

ARTICLE VI
COUNCIL

1-6.1 NUMBER AND TERM OF COUNCIL. The council consists of five councilmen elected at large, elected for staggered terms of four years.

(Note: Changed by code editor to reflect the results of election held on 11/8/83 pursuant to petition. Said election approved change of council terms from two to four years - see Section 376.2, 1983 Code of Iowa.)

1-6.2 POWERS AND DUTIES. The powers and duties of the council shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. General. All powers of the city are vested in the council except as otherwise provided by law or ordinance.

2. Fiscal Authority. The council shall apportion and appropriate all funds, and audit and allow all bills, accounts, pay rolls and claims, and order payment thereof. It shall make all assessments for the cost of street improvements, sidewalks, sewers and other work, improvement or repairs which may be specially assessed.

3. Public Improvements. The council shall make all orders for the doing of work, or the making or construction of any improvements, bridges or buildings.

4. Contracts. The council shall make or authorize the making of all contracts, and no contract shall bind or be obligatory upon the city unless either made by ordinance or resolution adopted by the council, or reduced to writing and approved by the council, or expressly authorized by ordinance or resolution adopted by the council.

5. Employees. The council shall authorize, by resolution, the number, duties and compensation of employees not otherwise provided for by state law or the city code.

6. Records. The council shall maintain records of its proceedings.

1-6.3 EXERCISE OF POWER. The council shall exercise a power only by the passage of a motion, a resolution, an amendment, or an ordinance in the following manner:

1. Approved Action by Council. Passage of an ordinance, amendment, or resolution requires an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the council members. A motion to spend public funds in excess of ten thousand dollars on any one project, or a motion to accept public improvements and facilities upon their completion, also requires an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the council members. Each councilman's vote on an ordinance, amendment or resolution must be recorded.

2. Overriding Mayor's Veto. Within thirty (30) days after the mayor's veto, the council may repass the ordinance or resolution by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the council members, and the ordinance or resolution becomes effective upon repassage and publication.

3. Measures Become Effective. Measures passed by the council, other than motions, become effective in one of the following ways:

a. If the mayor signs the measure, a resolution becomes effective immediately upon signing and an ordinance or amendment becomes a law when published, unless a subsequent effective date is provided within the measure.

b. If the mayor vetoes a measure and the council repasses the measure after the mayor's veto, a resolution becomes effective immediately upon repassage, and an ordinance or amendment becomes a law when published, unless a subsequent effective date is provided within the measure.

c. If the mayor takes no action on the measure, a resolution becomes effective fourteen (14) days after the date of passage and an ordinance or amendment becomes law when published, but not sooner than fourteen (14) days after the day of passage, unless a subsequent effective date is provided within the measure.

1-6.4 MEETINGS. Meetings of the council shall be as follows:

1. Regular Meetings. The regular meetings of the Council shall be on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

If said date is a legal holiday, or an election day, then said regular meeting shall be the first Wednesday of each month at the same time and place.
(Ordinance No. 1985-4, Passed August 6, 1985.)

2. Special Meetings. Special meetings shall be held upon call of the mayor or upon the written request of a majority of the members of the council submitted to the clerk. Notice of a special meeting shall specify the date, time, place and subject of the meeting and such notice shall be given personally or left at the usual place of residence of each member of the council. A record of the service of notice shall be maintained by the clerk.

3. Quorum. A majority of all council members is a quorum.

4. Rules of Procedure. The council shall determine the rules of its own proceedings by resolution and the clerk shall keep such rules on file for public inspection.

1-6.5 APPOINTMENTS. The council shall appoint the following officials and prescribe their powers, duties, compensation and terms of office:

City Clerk
City Attorney

Water Superintendent
Sewer Superintendent

1-6.6 COMPENSATION. The compensation of each City Council Member shall be \$25.00 for each regular and special meeting of the City Council attended.

(Ordinance No. 1985-7, Passed September 3, 1985.

Note: Increase to take effect for meetings after January 1, 1986. Compensation prior to this amendment was \$15.00 for each meeting.)