Vendor Signs

Standard "Visit ____ on Main Street!" signs directing riders to downtown vendors

More than twenty downtown vendors, restaurants, food trucks, and civic groups receive a standard "Visit ____ on Main Street!" sign in the campaign template. A representative sample is shown below.





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: Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Ref: Report for City Council Meeting for Monday, July 13, 2026

Staffing

Officer Lane VanderHart has returned to a Patrol position. Officer VanderHart was instrumental in the startup of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program that the City of Nevada and The Nevada School District collaborated to initiate.

Officer VanderHart has applied for and been accepted as a member of the Story County Emergency Response Team (ERT). Officer VanderHart will collaborate with Story County ERT for trainings and emergency call outs. This an as needed service that will not see a loss in patrol numbers for our department.

Officer Skyler Koder has been selected to serve as the next SRO. This is expected to be a long-term placement for SRO Koder.

Activity

RAGBRAI notices have been provided to Indian Ridge and Knoll Ridge neighborhoods. Social media and Our Nevada has provided the route and closures.

Flood response provided much of the calls for service over the 4th of July weekend. While we received some firework complaints, the calls for service related to fireworks was lower than previous years.

The police department has either responded to or self-initiated 597 calls for service in the month of June. ***THIS IS 105 CALLS FOR SERVICE MORE THAN 2025. CALLS FOR SERVICE VOLUME IS TRENDING UP FROM HISTORICAL AVERAGE.***

Highest number of calls listed below:

Traffic Stops: 179
General Info: 59
Animal Call: 50
Follow Up: 42
Medical Assists: 33
Suspicious Person: 28
Traffic Hazards: 17

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: Chris Brandes, Public Safety Director

FROM: Ray Reynolds, Director of Fire and EMS

DATE: July 6, 2026

REF: Activity report for Trustees, City Council and Honorable Mayor.

Calls to date in 2026:	372
Calls to date same time last year (2025):	393

Fires calls for June 2026:	5
EMS total calls for June 2026:	39
Rescue/extrication for June 2026:	1
Fall / Lift assistance for June 2026	5
Fall with Injury June 2026:	2
Good intent calls for June 2026:	12
Community events for June 2026:	5

Membership: Current roster number of members: 42

No changes other than 3 new applicants will be interviewing to join.

Fireworks Season Assessment:

The fire department had an uneventful fireworks season this year. The fire department spends considerable time ahead of the fireworks season to acquire grant funds for printed safety flyers, we engage in fireworks tent inspections, we post safety messages, and video to our social media. From previous experience we notice when we do not provide safety flyers to the fireworks vendors, our calls increase related to consumer fireworks. This year our community only had 1 fireworks sales location.

The fire department had: 0 calls related to consumer fireworks (fires and injuries).

Starbucks Fire:

The Starbucks Drive-In fire occurred on June 30th at 4:55pm. The fire was caused by an overloaded circuit used to power a portable air conditioner unit and box fan. In total 15 volunteers responded to the fire event. Mutual aid was automatically summoned from Maxwell and Colo as a part of the county-wide mutual aid agreement. The fire was quickly controlled by our first arriving engine with less than 500 gallons of water. However, the fire had a substantial headstart with heavy smoke and heat throughout the building covering and melting most everything. The building was not subjected to fire code inspections unless complaint driven, but the structure was in serious disrepair at the time of the fire. The owners did not have insurance coverage on the property due to the condition of the building.

Of importance to note: had this fire occurred anytime before 4:30 pm, there would have only been 3 volunteers (all over the age of 72) and myself responding to the call. Daytime fire protection in Nevada is my biggest concern for the fire department.



Iowa Firefighter Cancer Prevention and Exposure Reduction Program

Iowa State University has asked our department to participate in research related to occupational cancer risks from the modern fire environment. Their focus will be on providing a vision forward for the fire service to implement new strategies in reducing firefighter cancer risks. Things like development of safer turnout gear, better decontamination strategies, and utilizing their expert research facilities are exciting advances for the fire service. The group will have a handful of fire service experts from Iowa to serve on their panel working group.

Flooding

Most of our streams and creeks are lowered to normal or just above normal elevations. The community did see a lot of localized flooding. Most of the flooding was due to ground water saturation of basements. In some cases, the loss of power prevented sump pumps from working.





July 7, 2026

To: Mayor, City Council, and Park and Recreation Board

From: Rhonda Maier, Director of Parks and Recreation

Re: Monthly Information Report

- Completed Work/Accomplishments
 - Quotes for UTV with plow purchase.
 - Employee Evaluations
 - Most GIS Mapping of trails complete.
 - Completion of all baseball and softball programs including year end tournaments.
 - Eagle Scout planting project.
 - Dash Camps offering opportunities throughout the summer and will extend into the school year.
 - Erosion control under train bridge between Meadow Lane and 6th Street
 - Placed safety barricade block at cemetery.
 - Set limestone benches for Rotary shelter project.
 - Moved pads for frisbee golf course at Harrington Park.
- Items Currently Working On/Gathering Information
 - RFP for water feature and play equipment updates at aquatic center.
 - Harrington Park and next steps.
 - Internet dish installation with owned equipment for pump house and possible controller purchase.
 - Adopt a flower bed/community beautification program.
 - Trail signage updates.
 - Continued work with DNR on stocking of community ponds.
 - Tennis court crack repairs.
 - Various repairs and clean-up along the trail due to flooding.
 - Removal of Harrington Park east field and fencing.
 - Hattery Park Playground equipment installation September 21 and 22.
- Participation Numbers and Notable Events
 - 217 participants in baseball and softball programs – 71 games held at SCORE
 - Birthday parties at the Field House continue to be popular during the summer months.
 - Iowa Power Plex Volleyball

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.

Nevada Streets Report

- ❖ Storm clean - up
- ❖ Painting throughout the town
- ❖ Patching
- ❖ Getting ready for construction
- ❖ Sweeping
- ❖ City locates
- ❖ Assisting other Dept
- ❖ Regular maintenance of vehicles
- ❖ Hired a new operator II
- ❖ Intake work ongoing
- ❖ Working on getting a drive into the new debris site

July 13th / 2026

Water Pollution Control Council Report

- Regular operation, monitoring & maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant, lift stations, and remote flow basin.
- Replaced float controls at 15th & H lift station.
 - Inspection from Midwest Pump Works was conducted with positive observations in relation to the Lift Station's operational condition.
- Continuous monitoring of all pump stations and treatment plant during excessive storm flow surge.
 - All Pump Stations were fully operational for the duration of the elevated flows.
- Staff replaced wiper on the clarifier with a cost effective substitute.
- Updating Safety Signage.
- Replaced Variable Frequency Drive Battery.
- The potable water source at the Wastewater Treatment Plant had a burnt connection and improper electrical installation that has been since corrected.
 - Report was forwarded to Project Engineers to determine responsibility.
- Ongoing Punch list work being logged and completed at Phase 2.
- Ongoing Warranty Work Orders completed as assigned at Phase 3.
- Assessing valve replacement options for Remote Flow Basin.
- Advancing Continuing Ed Credits for staff.



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