

MINUTES

The City Council of Raymond, Iowa met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor Vick presiding, Council Members: Cronbaugh, Sorensen, Thies, Wellman, & Pint.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Vick.

Motion to Approve Agenda: Pint/Thies, Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Motion to Approve Consent of Agent: Minutes of April 6, 2026 regular minutes, Resolution 2025-1673 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Boards, Departments and Commissions (N/A=Not Available): Sewer Report (Jan 26), Cronbaugh/Pint, Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Bills For April 6, 2026

Power Services	\$3,536.00	Roberts, Stevens, Prendergast	\$1,356.25
Core & Main	\$1,135.06	Waterloo Water Works	\$1,362.48
Card Services, City Hall	\$212.52	Card Services Fire Dept.	\$644.92
Waste Management	\$3,972.43	IRS	\$405.12
IRS	\$253.64	IPERS	\$879.64
Payroll	\$1,605.47		

Public Comment: There were concerns from the Public about a possible new fire station and other topics.

How is the community going to pay for the new fire station with the other projects currently happening? What are the other options; is the current fire truck repairable? What are different locations and can the current station be added onto? There is a concern about purchasing a building on the south side of the railroad track, adding time that 1st responders can get to a call if there is a train. Are we spending money on a new fire station if we have a hard time getting volunteer firefighters now? Is there any available property on the north side of the railroad tracks? Could the fire station be located on the empty lot in HE Pint Park? What will happen to the current fire station building? Taxes will be raised, everyone may not be able to afford it. Is 224 Washington building ADA compliant? This is a big project and there is a lot of risk waiting. Semi's are coming through town. The town should put in more speed bumps. There are speeders, where are the cops? Do the ball diamonds belong to the city?

Engineering Report: MSA Maddie Adkins will be at the next City Council Meeting to answer questions

Old Business: Discuss/Action for the City of Raymond Fire Department, this is the very beginning stages of investigating, the city has not bought a new fire station, 224 Washington is an option, we are exploring all options, we should be looking for a new(er) truck within 5 years, Council is trying to be proactive instead of reactive. We still need to know the price of what it would cost & timeline for new construction vs a built building, still looking into grants, the worst part of this deal is everything (new sewer, new road) is hitting us all at once and no one wants to raise taxes, looking at a possible referendum, roughly 1/3 of the citizens voted in the last election

1. Challenge: 1999 Fire Truck is the largest truck that will fit in the current fire station, what are the effects if the truck breaks down and/or becomes out dated
2. Option 1: Close the Raymond Fire Department
3. Option 2: Build a brand new building to be the new fire station
4. Option 3: Buy a building to become the new fire station

Motion to Approve: Resolution 2026-1672, adopting the annual budget and certification of city taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, Pint/Sorensen, Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Communications: Leak and hail damage to the current fire station roof, a big thank you to the Beautification Committee and all who helped with both parks this past week, it looks great, investigating the possibility into TextMyGov for a communication system and other businesses that offer this, City Hall and Post Office are the legal places to post agendas and minutes not facebook. Thank you to all that attended this meeting, Raymond City Council appreciates your concerns and questions and will be investigating, please contact City Hall if you have any other thoughts or questions

Adjournment: 7:03 p.m.

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 April 20th
 Minutes