

CITY OF IONE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Ione City Hall
June 6, 2026
6:00pm

Present: Jesse Shoemake, Mayor
Sabrina Bailey Cave, Council Chair
Jason Carson, Councilor
Bruce McMinn, Councilor
Mark Patton, Councilor
Michael Skow, Councilor
Brian Spivey, Councilor
Elizabeth Peterson, City Administrator
Shad Hass, Public Works
Scott Carter, Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)
Larry Myers, Anderson Perry & Associates (AP)

Via Zoom: Dane Maben, Anderson Perry & Associates (AP)

Guests: Shirley Dozier, Citizen
Gayle Eynetich, Citizen
Jeff Eynetich, Citizen
Tom Gates, Citizen
Betty Gray, Citizen
Taranna Patton, Citizen
Deborah Wrynn, Citizen

Call to Order: Mayor Shoemake called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ms. Peterson conducted roll call.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office Report: Scott Carter, Criminal Sergeant with the Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), presented the Council with the department's May 2026 activity statistics. The report summarizes law enforcement services and community safety efforts completed within the city during the month.

- **Patrol duties:** Deputies completed 25 hours of patrol to maintain a consistent law enforcement presence and support timely response throughout the city.
- **School Resource Officer services:** MCSO provided 28 hours of School Resource Officer support.
- **Incident response:** Personnel recorded 42 total incidents, reflecting the range of calls and situations handled during the month.
- **Area checks:** Deputies conducted 22 area checks as part of proactive efforts to monitor conditions and help maintain community safety.

Approval of Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes of the May 12, 2026 meeting. Councilor Carson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Spivey seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously. (Bailey Cave, Carson, McMinn, Patton, Skow, Spivey, Shoemake)

Public Comment(s):

1. Deborah Wrynn, a resident of Emert Addition in Ione, addressed the Council regarding fire-prevention concerns in her neighborhood. She asked about the City's role in reducing fire risk and noted that weeds, garbage, and other debris on local properties could create potential fuel in the event of a fire. She also reported that star thistle has been found in Emert Addition and noted that it is classified as a noxious weed. The Council discussed whether the Ione Rural Fire Department could conduct a controlled burn as a preventative measure. Ms. Peterson was tasked with contacting Fire Chief Ed Rietmann to determine whether this option is feasible.
2. Betty Gray, a resident, addressed the Council regarding the importance of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. She encouraged the Council to promote community cleanup efforts by asking residents to mow their lawns and maintain their properties. She also thanked the Council members for their service. Letters will be sent to property owners who need to comply with City ordinances regarding nuisances, abandoned vehicles, and dogs.

Permits and Public Requests: None

Old Business:

Sewer System Update (Dane Maben, Engineer, Anderson Perry & Associates).

Mr. Maben provided an update on the wastewater project and contractor activity. Supporting details are referenced in the attached agenda notes.

1. General Construction

- a. **Septic tank installation:** Bruce Johnson Construction, the subcontractor, has installed all septic tanks except for the tank at Lot 921. Due to complications specific to that property, special materials are required. These materials have been ordered and may take up to five weeks to arrive.
- b. **Surface restoration:** Swaggart Brothers, Inc., the contractor, continues to work on surface restoration.
- c. **Asphalt restoration:** Asphalt restoration has been completed.
- d. **Restoration review:** Beginning June 15, 2026, Larry Myers and the contractor will review restoration progress and contact each lot owner regarding the status of work on their property.

2. Substantial Completion

- a. **Ongoing work:** The contractor will continue surface restoration, general project cleanup, and cleanup of the existing roadway.
- b. **Substantial completion:** Upon completion of all project elements, the contractor will submit a request for substantial completion. Substantial completion is anticipated during the week of June 22nd.
- c. **Substantial completion walkthrough:** Upon receipt of the notice of substantial completion, Dane Maben and Bill Ledbetter will conduct a one-day site walkthrough. Following the walkthrough, they will prepare a punch list identifying any remaining work that must be completed before final payment is issued on July 26, 2026.

3. Payment

- a. The Council approved the payment for PMR#20 for Anderson Perry & Associates and Swaggart Brothers in the amount of \$4424,022.97.

Update on Cars in Easements and Fire Hazards. Ms. Peterson advised the Council that the Sheriff's Office will not tow vehicles located in easements unless the vehicles present a safety concern. She has contacted Sheriff Bowles to request a meeting to discuss available options and next steps.

Legion Hall Acquisition. No updates.

French Drain Flooding on Second and Spring Streets. No updates.

New Business:

Discussion of Developing a City Burn an Ordinance. Ms. Peterson introduced the possibility of developing an ordinance that would allow the Council to establish a burn ban independently of the Ione Rural Fire Department. Following discussion, the Council determined that no action was necessary at this time. The City will continue to follow the direction of the Ione Rural Fire Department.

Resolution 2026-04 Approval of FY 2026-27 Budget. At the preceding Budget Committee meeting, the Council approved the proposed FY 2026–27 budget as presented. As required, the Council reviewed resolution adopting the FY 2026–27 budget for approval. Councilor Patton moved to approve Resolution 2026-04 Approval of FY 2026-27 Budget. Councilor Carson seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously. (Bailey Cave, Carson, McMinn, Patton, Skow, Spivey, Shoemake)

Resolution 2026-05 Approval of the State Revenue Sharing for FY 2026-27. The Council discussed and reviewed Resolution 2026-05, which authorizes participation in the State Revenue Sharing program for FY 2026–27. The program provides State of Oregon revenue-sharing funds to cities that submit an approved resolution requesting participation. Council Chair Bailey-Cave moved to approve Resolution 2026-05 Approval of the State Revenue Sharing Fund for FY 2026-27. Councilor Carson seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously. (Bailey Cave, Carson, McMinn, Patton, Skow, Spivey, Shoemake)

Financial Reports and Bills: Council reviewed the May 2026 financial reports and monthly bills attached to the agenda. May 2026 deposits totaled **\$529,984.57**. May 2026 bills totaled **\$929,589.69**. Councilor Spivey moved to approve the financial reports and bills as presented. Councilor Carson seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously. (Bailey Cave, Carson, McMinn, Patton, Skow, Spivey, Shoemake)

Mayor's Report: No Report.

Council Comments:

1. **Councilor Skow:** discussed ICABO's written commitment of \$650,000 toward payment of the Wastewater Loan. He noted that he requested the commitment in writing to avoid any misunderstanding regarding the funding amount, as Council had previously been informed that ICABO intended to contribute between \$700,000 and \$750,000.
2. **Councilor McMinn:** informed the Council that cracks have developed in the road in Emert Addition and that weeds are growing through the cracks.
3. **Councilor Spivey:** asked about restriping the crosswalks and parking spaces. The Council discussed options for completing the work and noted that the striping will need to be refreshed periodically. Ms. Peterson and Mr. Hass will work to secure the necessary supplies for the restriping project.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mayor Shoemake adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Shoemake, Mayor

Attested by:

Elizabeth Peterson, City Administrator