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**Finance Director / Assistant City Administrator Report***Reporting Period: September 15, 2026 – October 12, 2026***MiPay**

Over the past three weeks, the City transitioned to MiPay, a digital platform for timesheets, pay, and vacation approvals. The City had the software but held off on implementing it in July 2025 so staff could first get comfortable with our core miviewPoint (Caselle) system. I want to again thank our Deputy City Clerk this month, Donna Mosinski, for leading the transition and training across all City staff. Donna made the move from paper to digital as seamless as possible; without her leadership, this would have taken months rather than weeks.

**Budget Committee Workshop**

Staff has completed the draft equipment revolving fund and capital projects budgets for Fiscal Year 2028. We are halfway through operating budget meetings with Department Heads and expect to finish by the end of October. Staff plan to hold the first budget committee meeting following the regular Council meeting on November 23, 2026, to review equipment revolving funds, LOT allocations, CIP projects, TIF projections, and revenue forecasting under the new tax laws, along with our 20-year revenue and expenditure outlook. A second budget committee meeting would follow the December 14 Council meeting to continue that work. Staff and the Budget Committee would then present the FY28 budget recommendations to the full Council at a January meeting.

**Certified Sites**

I met with Jasper County's Economic Development Executive Director, Jeff Davidson, to learn how his team built and certified the Newton Rail Park, a 400-acre industrial site, and to understand what a similar effort could look like for Nevada. The park has drawn significant national and international interest through a partnership between the City of Newton, Jasper County, and the Iowa Interstate Railroad, with its first major groundbreaking expected within the next year or so. Jeff walked me through the site certification process, including the costs, timeline, available grant support, and the marketing advantages certification provides, such as far faster response times to business prospects.

As staff has noted before, access to a Class I railway is a rare asset few Iowa cities can offer, and a build-ready certified site near that railway would help Nevada attract a strong business partner. Bondurant is a nearby example of certified-site success, having landed Amazon, Vermeer, and others even without a railway. Staff will continue researching what a certified site would require before bringing anything forward. Any updates or actions would come before Council first; this is simply a behind-the-scenes update.

## **Annual State Reporting**

I am completing the City's required annual state reports due this fall. These include:

- Annual Financial Report (AFR)
- Street Finance Report (SFR)
- Annual Urban Renewal Report
- TIF debt certification

I will bring these to the November agenda for Council review and approval.

## **Senior Center Dishwasher**

One of the Senior Center's dishwashers went out, and the Nevada Senior Citizens board helped us find an affordable, reliable replacement. My thanks to our Planning and Zoning Official, Mike Sauer, for stepping away from his duties during a busy stretch to install it. Mike remains a great asset to the City of Nevada team.

Sincerely,



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



# NEVADA PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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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, October 7, 2026  
**Ref:** Report for City Council Meeting for Monday, October 12, 2026

## Staffing

No change to staffing.

## Activity

The police department has either responded to or self-initiated 584 calls for service in the month of September. ***THIS IS 63 LESS CALLS FOR SERVICE THAN 2025.***

*Highest number of calls listed below:*

Traffic Stops: 225

General Info: 58

Medical Assists: 34

Animal Call: 28

Suspicious Person: 20

Welfare Check: 20

Respectfully submitted,

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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: October 6, 2026

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

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| Calls to date in 2026:                    | 609 (averaging 75 calls per month) |
| Calls to date same time last year (2025): | 589                                |

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| Fires calls for Sept 2026:           | 2  |
| EMS total calls for Sept 2026:       | 36 |
| Rescue/extrication for Sept 2026:    | 0  |
| Hazardous condition for Sept 2026    | 12 |
| Fall / Lift assistance for Sept 2026 | 11 |
| Fall with Injury Sept 2026:          | 4  |
| Good intent calls for Sept 2026:     | 6  |
| Community events for Sept 2026:      | 4  |

**Membership:** Current roster number of members: 42

Arlene Santiago-Lopez resigned from the department for health reasons unrelated to her role on the fire department.

## **Fire Prevention Week “Charge Into Fire Safety”**

This year’s fire prevention week theme was developed to raise awareness about lithium-ion batteries and charging devices. Our community has seen a sharp increase in E-bike and E-scooters. Along with these devices, we also are seeing incidents nationally related to cell phone battery chargers and the practice of overcharging devices powered from lithium-ion batteries. The three methods in which batteries fail are: 1) overcharging which breaks down the battery management system, 2) damage from dropping and abuse, 3) exposure to fire or heat. When batteries fail, they go into thermal runaway and are likely to propagate to adjacent cells making the fire much more intense.

The department is working with our middle school to address the overcharging issues associated with the increase of E-bike and E-scooter presence in homes.

## **Coloring and Essay Contest**

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, the department will again participate in our elementary school essay and coloring contest. The winners from each grade will be picked up from their home in a fire engine and have a breakfast at Story County Medical Center. From there, the kids will be safely delivered to school. This is a fire prevention week activity involving all the kids. The best essays and coloring winners are chosen by the school administration.

### **Prairie Meadows Grant & Story County 911 Grant**

The Nevada Firefighters Inc (association) applied for and received the Prairie Meadows Grant in the amount of \$21,000 to put towards a power-load cot. This battery powered cot and auto-load system new costs \$66,000. However, I was able to access a newer system from Arrow Manufacturing Inc in Rock Rapids for \$26,900. The cot had less than 20 hours on it before the previous owners traded it in when they ordered a refurbished ambulance from Arrow Manufacturing. The total city investment was \$4900 as the association covered the remaining \$22,000. This partnership and grant work saved our taxpayers considerable money. A powerload system is the pre-hospital industry standard for ambulances. The benefits include increased patient safety and the prevention of first responder back injuries.



Our radios are now at the 5-year mark and we proactively applied for the Story County 911 communications grant. The City of Nevada and the City of Huxley were the only two departments in the county applying for up to \$50,000 in communications grants. The grant award allowed us to purchase 21 new portable radio batteries as we see a decline in our current battery life. The grant also funded 10% of our fire department tower fees. The county is slowly reducing their percentage of support and is currently funding 20% of all tower fees. This means for the next year the county will be funding 30% of Nevada Fire Department tower fees for our radio use.

### **ISO Rating Update**

The city was officially notified our ISO rating dropped from an ISO 3 to an ISO 4 rating. The rating will be for 5 years unless our city requests a review. The two issues for reduction were historical annual records of pump certifications that were resumed this year after budget reductions in the past. They also cited water pressure drops in the areas inspected from previous years. There may not be much impacted from a community perspective as the ISO fire protection classification is quickly becoming arbitrary and not used as much by insurance companies to determine insurance rates.

\*Note: October 10<sup>th</sup> is the 5-year anniversary of Captain Brad Tendall's line of duty death from covid.

## Nevada Streets Report

- ❖ Crack sealing
- ❖ City locates
- ❖ Assisting other Dept
- ❖ Regular maintenance of vehicles
- ❖ Grading roads
- ❖ Preparing for the new debris site
- ❖ Sweeping
- ❖ Storm sewer work

October 12th, 2026 Council Meeting

To: Mayor, City Council and Administrator

From: Shawn Ludwig, Water Superintendent

## Water Department Council Report

- Busy with Plant maintenance
- Reading meters.
- Doing Locates
- Doing Monthly Reports.
- Waiting on bids to replace the rooftop air unit and Dehumidifier
- Flushing Hydrants this month

October 12<sup>th</sup> / 2026

## Water Pollution Control Council Report

- Regular operation, monitoring & maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant, lift stations, and remote flow basin.
- Ongoing Punch List Work & Warranty Work is being logged & completed at Phase 2 & 3.
- Main Lift Station Generator Thermostat and Software Update has been completed.
- OVIVO Membrane Thickener System.
  - MBT 1 has been monitored daily and operational parameters are logged.
    - OVIVO is scheduled to be on site the 19<sup>th</sup> for corrective maintenance.
  - Blowers have been serviced and staff trained to take over maintenance in the future.
- Remote Flow Basin
  - Consulted Williamson Electric about utilizing controls from the Old Plant at the Basin.
  - Consulted Jetco about utilizing controls from the Old Plant at the Basin, and installing a flow meter on site that can communicate with the New Plant.
  - Assessing options to install a Gravity Drain Line at the Remote Flow Basin.
    - Reached out to Ontrack, Williams Contracting of Madrid & Iowa Pipe and Grading of Boone.
- Old Facility
  - Pit Pros are to haul off remaining nutrient concentrate this fall.
    - Once completed permit is authorized to close Jan 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Recycling applicable resources from the Old Facility to suitable locations.
  - The Underground Storage Tank at the old facility is officially decommissioned.
- Staff have been signed up for free CEUs via EPA Cyber Security Trainings in preparation for certification advancement.
  - Jordan Gibson has signed up for his WWT 3 Exam.



October 6, 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
  - CIP and Equipment Revolving Budgets.
  - Improved communication regarding Field House passes and pass offerings.
  - Basketball registration complete.
  - Spoke at Kiwanis on several items pertaining to parks and recreation.
  - Finalizing the fall volleyball and flag football seasons.
  - Winter schedule of events and rentals.
  - Pool Winterization.
- Items Currently Working On/Gathering Information
  - Barktober: Dog Park fundraiser at the Sports Bowl on October 10.
  - 27-28 Budget.
  - Scheduling of CIRL Basketball League.
  - Trail Levy.
  - Hattery Park Playground Build.
  - Park shut down during month of October.
  - Rec and Connect Events and Activities.
  - Rotary Pond Landscaping of rock and gazebo.
  - Re-grading of ball fields and adding infield mix.
  - SCORE Soccer Field crown and drainage issues.
  - Finalizing Oak Park Estates Trail project.
  - Paula's Pedals.
  - Sponsored Open Swims
  - Replacement of bridge decking on trail loop bridge.
  - 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.
  - 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](mailto: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: 09/28/26**

**Re: General Information**

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1. Work has finally resumed on the street project and it appears underground work at 6<sup>th</sup> St. intersection nearly complete
2. First phase of the street project has completed curb work and most likely have sidewalk and approach work done by council meeting
3. Sierra Heights continuing with slab work, underground work, and just start rough in plumbing work
4. Board of Adjustment meeting on October 13
5. I attended a Concrete seminar in Ames
6. Processing permits and performing inspections

If you have any questions please contact me at work, 382-5466, or on my cell, 515-215-0749, prior to Monday night's meeting.