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: Thursday, November 5, 2026

Ref: Report for City Council Meeting for Monday, November 9, 2026

Staffing

No change to staffing.

Staff participated in the Downtown Trick or Treat event. The department had received donations to purchase glow stick necklaces and provided all 1200 glow sticks to kids at the event.

Activity

The police department has either responded to or self-initiated 712 calls for service in the month of October. ***THIS IS 81 CALLS FOR SERVICE MORE THAN 2025***.

Highest number of calls listed below:
Traffic Stops: 286
General Info: 91
Medical Assists: 43
Animal Call: 34
Suspicious Person: 28
Reckless Driver: 18
Welfare Check: 17
Warrant Service: 16

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Brandes
Public Safety Director
Chief of Police

CITY OF NEVADA

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Finance Director / Assistant City Administrator Report

Reporting Period: October 12, 2026 – November 9, 2026

Annual State Reporting

The City's annual state reports are on the November 9th agenda. The Annual Financial Report, Street Finance Report, and Annual Urban Renewal Report are up for approval by motion. The FY28 TIF Annual Appropriations and TIF Debt Certification are up for approval by resolution. All five are due to the State, Iowa DOT, or Story County by December 1. A short memo accompanies each item, and these will come to Council every fall.

TIF Development Agreements

As part of TIF certification, I reviewed each of the City's active development agreements and sent each developer an update letter with upcoming payments and a worksheet for the FY28 estimate. I also met or spoke with several developers to walk through how their payments are calculated. Each developer gets a worksheet and an update letter every fall, so payments and certifications stay accurate and transparent.

FY28 Budget Process

Staff has completed operating budget meetings with all Department Heads and finished the draft FY28 operating budgets, along with the equipment revolving fund and capital projects budgets completed last month. Our first Budget Committee meeting is set for Monday, November 23, following the regular Council meeting, where we will review the equipment revolving funds, LOT allocations, CIP projects, TIF projections, and revenue forecasting under the new tax laws, along with our long-range revenue and expenditure outlook. A second Budget Committee meeting would follow the December 14 Council meeting, and staff and the Budget Committee would then bring the FY28 recommendations to the full Council in January.

UST Closure Grant

The City has submitted its reimbursement invoice to the Iowa DNR for the underground storage tank closure at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. EcoSource Consultants filled the tank in place on September 16, and the closure report reached the DNR on October 1. The Iowa DNR is reimbursing the City $8,579 through its Underground Storage Tank Closure Grant. That covers the full cost of closing the underground storage tank at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

League Budget Workshop

I attended the Iowa League of Cities Budget Workshop, which covered financial trends and projections, an update from the Iowa Department of Management on city budget forms and reporting requirements, and a session on adjusting municipal budgets under the new property tax system. Our afternoon session, "How to Roll with the Punches: Adjusting Your Budget to a New Property Tax System," featured veteran practitioners sharing how they are evaluating the impacts of SF 2472 and navigating those conversations with their own councils. The timing aligns well with our FY28 budget process, and I will walk Council through the specific long-term impacts to Nevada during our January budget discussions.

Sincerely,



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: Chris Brandes, Public Safety Director

FROM: Ray Reynolds, Director of Fire and EMS

DATE: November 2, 2026

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

Calls to date in 2026:	711
Calls to date same time last year (2025):	711

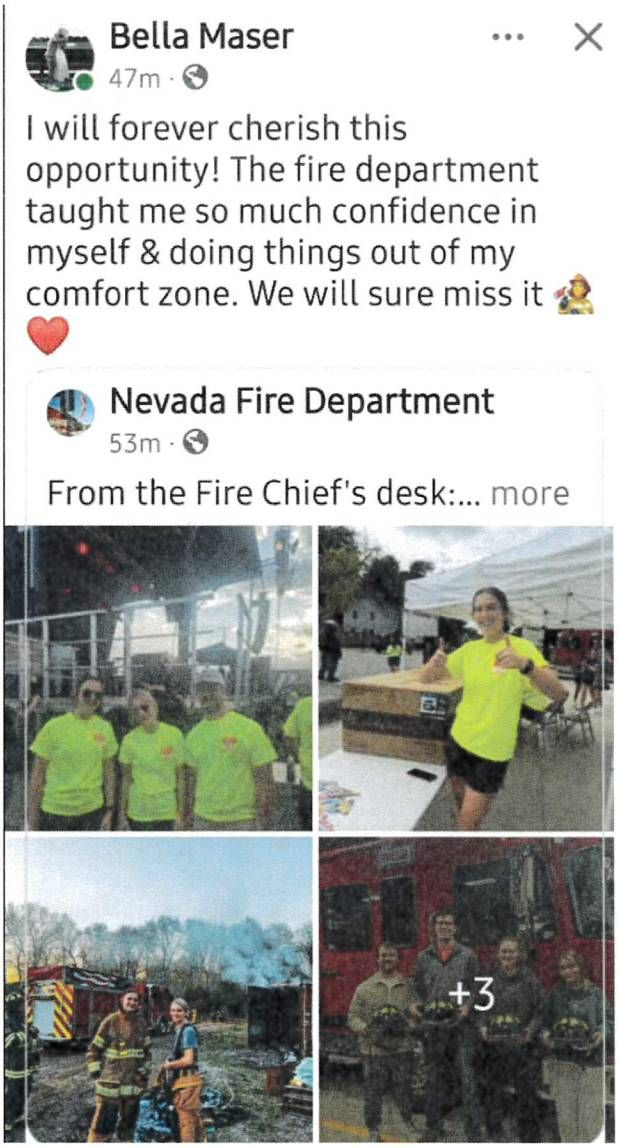
Fires calls for Oct. 2026:	4
EMS total calls for Oct. 2026:	48
Rescue/extrication for Oct. 2026:	1
Hazardous condition for Oct. 2026	4
Fall / Lift assistance for Oct. 2026	14
Fall with Injury Oct. 2026:	8
Good intent calls for Oct. 2026:	10
Community events for Oct. 2026:	13

Membership: Current roster number of members: 39

Bella Maser, Phoenix Gryp, and Quinn Miller all resigned from the department. They are ISU students who received post school residency and internships at the U of I and will be moving back home for schooling in Eastern Iowa.

The department is actively looking for membership to keep our member numbers in the 40's.These are the things we are doing to keep looking for the right people:

1. On-Going Recruitment of New Members
2. Creating non-firefighter Support Technicians. (freeing FFs from "non-combat" roles)
3. Flexible Retention (periodic "time outs" for active members, etc.)
4. Recruiting ISU Students with the right stuff
5. Utilizing Out-Of-Area Personnel (w/ training incentives & alternative station hours.)
6. Renewing City public works staff to help respond during daytime hours
7. Revitalizing and encouraging our Industries to adopt policies to allow employees to respond to emergencies.



If you know of someone who is interested in being a member of the volunteer fire department, we are looking for firefighters, medical responders, and support operations.

Memorial Lutheran Foundation Grant

The fire department received a $2,125 Memorial Lutheran Ministry Endowment Fund Grant Award. The grant gift will be used to co-fund the purchase of a CRAIG1300 Community Risk Reduction tool. CRAIG1300 is a database the fire department uses to collect qualitative and quantitative data to clearly define community risks and be able to take action.

The Nevada Fire Department's grant was one of 32 grants, worth a total of $39,382, given out on Sunday. Thank you to Memorial Lutheran for sharing these funds with the community.

Vehicle Extrication Training and Tools

The department is seeing an uptick in serious motor vehicle crashes related to distracted or impaired drivers associated with high-speed crashes. The fire department spent time at Central Iowa Towing perfecting our extrication skills for these incidents. Our federal grant two years ago allowed the

department to expand our rescue capabilities with new battery extrication tools. The department recently purchased heavy duty rescue struts to shore up cars that are rolled or on their side. This will add safety to our operations. CIT offers the department crashed cars to work on at no cost. They are a great partner.









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Nevada Streets Report

- City locates
- Assisting other Dept
- Regular maintenance of vehicles
- New debris site completion
- Sweeping
- Hanging Christmas lights on Lincoln
- Banners for downtown

Joe Mousel, Street Supervisor | jmousel@cityofnevadaiowa.org
Jordan Cook, CA jcook@cityofnevadaiowa.org

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November 9th, 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.
- Charlie Starbuck and I went to the AWWA Water Conference in Coralville last week and entered our water in the best tasting water contest where we finished 4th in the Peoples Choice category.
- Nathan Hovick resigned and Oct. 31 was his last day. We are in the hiring process now.
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November 3, 2026

CITY OF NEVADA
PARKS & RECREATION

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

From: Rhonda Maier, Director of Parks and Recreation

Re: Monthly Information Report

- Completed Work/Accomplishments
  - 2027 Initial Budget Meeting and Budget Preparations
  - Hattery Park first phase of renovation complete. (See photos)
  - Scheduling of 128 teams in CIRL Basketball League.
  - Winter schedule of events and rentals.
  - Rotary Pond Landscaping of rock and gazebo. (See Photos)
  - Leadership Nevada project benches and stretchers placed at Field House. (See photos)
  - Leadership Nevada project landscaping around park signs at SCORE complete. (See photos)

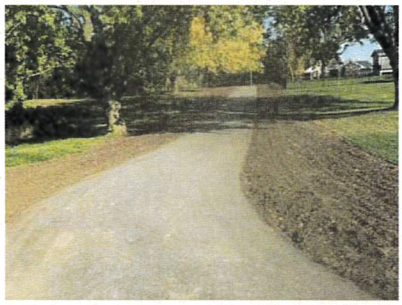
- Items Currenlty Working On/Gathering Information
  - 27-28 Budget.
  - Pool playground.
  - Gathering information on second phase of Hattery Park.
  - Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon.
  - Trail Levy and Trail meetings. Paula's Pedals initiative.
  - Park restroom shut down.
  - Rec and Connect Events and Activities.
  - Re-grading of ball fields and adding infield mix.
  - SCORE Soccer Field crown and drainage issues.
  - Finalizing Oak Park Estates Trail project. (See photos)
  - 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.
  - Placing 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.

OAK PARK ESTATES TRAIL

Final grading with block extension and tree removed.



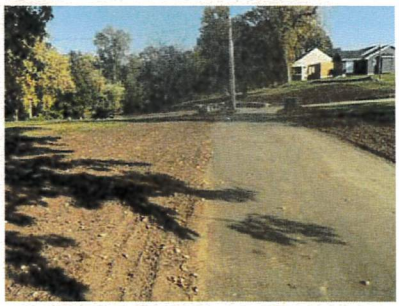












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Fall Park Projects - Completed

HATTERY PARK

- New Playground Equipment and Mulch
- Bathroom Updates







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Fall Park Projects - Completed

ROTARY POND

- Covered Picnic Area
- Rock and landscape
- In connection with Rotary Club of Nevada





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Fall Park Projects - Completed

SCORE PARK

- Signage Landscaping
- In Connection with Leadership Nevada









CITY OF NEVADA
PARKS &
RECREATION

Fall Field House Projects - Completed

- Track Benches
- In Connection with Leadership Nevada





Memo

To: City Council

From: Mike Sauer, Zoning Supervisor

CC: Jordan Cook

Date: 11/4//26

Re: General Information

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1. Framing has begun in Sierra Heights; underground plumbing work continuing
2. N Ave: Hopefully by time of council meeting, all curb and concrete poured and finished so we can finish asphalt for season.
3. Hy-vee is progressing along very well
4. Sending out letter to rental property owners explaining process and registration
5. Beginning the timeline for the sidewalk program for next year
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.

CITY OF
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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

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November 9th / 2026
Water Pollution Control Council Report

- Regular operation, monitoring & maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant, lift stations, and remote flow basin.
    - Updating Lab Resources.
        - Microscope to view and diagnose microbiological issues.
        - Generating digital in house lab reports.
        - Calculating Activated Sludge Results to estimate health of system.

- Ongoing Punch List Work & Warranty Work is being logged & completed at Phase 2 & 3.
    - 2 Potable Water Line Breaks have been diagnosed on site.
        - Awaiting Contractor plans of correction.

- OVIVO Membrane Thickener System.
    - OVIVO's Membrane Diagnoses was inconclusive.
        - Awaiting Work Report and Next Steps

- Old Facility
    - Pit Pros are to haul off remaining nutrient concentrate this fall.
        - Once completed permit is authorized to close Jan 31st.
        - Darren Toot is suggesting a different field to apply to this year.
            - Acceptance of new application site must be approved by the DNR.
    - Recycling applicable resources from the Old Facility to suitable locations.

- Conducting Monthly Inflow and Infiltration Analysis Evaluations.
    - October Monthly Net I&I: **18,979,800** Gallons
        - October Peak Daily Net I&I: October 1st – **2,881,500** Gallons

Devin Cornish
City of Nevada
Water Pollution Control

NEVADA PUBLIC LIBRARY

TO: Mayor
Nevada City Council
City Administrator

FROM: Tina Hertel, Library Director

RE: Monthly Departmental Report for November 9, 2026 Council Meeting

Library Updates

- The new library director started on October 12 on a part-time basis and November 2 full-time. We want to thank Julie Ungs for serving as Interim Director and for being a positive energy force during the transition period.
- We are eliminating the former domain of nevadalibrary.net, which impacts staff email addresses. All staff are now back on a City of Nevada email address.
- Programming remains strong with some October highlights including our ongoing book clubs, an adult puzzle competition, storytime, Teen Lounge, and more! Upcoming events can be found on the library website (https://www.nevada.lib.ia.us/programs-events).
- Attached are the minutes from the September Library Board Meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, 5:00 P.M.

Chairperson Theresa Presley presided and convened the regular meeting of Nevada Library Board of Trustees on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 5:00 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: Emma Cassabaum, Joshua Peschel (via zoom and left at 5:28 a.m.), Theresa Presley, Jennifer Sloan, and Teresa Wheelock. Absent: Priscilla Gammon (arrived at 5:04 p.m.) and James Woodard.

Others in attendance were Interim Library Director Julie Ungs, and Donna Mosinski.

Motion by Board Member Emma Cassabaum, seconded by Board Member Jennifer Sloan, to ***approve the agenda*** as posted. The roll being called, the following named members voted. Ayes: Cassabaum, Sloan, Wheelock, 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.

Motion by Board Member Emma Cassabaum, seconded by Board Member Teresa Wheelock, to approve the following ***consent agenda*** items as submitted:

(1) Approve **minutes** of the August 17, 2026 regular meeting
(2) Approve minutes of the August 27, September 2, September 8, and September 11, 2026 special meetings
(3) Approve September 2026 **claims** totaling $10,740.08 (see attached list)
(4) Accept and place on file the Director's **memo** dated September 21, 2026
(5) Accept and place on file August 2026 financial report

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

Motion by Board Member Emma Cassabaum, seconded by Board Member Jennifer Sloan, to accept Library Director Agreement. The roll being called, the following named members voted. Ayes: Cassabaum, Sloan, Wheelock, Peschel, and Presley. Nays: None. Chairperson Theresa Presley declared the motion carried.

Priscilla Gammon arrived at 5:04 p.m.

Joshua Peschel had requested a change of start time for the October and November meetings. He has decided to attend meetings via zoom for the next two meetings.

Staff has been receiving Dorothy Heintz memorial donations and the family has requested that large print books be purchased with the funds.

Julie reviewed Microsoft 365, administrative access, and if it was worth the monthly charges.

Interim Library Director Julie Ungs reported on:

- They have a new volunteer.
- Patton Park's sunshade has lost a pole again. Staff will be trying to get it down for winter.
- The teen area was painted; furniture will be rearranged soon.
- They have received yearbooks from 7th Day Adventist and Acorn that will need to be digitized.
- There will be social services programs the second Thursday of the month starting October 8.
- The library received a donation of $941.69 from the Norma Jean Warner Trust.
- The new Director will be starting part-time on October 12 and full-time on November 2.

Joshua Peschel left at 5:28 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Board Member Emma Cassabaum, seconded by Board Member Priscilla Gammon, to ***adjourn the meeting***. The roll being called, the following board members voted. Ayes: Cassabaum, Gammon, Presley, Sloan, and Wheelock. Nays: None. Chairperson Theresa Presley declared the motion carried. At 5:32 p.m. she adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST: _____ _____

Priscilla Gammon, Secretary Theresa Pr