
Finance Director / Assistant City Administrator Report*Reporting Period: August 11, 2026 – September 14, 2026***FY26 Annual Audit**

The audit reached its first-review exit conference this cycle, and the City was pleased with the draft comments overall. We worked through each draft finding with the audit team and responded; we resolved and removed a couple of comments after providing the supporting detail/context. Two relate to how certain costs are grouped by function for reporting; we documented for the auditor that the City finished under budget once spending is measured consistently, and one relates to how SRF debt was reported in a prior year, which we are correcting with a stronger process going forward.

I also want to recognize our Deputy Clerk, Donna Mosinski, who was a tremendous help throughout. She helped keep information moving between our office and the auditor's office and answered questions quickly, which made a real difference in my first audit with the City. The report is not final yet. The auditors expect to issue it in October. Our team is glad to have the heavy lifting of the annual audit behind us ahead of budget season, and we will share the final report with the Council once it is released.

Equipment Revolving Fund and Five-Year Capital Planning

We are starting our full review and update of the City's equipment revolving funds as our first step into the FY28 budget, meeting with department heads. These accounts let each department save for vehicles, equipment, and building needs so we can plan purchases over time instead of being surprised by them. We updated every department's fund to reflect what actually happened this past year, carried the balances forward, and gave each department a simple summary and a copy of the City's five-year capital plan so everyone is working from the same picture.

Alongside that, city staff is also working through the broader infrastructure planning for the City as a whole. Once these conversations wrap up, we will move into preliminary budget discussions built around our FY28 revenue forecast, then into budget committee workshops, which we hope to hold in early October. This groundwork sets up the rest of budget season, and we are in good shape heading into it.

Belknap Block Main Street Challenge Grant

This past month, I helped Main Street Nevada prepare a Main Street Iowa Challenge Grant application for the historic Belknap Block at 1136 6th Street, the corner building at the north entrance to our downtown. The project would rehabilitate the first floor into three new

commercial storefronts alongside the existing Sweet Dreams store, restore the building's historic exterior, and bring the whole building back to full use. I, along with other amazing community and business leaders, worked with the property owner and Main Street to shape the application's narrative and budget, gather supporting documents, and ensure the pieces fit together and told a clear story. The State announces the award in November.

Sincerely,

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



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Chris Brandes
Public Safety Director
Chief of Police

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Chris Brandes, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police
Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Ref: Report for City Council Meeting for Monday, September 14, 2026

Staffing

No change to staffing.

Activity

The police department has either responded to or self-initiated 674 calls for service in the month of August. ***THIS IS 16 CALLS FOR SERVICE MORE THAN 2025.***

Highest number of calls listed below:

Traffic Stops: 327
General Info: 59
Animal Call: 27
Medical Assists: 30
Suspicious Person: 18

Respectfully submitted,

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Chris Brandes
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TO: Chris Brandes, Public Safety Director
FROM: Ray Reynolds, Director of Fire and EMS
DATE: September 2, 2026
REF: Activity report for Trustees, City Council and Honorable Mayor.

Calls to date in 2026: 533
Calls to date same time last year (2025): 524

Fires calls for Aug 2026:	4
EMS total calls for Aug 2026:	44
Rescue/extrication for Aug 2026:	0
Hazardous condition for Aug 2026	4
Fall / Lift assistance for Aug 2026	8
Fall with Injury Aug 2026:	6
Good intent calls for Aug 2026:	9
Community events for Aug 2026:	14

Membership: Current roster number of members: 43

Firefighter/Paramedic Kyle Elliott is moving from the district to Altoona due to a new relationship. He will be selling his home in Nevada. We lose tremendous experience because he is a career firefighter who works in Bondurant and fulltime in Ankeny. He is also a paramedic who served our community on his day off.

New members:

Eston Cole- Lives in Nevada Township and recently moved to the area. He farms and does machinery work.

Mackenzie Arends- Lives in Nevada and is attempting to be an EMT and join the National Guard. Works in healthcare. May recall she is Nevada's first female wrestling 2-time state champion.

Applications pending:

Joe Winter- Vice President of OnTrack in Nevada. Joe moved to Nevada with his family and has a family history of relatives on fire departments in their home towns.

Busy August-

August 2026 was the busiest month on record for the fire department. The fire department responded to 89 calls during the month. A normal month is around 60-70 calls. Some of the community events in

August account for the higher call volume. Extra events like washing out the 4-H barns, watering the arena before the rodeo, and various stand by events add to the call volume levels.

Recruitment for Firefighters

The department is working with KCCI to actively recruit more members to the fire department. The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) has hired a consultant to target Gen Z populations to fill the national crisis of recruiting shortages in volunteer departments. You will see some targeted media stories with our department. Attached is an example along with some catch phrases like "A Hustle Worth Having." The market research shows this appeals to the Gen Z population who seek a balance in their time.

It is great to have higher numbers compared to many other departments but recruiting students and non-resident volunteers who put in station hours means it takes longer to train them to provide a competent fire response. They are also limited to only being available during the hours they are at the station. So while they are a body on the department, we must be realistic that it does not mean we have an adequate fire protection response particularly during the day.

As an example in August the top four and only day time responders we have in Nevada involve Fred Malven (age 78) with 69 calls, Ray Beaty (age 72 and not an interior firefighter) with 74 calls, Doug Burton (age 73 and not an interior firefighter) with 28 calls, and myself (age 60) with 41 calls.

Recently Mid-States Companies put forth a company policy to allow their firefighters who work at Mid-States to respond with pay to community fires and serious emergencies. One of my firefighters took a job at Mid-States. This will help add a firefighter during the day. That firefighter previously worked in Story City. This is a city problem as the fire chief can not be the only recruiter for the fire department. The city should be encouraging large employers to recruit emergency responders as well as adopt policies similar to the Mid-States Companies policy to allow workers to respond to fires. This aggressive effort is the only way to head off hiring future full-time staffing.



While firefighting is our primary need, the department also seeks support staff to help with supporting a fire scene as a rehab technician.



ISO inspection

The ISO community fire protection classification inspection occurred August 18th. We were rated an ISO 3, which is the best our community can achieve unless we were to have full-time station staffing. One area we can improve as a fire department is to bring back annual pump certification tests and 5-year ladder inspections. We had completed them nearly 10 years ago but the cost was too high at the time and the annual inspections were cut to save budget money. We lost a significant number of points towards class 3 ISO because of this. The engine and ladder truck pumps were certified this year and we have non-destructive ladder testing in September. Once we get our second annual pump certification ISO will fast track another community inspection and likely move us back to ISO 3 if we drop to a 4 this year.

Insurance rates are mostly set by a community's ISO rating. Each classification higher between ISO 1 and ISO 10 adds approximately \$200 to insurance premiums. However, it is one factor in determining property insurance rates. Previous disasters and claims also add to the estimated insurance rate for citizens.

It was a very intensive and all-day review of the fire department equipment, training, policies, maintenance, city water distribution, and dispatch notification processes. Auto-aid, incoming department staffing, and hydrant testing all account toward our ISO rating.



Nevada Streets Report

- ❖ Patching
- ❖ City locates
- ❖ Assisting other Dept
- ❖ Regular maintenance of vehicles
- ❖ I and I inspection to start 9-14-26
- ❖ Preparing for the new debris site
- ❖ Sweeping
- ❖ New vehicle lift installed
- ❖ Storm sewer work
- ❖ Patching planned for south of the High school moved to the week of the 9-21-26



September 11, 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
 - Kickoff of Harrington Park Capital Campaign.
 - Staff meeting to discuss fall goals and budget considerations for 27-28 budget year.
 - CIRL Scheduling of Football and Volleyball. (49 VB and 59 FB)
 - CIRL Fall Sports Meetings
 - Installation of permanent garbage cans at Hattery Park and Rotary Shelter.
 - Yearly fertilizer application on athletic fields.
 - Met with Story County Conservation regarding trails, trail connections, and signage.
 - Kickoff of Fall Sports.
- Items Currently Working On/Gathering Information
 - Barktober: Dog Park fundraiser at the Sports Bowl on October 3.
 - CIP and Equipment Revolving Budgets.
 - Finalizing Oak Park Estates Trail project.
 - Paula's Pedals – local initiative to promote cycling, bike safety, and trail development.
 - Sponsored Open Swims
 - Replacement of bridge decking on trail loop bridge.
 - Improvement of Field House communication regarding passes and usage.
 - Adopt a flower bed/community beautification program.
 - Continued work with DNR on stocking of community ponds.
 - Removal of ball field mix and turf restoration at Harrington Park.
 - Hattery Park Playground equipment demolition and installation.
 - Purchase of fence posts and fencing between cemetery and Key Coop.
 - SRF Project Extension.

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.

Memo

To: City Council
From: Mike Sauer, Zoning Supervisor
CC: Jordan Cook
Date: 09/14/26
Re: General Information

1. I will be taking a floodplain management seminar Tuesday, September 14 per state requirement
2. Sierra heights has footings almost done, groundwork for plumbing 50% complete, and concrete slabs to be poured soon.
3. Yard and tree nuisances continue to be sent out.
4. N avenue street project progressing in phase 2, phase 1 continuing with subbase
5. P&Z meeting to approve Hy-vee conversion

If you have any questions please contact me at work, 382-5466, or at home 382-8703, prior to Monday night's meeting.