



To: Mayor and City Council
From: City Clerk's Office
Date: March 10, 2026
Subject: Fees for Parking Meters for Ames Main Street Farmers' Market on Saturdays from May 2 - October 17, 2026

On February 24, 2026, the City Council approved several requests related to the 2026 Ames Main Street Farmers' Market. Following the meeting, staff realized that the language included in the Council meeting agenda was inconsistent with the language in Alternative #1 of the Council Action Form with regard to the request to waive reimbursement for lost metered parking revenues. As indicated in the Council Action Form, City staff estimates that the waiver results in a loss of \$2,897 to the Parking Fund.

The agenda language indicated: "Resolution approving/motion denying request to waive fees for parking meters on the 200, 300, and 400 blocks of Main Street." However, Alternative #1 indicated that the waiver of fees would be denied. Because the agenda indicated a resolution would be adopted, a resolution waiving the fees was prepared.

It is City staff's belief that that agenda language was unclear and that, consistent with previous years and Alternative #1, it was the Council's intent to deny the request to waive parking meter fees. Accordingly, if that is the Council's intent, staff is requesting that Resolution No. 26-084 be rescinded and that the City Council adopt a motion denying the request to waive fees for parking meters on the 200, 300, and 400 blocks of Main Street.

Under this recommended alternative, Farmer's Market will reimburse the City for the lost parking meter revenue prior to the first day of the Market.