

City of Monticello, Iowa

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Monticello City Council Meeting February 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Monticello Renaissance Center, 220 E. 1st Street, Monticello, Iowa

Mayor:	Wayne Peach	Staff:	
City Council:		City Administrator:	Russell Farnum
At Large:	Josh Brenneman	City Clerk/Treas.:	Sally Hinrichsen
At Large:	Scott Brighton	Police Chief:	Britt Smith
At Large:	Jake Ellwood	Library Director:	Faith Brehm
At Large:	Dave Goedken	Public Works Dir.:	Nick Kahler
At Large:	Candy Langerman	Water/Wastewater Sup.:	Jim Tjaden
At Large:	Mary Phelan	Park & Rec Director:	Jacob Oswald
		Ambulance Director:	Lori Lynch
		City Engineer:	Patrick Schwickerath

- Call to Order – 6:00 P.M.

Work Sessions:

1. Discussion of reuse of Carpenter and Shannon School Properties
2. Work Session – Budget Fiscal Year 2026
 - a. Park & Rec
 - b. Aquatic Center
 - c. Park Improvement

Adjournment: Pursuant to §21.4(2) of the Code of Iowa, the City has the right to amend this agenda up until 24 hours before the posted meeting time.

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City Council Meeting
Prep. Date: 2/5/2025
Preparer: Russell Farnum



Agenda Item: #
Agenda Date: 02/10/2025

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Agenda Items Description: Worksession on Carpenter and Shannon School Properties

Type of Action Requested: Feedback/Discussion

Attachments & Enclosures:

Aerial Photos

<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>	
Budget Line Item:	
Budget Summary:	
Expenditure:	
Revenue:	

Summary: The School District will be eliminating Shannon and Carpenter schools after the new elementary school is completed. The School District would like to trade land with the City in order to “clean up” property ownership around the bus barn and stadium, and the City would be able to keep some of the recreational fields and open space areas that serve those neighborhoods today.

For some reason (we have not investigated the history), the Stadium, Bus Barn and Transition Center are owned jointly by the City of Monticello and the School District. Other portions of the Stadium, and nearby properties, were purchased by the City with a grant that prohibits resale of the land.

Superintendent Jaeger approached Jacob and I with the concept of “trading” the ball fields and playgrounds at Carpenter and Shannon, for the land near and around the Stadium (this would be allowed under the terms of the grant – we can explain at the meeting).

The land trade would be pretty close to being acre-for-acre, maybe with the City losing a partial acre, but gaining high-value ball fields and open space.

Aerial Photos are attached, sketched conceptually. Before Staff committed too much time to tracking down deeds, history, agreements, and doing other work, we wanted to get Council consent that this was something that would be given consideration.

Council discussion is requested.

Bus Barn, Stadium, Transition Center (Conceptual)



Shannon School (Conceptual)



Carpenter School (Conceptual)



Carpenter School (Concept 2)

