



City Council Agenda

Grimes City Council
April 8, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
Grimes Community Center, 410 SE Main Street

Public Comment: If you would like to address the City Council during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, please sign up upon entrance to the meeting. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must state their full name and address before addressing the City Council. The presiding officer will recognize you for 3 minutes of comment, and your microphone will be turned on. Pursuant to §21.4(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019), the City has the right to amend this agenda up until 24 hours before the posted meeting time. For any additional assistance or questions in attending the meeting, please call 515-986-3036. Meetings will be recorded.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year 2025-2026
5. Adjournment

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION
Meeting Date: 4/8/2025

AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year 2025-2026

BACKGROUND: The State of Iowa requires a public hearing on the tax statement sent to each property owner showing tax levies for the city, school and county. The city must hold this hearing prior to setting the public hearing date for the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. The attached notice was published and posted per requirements, and this meeting is solely to hear anyone for or against the proposed city property tax levy.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: The city is reducing the tax levy from 10.84518 to 10.69943 per \$1000 of taxable value. We are projected to receive \$212,000 more dollars in the general fund in fiscal year 2026 than the amount receipted in fiscal year 2025. Obligations to the fire department require \$218,000 more in fiscal year 2026, so the city has planned reductions in other service areas.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Prioritized: X YES ☐ NO

- *High-Performing Organization/Exception Professional Services ☐
- *Great Place to Live/Expanded Quality of Life Amenities X
- *Dynamic Town/Strong Sense of Community ☐
- *More Beautiful/Vibrant Community ☐

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTIONS: Council set the public hearing on this proposed city property tax levy on February 25, 2025, and the notice was published and posted on March 26, 2025.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

RESPONSIBLE STAFF/CONTACT INFORMATION:

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The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/8/2025 **Meeting Time:** 05:30 PM **Meeting Location:** Grimes Community Center 410 SE Main St. Grimes, IA 50111

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
www.grimesiowa.gov

City Telephone Number
(515) 986-3036

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2025 - 2026
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	1,246,405,339	1,300,783,002	1,300,783,002
Consolidated General Fund	9,264,980	9,264,980	9,479,599
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	0	0	0
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	0	0	0
Other Employee Benefits	949,537	949,537	990,963
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	1,547,006,492	1,635,498,629	1,635,498,629
Debt Service	4,099,567	4,099,567	4,334,071
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	14,314,084	14,314,084	14,804,633
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	10.84518	10.35921	10.69943
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	4,374,570	4,609,200	4,609,200
Ag Land	13,140	13,140	13,828
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.85082	3.00009
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed 2025/2026	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	503	558	10.93
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed 2025/2026	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	2,218	2,495	12.49

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$100,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

The general fund is projected to collect \$212,000 more in FY26 than FY25. Obligations to the Fire Dept require \$218,000 more in FY26 than FY25. All other depts experience inflation too, so we reduce services and shifted costs into funds supported by utility rates, gas tax, and user fees.