



City Council Agenda

Grimes City Council
April 14, 2026 @ 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 2026-2027
5. Adjournment



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION
Meeting Date: 4/14/2026

AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year 2026-2027

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 district, and county. The city must hold this hearing prior to setting the public hearing date for the proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 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 maintaining the current tax levy rate of \$10.69920 per \$1000 of taxable value. We are projected to receive \$339,000 more dollars in the general fund in fiscal year 2027 than the amount received in fiscal year 2026. Public Safety costs will increase by \$1,473,732 in fiscal year 2026-2027.

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 24, 2026, and the notice was published and posted on April 6, 2026.

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: 4/14/2026 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 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	1,300,783,002	1,388,478,447	1,388,478,447
Consolidated General Fund	9,479,599	9,479,599	9,823,971
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	990,963	990,963	1,351,934
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	1,635,498,629	1,773,094,662	1,773,094,662
Debt Service	4,334,071	4,334,071	4,699,002
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	14,804,633	14,804,633	15,874,907
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	10.69943	9.98538	10.69920
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	4,609,200	4,599,384	4,599,384
Ag Land	13,828	13,828	13,816
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00009	3.00649	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	507	524	3.35
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed 2026/2027	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	2,206	2,448	10.97

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 through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Growth and inflation increase workloads city-wide. FY27 revenue rises \$344K, but public safety needs \$1M more. We're adding a gas/electric franchise fee and shifting costs to utility, gas tax, and user fees to support all departments and meet our community's expanding needs.