

Regular Spencer Park Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

5:00 PM

Main Floor Conference Room, City Hall

101 W. 5th Street

Spencer, Iowa

Agenda

1. Roll Call

Greer, Lawson, Soucek, Yarkosky, Grange

2. Motion Adoption

A. Approve Park Board Minutes of August 11, 2026

B. Approve Park Use with Grand Dance Academy for the Bandshell on 10/24/26

3. New Business

A. Park Audit

B. E- Bike/E-Scooter and self-propelled vs motor-driven use in parks and trails

C. Fee Schedule

4. Items for Future Agendas

5. Park Director's Report

(no action to be taken)

6. Adjourn

SPENCER PARK BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2026

SPENCER, IOWA

The Park Board of the City of Spencer, Iowa, met on the 11th day of August, 2026 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., regular session in the Main Conference Room, pursuant to law, to adjournment and to the rules of said board. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lawson.

Those present and absent were:

Present: Greer (by phone), Lawson, Soucek, Yarkosky, Grange

Absent: None

It was moved by Board Member Grange, seconded by Board Member Yarkosky to approve the board minutes of July 14, 2026. The motion was declared carried when all Board Members present voted aye on voice call vote.

Bob Fullhart, Parks & Recreation Director, informed the Board that the NRCS River Clean Up and Bank Stabilization Project Grant is moving forward and the project is estimated to be complete by the end of 2026. This project will include removing log jams/garbage and shoreline restoration.

Board Member Grange provided an update on the Park Audit she has been working on. The Board ranked each Park Maintenance Level and plans to visit each park to continue the rating of Priority, Condition and Accessibility at the next Park Board meeting.

Park Director's Update:

- Paint donation - Parks Department will begin painting Pederson Park
- Disc Golf – working on finishing up and should be ready for use soon

Items for Future Agendas:

- E-Bikes/Scooters

It was moved by Board Member Yarkosky, seconded by Board Member Grange to adjourn the meeting of the Park Board of the City of Spencer at 5:40 o'clock P.M. The motion was declared carried when all Board Members present voted aye on voice call vote.

Mark Lawson, Chair

ATTEST:

Mary Beth Breidinger, Recording Secretary



GROUP PARK USE APPLICATION

CITY OF SPENCER, IOWA

101 W 5th St, Spencer, IA 51301

(For exclusive use of facilities and non-customary park activities)

Group Information		
Group Name: Grand Dance Academy		
Address: 520 GRAND AVE		
City: SPENCER	State: IA	Zip: 51301

Authorized Representative(s) / Contact Person(s)		
Contact Name: Kaylene Mortensen		
Address: 804 14th Avenue West		
City: Spencer	State: IA	Zip: 51301
Phone Number: 7122402349	Email Address: info.granddanceacademy@gmail.com	
Contact Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone Number:	Email Address:	

Event Information	
Location to be used: East Leach Park Bandshell	
Event date: 10/24/26	Event time: 9:30-10:30am
Nature of activity: Dance Performance	
Will Concessions be sold? Yes ☐ No ☒ Please attach details	
* Note - Concession Vendors are each required to possess a comprehensive insurance policy. See Insurance Section on following page. A list of vendors and insurance certificates must accompany the Application.	
Will Adminssion be Charged? Yes ☐ No ☒ Please attach details	

Liability Insurance Provided Yes ☐ No ☐ At a later date ☒

eSigned via GovOS.com
Kaylene Mortensen
Applicant Signature

08-26-2026
Date

CITY USE ONLY	
Park Board Approval:	Yes ☐ No ☐ Date: _____
Park Director Approval:	_____ Date: _____
Will event be coordinated with other departments/divisions?	Yes ☐ No ☐
List of Departments:	

Terms of Application

ACCESS. While using Park Facilities pursuant to this Agreement, the User shall maintain and not block or obstruct public access to other Park Facilities.

COPYRIGHT FEES, ROYALTIES AND OTHER LICENSES. If any material, or name to be used or performed at a Park Facility is copyrighted or otherwise protected, the User is responsible for securing, before using or employing such material, composition, or name, the assent in writing of the owner or licensee of such copyright. The User agrees to be fully responsible for any fees or royalties.

ABANDONED PROPERTY. Any property left at the Park Facility after the Term of this Agreement shall be deemed abandoned and shall become the property of the City of Spencer to be disposed of or utilized at the City's sole discretion.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE. The User agrees to be responsible for all damage to property of the City caused by, or arising from, the User's use. User shall maintain the facility in as good as condition as existed at the commencement of this Agreement.

COMPLIANCE. The User agreement to use and occupy the Park Facility in accordance with City Ordinances, Rules and Regulations and shall use and occupy the Park Facility in a safe and careful manner and shall comply with all applicable State and Federal laws, rules and regulations as may be enforced relating to the Park Facility.

INDEMNIFICATION. The User agrees that on behalf of itself and any and all derivative of claimants of whatsoever type of nature or relationship, that the City, its officers, agents and employees assume no liability whatsoever for any personal injury or property damage, or loss that the User or any derivative claimant may suffer of whatsoever type of nature or cause as a result of the condition or use of the Park Facility. The User agrees that it will indemnify, hold and save the City and its officers, agents, contractors and employees whole and harmless and free from loss, from and against all claims, demands, actions, damages, costs, loss, liability, expenses and judgments arising from the User's use of the facilities and not arising from the negligence of the City, its agents or employees.

INSURANCE. The User agrees to purchase, at its own expense, a comprehensive liability insurance policy, including public liability and property damage, written by a company licensed to do business in the State of Iowa and acceptable to the City covering the Park Facility and operations under this Agreement in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) property damage, or combined single limit of One Million dollars (\$1,000,000) and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate liability. **There certificate of liability insurance must be in favor of the City of Spencer as an additional insured and certificate holder.**

The User shall also maintain worker's compensation insurance and such other insurance coverage as the City may reasonably require. The User agrees that the insurance purchased hereunder shall be primary coverage and will contain no terms allowing the insured to be subrogated to the rights of any insured or damaged person or entity. A Certificate of required insurance coverages shall be provided to the City at the commencement of the Term of this Agreement. Each such Certificate shall contain a provision or endorsement that the policy may not be canceled, terminated, changed or modified without giving ten (10) day's written notice to the City. These insurance requirements also apply to **CONCESSION VENDORS**. Vendor's insurance certificate must show coverage for products liability.

EQUAL ACCESS. The use of City Park Facilities is subject to use not being implemented in a discriminatory manner and to that end, no person shall be denied the equal privileges and enjoyment of use and access to Spence park Facilities on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, age, disability, military or veteran status or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal state or local law.

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES. It is agreed that the User and its members, agents and employees are independent and have not employment relationship and no joint venture, nor partnership with the City.

GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the Laws of the State of Iowa. The Clay County, Iowa, District Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of any actions arising under this Agreement. In any such action, the prevailing party shall be entitled to award of reasonable attorney fees and litigation expenses as determined by the Court.

DISCLAIMER OF THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal parties to this Agreement and no right, or cause of action, shall accrue by reason hereof to, or for the benefit of, any other third party not a formal party hereto.

DEFAULT. In the event a party claims a default of the provisions of this Agreement, the party claiming default shall advise the other party, in writing, of the nature of the default and the action required to cure the default. The party claimed to be in default shall have a period of ten (10) days in which to cure the default. If the default is not cured, the party claiming default may terminate this Agreement on written notice to the other party.

NO WAIVER. Failure by the City to enforce any provision contained herein shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter as to the same breach, or as to any breach occurring prior or subsequent thereto.

AMENDMENT. This Agreement may not be amended or modified, except by a written document executed by the parties.

FORCE MAJEURE. If the Park Facility is rendered unsuitable for use for its intended purposes by reasons of force majeure, the City and the Users are released from their obligation hereunder. Force Majeure shall mean fire, earthquake, tornado, flood, acts of God, or any other similar cause beyond the control of the parties.

	Priority	Maintenance	Condition	Accessibility
C. Earl Page Park	Routine	Basic	10	6
Deerfield Park	Routine	Standard		
Dennis Price Courts	Planned	Basic		
DeWolf Dog Park	Routine	Basic		
Disc Golf Course		Basic		
East Leach Park	High	Standard		
East Leach Park Event Center	Routine	Basic		
Fairview Park	Routine	Standard		
Maintenance Areas (Misc.)		Standard		
North Grand Avenue	High	Enhanced		
North Lookout		Standard		
North School Park		Standard		
Oxbow Wildlife Area		Minimal		
Pedersen Memorial Park		Enhanced		
Riverview Park Complex		Enhanced		
Riverview Tennis Courts		Minimal		
SMU Family Splash Pad		Enhanced		
Spencer Aquatic Center		Enhanced		
Spencer Bandshell		Basic		
Spencer Skate Park		Basic		
Spencer Trail System	High	Standard		
Stolley Park & Pond		Standard		
Storybook Park (Pete's Pond)		Standard		
Sunset Park		Standard		
Waterway Park		Standard		
West Leach Park		Basic		
West View Memorial Park		Standard		

C. EARL PAGE PARK

OVERVIEW

- Location: 1401 13th Ave W, between 13th and 14th Ave. West and between West 13th and West 16th Streets, near the south end of the block.
- Acreage: 1.1
- Description: This small neighborhood park—often called a pocket park—features a picnic shelter with a table, a single basketball hoop, and a berm that's popular with children for play.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 1979
- Acquisition: purchased for \$68k in 1979
- Notes: Named in 1981 in honor of Rev. Charles Earl Page, who was the mayor of Spencer, a city council member, and a minister of the First Congregational Church.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Picnic shelter (1985)
- Basketball hoop with small concrete pad
- Bermed hills
- No restrooms

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - Curbside/off-street parking and unpaved walking surfaces.
- Maintenance Level: Minimal
 - Mowing: 1.1 acres
- Condition Rating: X/10
 - Basketball area and shelter in poor condition

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction: Park has been reviewed for its long-term viability, including continued maintenance at the current service level, reinvestment as assets age, and the potential for decommissioning or sale.

NOTES

DEERFIELD PARK

OVERVIEW

- Location: 1501 W 15th St., two blocks east of 18th Ave. West.
- Acreage: 5.1
- Park Type:
- Description: Locally known as the “Green Park” for its green playground equipment, this neighborhood park is a favorite for active play. It features a ½-mile walking trail, a covered picnic area with tables and grills, a half-court basketball area, and a baseball backstop. A portable restroom is also available. The playground is a highlight, with a fun zipline and a large netted climbing structure that kids love. With a mix of open space and unique play features, it’s a great spot for both recreation and relaxing outdoors.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 2006, with playground equipment installed in 2016
- Acquisition: land purchased in 2006

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Playground (2016)
- Half mile of trail
- Covered picnic area with tables and grills
- Half-court basketball area
- Baseball backstop
- Portable restroom

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - Paved walking trail suitable for wheelchairs and strollers
 - Accessible picnic area with level surfaces and accessible seating
 - Wheelchair-accessible swing
 - Accessible route to playground equipment: Not provided; playground is surrounded by mulch surfacing
- Maintenance Level: Standard
 - Mowing: 5 acres
- Condition Rating: X/10
 - Playground equipment is the newest in the city park system

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine

NOTES

DENNIS PRICE COURTS

OVERVIEW

- Location: 1400 10th Ave. East, located directly east of Spencer Middle School on the far east edge of town, sharing the same parking lot as the school.
- Description: These courts include four newly constructed tennis courts built in 2023 as part of a joint project with the Spencer Community School District. The courts are lined for both tennis and pickleball, allowing for multiple types of play on the same surfaces. They provide a modern, shared-use facility designed for school and community recreation.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 2023
- Acquisition: On school property but installation led by the city.
- Notes: Named for former SHS Teacher and Coach Dennis Price, who started the tennis program at Spencer High School in the 1980s.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- 4 tennis courts (with pickleball lines)
- Constructed in 2023 in a joint project with Spencer School
- No restrooms

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- **Accessibility: x/10**
 - cutouts from the paved parking lot for convenient entry, a paved pathway leading directly to the tennis courts, and smooth court surfaces suitable for wheelchair and stroller access.
- Maintenance Level: Basic
 - City is responsible for what is inside the courts and school is responsible for what's outside the courts.
- **Condition Rating: X/10**

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction: 4 tennis courts to be added directly to south of current courts, estimated to be completed 2027
- Partnerships: Joint Spencer Community School District/City of Spencer.

NOTES

DEWOLF DOG PARK

OVERVIEW

- Location: 3605 240th Ave., located on Highway 18, east of Del's Garden Center. The park is located on the southwest corner of Highway 18 and County Road M50 (240th Ave). Turn right onto M50; the parking lot will be on the east side of the road.
- Acreage: 10.5
- Description: Established in 2019, this spacious dog park offers a safe and enjoyable environment for dogs of all sizes. The park features two separate fenced areas—one for small dogs and one for large dogs. Visitors will find ample parking, portable restrooms, picnic benches, and convenient dog waste receptacles. Surrounded by mature trees and open green space, the park provides a beautiful setting for both pets and their owners.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 2019
- Acquisition: Transferred from Clay Co. to the City of Spencer in 1985 at no cost.
- Notes: Fundraising done in 2018 and 2019 to pay for fence to be installed

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Dog park features two separate areas for large and small dogs
 - Large dog (30+ lbs.), Small dog (<30 lbs.)
- Picnic benches located inside fenced-in area
- Portable toilets available
- No water source available

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - Gravel parking, with a paved sidewalk connecting the parking area to the dog park entrance. Within the park there are no paved pathways; surfaces are unpaved and uneven.
- Maintenance Level: Basic
 - Mowing: 2 acres
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction: Consider relocating DeWolf Park to a site within the city limits to improve accessibility for residents, allowing more people to reach the park on foot or by bicycle. Potential benefits include increased use and connectivity, while challenges include the cost of relocation and identifying a suitable new site.
- Park-Specific Rules: Yes, see appendix: DEWOLF DOG PARK RULES

NOTES

DISC GOLF COURSE

OVERVIEW

- Location: Riverview Complex
- Description: This 18-hole disc golf course loops throughout Spencer's Riverview Park Complex. The course begins near the Aquatic Center, travels past the tennis courts, through wooded areas, across Moose Pond, and returns to the Aquatic Center. Each hole includes a concrete tee pad. The course is open to players of all ages and skill levels.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 2023
- Notes: Previously located at West Leach. Course moved to new location due to chronic flooding and to make the course itself more challenging. Spencer No Boundaries group helped design the course.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- 18-hole course
- Concrete launch pads and signage (2026)

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - The course does not have paved pathways and requires travel over grass, uneven terrain, and through wooded areas.
- Maintenance Level: Minimal
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine / Planned / High / Immediate
- Long-Term Direction:
- Park-Specific Rules:
- Partnerships / Leases / Agreements:
- Rent / Reservation Information:
- Key Contacts / Associations: Travis Johnson, Spencer No Boundaries Group

NOTES

- Google: Disc. golf shown at Riverview but listed as permanently closed

EAST LEACH PARK

OVERVIEW

- Location: 225 4th St. SE, south side of the Little Sioux River, just east of Grand Avenue.
- Acreage: 61.8
- Description: Nestled along the Little Sioux River, East Leach Park is Spencer's largest and most active park. It offers a wide variety of amenities, including direct access to the paved trail system, fishing opportunities, a large playground featuring the park's well-known "Rocket Slide," and a spacious covered picnic area with tables and grills. Visitors can also enjoy a skate park, sand volleyball courts, East Leach Park Event Center, and a unique bandshell for performances.

HISTORY

- Date Established: December, 1 1911
- Acquisition: Charles and Ida Leach gifted the city of Spencer 33 acres on both sides of the Main Street Bridge. The city had previously purchased 22 acres for approximately \$2000.
- Notes: Rocketslide: the original slide was located in West Leach Park and was purchased in 1972 by the Spencer Lions Club. Due to years of flooding, the slide was dismantled in 2013. It was restored and moved to East Leach in 2023.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Playground (1998)
- Rocketslide (2023)
- Cover picnic area with tables and grills (1998)
- East Leach Park Event Center (1998) - SEPARATE SECTION
- Bandshell (1969)
- Skate Park (2004) - SEPARATE SECTION
- Sand volleyball courts (2)
- Portable restrooms
- Direct access to Spencer Trail System

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- **Accessibility: x/10**
 - Access includes a gravel parking lot with a paved sidewalk connecting to the park. The site provides easy access to the paved Spencer Trail System. A covered picnic area is easily accessible, and the play area is surrounded by a paved sidewalk; however, the play surface itself is uneven
- Maintenance Level: Standard
 - Mowing: 15+ acres
 - Baling and prescribed burning: 40+ acres
 - Pollinator mix: 1 acre (west of shop, seeded 2025)
- **Condition Rating: X/10**

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: High
- Long-Term Direction:
 - Playground will require replacement/updating in near future

- Should consider incorporating accessible and inclusive play features
- Previous rough estimates:
 - Playground equipment replacement: ~\$500k
 - Pour-in-place surface: \$21/sq ft: ~\$472k
 - Play area: \$336k, Swing area: \$136k

NOTES

EAST LEACH PARK EVENT CENTER

OVERVIEW

- Location: 225 4th Street SE, situated on the far eastern edge of East Leach Park, beyond the playground, picnic shelter, and primary parking area.
- Description: The Leach Rental Facility, built in 1998 and fully renovated in 2024, provides a modern and welcoming space for gatherings year-round. Equipped with heat and air conditioning, the facility features two rental rooms—the East Room (capacity 50) and the larger West Room (capacity 100). Guests also have access to men's and women's restrooms with shower facilities.
- Hours of Operation: by reservation only

HISTORY

- Date Established: 1998
- Notes: Fully renovated after Spencer Flood in 2024

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Two rental rooms (East Room (capacity 50) and the larger West Room (capacity 100))
- Each room has sinks, counter space, and electrical outlets - no formal kitchen area.
- Access to men's and women's restrooms with shower facilities.
- Fully renovated in 2024 with heat/AC

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- **Accessibility: x/10**
 - Limited ramp access; not ADA accessible.
- Maintenance Level: Minimal
 - City cleans before and after each use.
- **Condition Rating: X/10**

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Rent / Reservation Information: Call City Hall 712-580-7200 or Park Office 712-580-7260

NOTES

- Not listed on google (8/7/26)
- Name listed as "Event Center Facility" on city's website

FAIRVIEW PARK

OVERVIEW

- Location: 1406 5th Ave E, Adjacent to Fairview Elementary School on the east side.
- Acreage: 6.4 acres
- Description: Fairview Park features a covered picnic area with tables and grills, a large open green space, and a walking trail. It is located next to Fairview Elementary School, giving visitors easy access to additional amenities, including a playground, basketball court, and soccer goals.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 4/6/49
- Acquisition: Purchase amount: \$4500
- Notes: The city purchased a two-block area and eventually deeded the west corner to the school district for the construction of Fairview Park School in 1956. Tennis courts previously located on north side have been removed and grassed over.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Covered picnic area with tables and grills
- Large open green space
- Walking trail
- Adjacent to Fairview Elementary School playground and basketball court

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - Off-street parking with wide paved areas for easy wheelchair and stroller access. Visitors can comfortably connect to the paved trail system and main park amenities using smooth, accessible pathways.
- Maintenance Level: Basic
 - Mowing: 5.22 acres
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:

NOTES

MAINTENANCE AREAS (MISC.)

OVERVIEW

- The City maintains a variety of miscellaneous public spaces, including community gardens, roadway medians, areas around select signs, FEMA-acquired properties following the Spencer flood, and other green spaces. While these areas are not traditional parks, they require regular mowing and maintenance and represent a significant portion of the City's overall workload.

SITES (NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE)

- Fire training area / Green Industrial Signs (3): 3 acres mowing
- E. 9th St. between 5th and 6th Ave.: 0.2 acres mowing
- Shines - Park Street lot next to railroad tracks: 0.3 mowing
- Street Dept. Shop: 0.5 acres mowing
- East and West 10th St. and 1st Ave. E (E. 14th to E. 18th St.): 1.2 acres mowing
- East/West 10th St.
- Country Club Lane/18th St.
- Stolley to Country Club Lane
- Country Club Lane to Drive
- 1st Ave. East Blvd.
- Misc. green spaces (approximately 12)
- Spencer Community Gardens
 - Three gardens in 2026: West 1st, East 14th, & West of Stolley's
 - ISU Extension manages applications and payment (\$20/plot)
 - Contact info: Gary Hoefling or ISU Extension office
 - Facebook: Spencer Gardens / Spencer Community Gardens
 - City mows the Fairview garden (East 14th St)
- Flood lots that will be permanent green spaces
- Industrial Park signs

NOTES

- Develop recommendations for the City regarding the future use and management of flood buyout lots that must remain as permanent green space

NORTH GRAND AVENUE

OVERVIEW

- Location: 8th to 17th Street, includes North Triangle
- Acreage: 1+
- Description: Located within the median of North Grand Boulevard, this linear park serves as a gateway feature for Spencer. Its well-maintained landscaping creates an attractive streetscape along one of the city's most heavily traveled roadways.

HISTORY

- Date Established: Late 1800s (original landscaped boulevard concept); major corridor renovation completed in 2010.
- Notes: Multimillion-dollar transformation in 2009. Project was supported by funding from the Dvergsten Foundation, SMU donations, and a Vision Iowa Grant awarded in 2008.
- Historical Designations: North Grand Avenue was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Prairie style lighting with flower baskets and flag poles
- Blue Star Memorial Park in the north triangle boulevard
- Monuments on ends serving as “bookends” to historic area
- Special street signage provided by Grand Avenue Improvement Corporation (GAIC)

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Maintenance Level: Standard
 - Mowing: <1 acre
 - Hanging baskets, flower beds
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Planned
- Long-Term Direction:
 - Irrigation (2009): poor condition, currently used for hanging baskets only
 - Drip line in flower beds not functional
 - Further improvements to turf and beds limited until irrigation fixed
 - New controller/valves?
 - North Triangle flower beds are aging and would benefit from renovation in the near future.
- Key Contacts / Associations: Grand Avenue Improvement Corporation (GAIC)

NOTES

NORTH LOOKOUT

OVERVIEW

- Location: Two blocks west of Grand Ave. on West Park St., west of Gary's on the River.
- Acreage: 3.6
- Description: This area features a scenic overlook on the north side of the Little Sioux River, offering some of the best river views in town. The site includes benches for seating and relaxation, a carry-down river access for kayaks and canoes, and serves as a connection point between the Spencer Trail System and the off-street trail network.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 2013
- Acquisition: The City purchased several homes along the north side of the river to create this riverview access.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Scenic lookout
- Benches
- Carry-down river access for kayaks and canoes
- Connects to both Spencer Trail System and off-street trail

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - Overlook is wheelchair accessible. Carry-down boat access is paved.
- Maintenance Level: Basic
 - Mowing: 2.5 acres
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:
- Partnership: carry-down access provided by DNR grant, part of the larger Inkpaduta Water Trail

NOTES

- Signage needed
- Electrical not functional post-flood

NORTH SCHOOL PARK

OVERVIEW

- Location: 1103 1st Ave West, located one block east of North Grand Avenue, between West 11th and West 12th Streets. On-street parking is available on the north and east sides only.
- Acreage: 3.3
- Description: North School Park, established in 1980 on the former site of North School (demolished in 1975), features a playground added in 2005, a large covered picnic area with tables and grills, a full basketball court, and plenty of green space. The park also connects to the North School Trail, which extends north and provides a path for walking and biking.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 1980
- Acquisition: land purchased in 1887 from ME Griffin and JL Adam.
- Notes: park was named for the North School, which was built in 1902 and was demolished in 1975. Tennis courts previously located in SW corner

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Playground (2005)
- Covered picnic area with tables and grills
- Full basketball court
- Connects to Spencer Trail System

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - This park provides on-street parking on the north and east sides. From these access points, visitors can connect to a paved trail that loops around and runs through the park, offering smooth and accessible travel for walking, strollers, and mobility devices.
- Maintenance Level: Standard
 - Mowing: 2.5 acres in park, 4.3 acres along the 0.7-mile trail that extends north
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:
 - Wiffle ball field with pitching backstop?
 - Area around trail to north - how can we decrease what city mows? Sell land?

NOTES

OXBOW WILDLIFE AREA

OVERVIEW

- Location: 2901 W 4th St., situated on the western edge of Spencer, positioned near the Little Sioux River and the Spencer Recreational Trail system
- Acreage: 49.8
- Description: The Oxbow Wildlife area is a natural preservation space designed to protect local river oxbows—meanders that have been cut off from the main river channel—creating excellent wetland habitats for local wildlife, bird watching, and passive outdoor recreation.

HISTORY

- Date Established:
- Acquisition:
- Notes:
- Historical Designations:

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Walking trail (concrete, half mile)
- Nature observation
- River oxbow ecosystem
- Bench
- Gravel parking lot

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - Concrete walking trail provides an accessible surface; however, the gravel parking lot may limit accessibility for some visitors.
- Maintenance Level: Minimal
 - Mowing: directly next to walking path only
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:

NOTES

PEDERSEN MEMORIAL PARK

OVERVIEW

- Location: 1203 E 9th St., located on the far east edge of Spencer along 10th Avenue East, just south of Spencer Middle School.
- Acreage: 43.7 (includes cardinal field)
- Description: This complex serves as the primary baseball and softball facility for Spencer youth programs. It includes 10 total fields: five softball fields, four youth baseball fields, and one small T-ball field. The park also features a playground, a covered picnic area with tables and grills, and a concession stand with public restrooms that are open during the youth baseball and softball season.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 1970s the first ball fields
- Acquisition: leased by the city to SMU at no charge
- Notes: named in honor of Glen Pedersen, the first Spencer man killed in WWI in 1918. He was 19 years old. American Legion Post No. 1 in Spencer is also named after him.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- 10 fields
 - 5 softball fields
 - 4 youth baseball fields
 - 1 small field (T-ball)
- Playground (2017)
- Covered picnic area
- Concession stand and public restrooms open during youth baseball and softball season
- Park Shop (40 x 60)

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - paved roadway and select paved sidewalks in certain areas. However, many routes between parking areas and individual fields include uneven terrain
- Maintenance Level: Enhanced
 - Mowing: 40+ acres (9.13 acres inside fields themselves)
 - Field maintenance
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:
 - Consider returning maintenance of Cardinal field back to SMU
- Partnerships: Spencer Youth Baseball & Softball Association (SYBSA)
 - \$7500 per year for them to lease from City

NOTES

- RV Track not part of park, owned by SMU
- Cardinal Field owned by SMU

RIVERVIEW PARK COMPLEX

OVERVIEW

- Location: 612 4th St. SE, From Highway 18, turn north onto 4th Ave. SE; the complex is located just to the east. From Grand Ave., turn east onto 8th St. SW and continue for approximately six blocks.
- Acreage: 58.1
- Description: Riverview Park Complex is a nearly 60-acre recreational destination in southeast Spencer, offering a wide variety of amenities including the Spencer Aquatic Center, The Spencer Splash Pad, tennis courts, an 18-hole disc golf course winds through the park, Moose Pond, the historic Freeman Township Schoolhouse and more than 20 acres of wildlife area with access to the Spencer Trail System.

HISTORY

- Date Established: ~1996, when Aquatic Center was built
- Acquisition:
- Notes:

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Aquatic Center (1996) (see Aquatic Center section)
- Riverview Tennis Courts (see Riverview Tennis Courts section)
- Disc Golf (2024) (see Disc Golf section)
- Moose Pond: (2) 1-acre gravel pit ponds, no fish
 - When weather and ice conditions permit, used for seasonal ice skating
- Wildlife area (20+ acres)
- Spencer Trail system passes through complex
- Freeman Township Schoolhouse (moved to current location in 2004)

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - paved parking area with direct access to the paved trail system throughout the complex, providing smooth and accessible routes between amenities and activity areas for wheelchairs, strollers, and other mobility devices.
- Maintenance Level: Standard
 - Mowing: 9.5 acres (Aquatic Center), 13 acres (Moose Pond)
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Planned
- Long-Term Direction:
 - Dirt Bike Track
- Park-Specific Rules: Yes, see appendix for Aquatic Center and Splash Pad Rules

NOTES

RIVERVIEW TENNIS COURTS

OVERVIEW

- Location: Riverview Park Complex, directly south of the Spencer Aquatic Center and Splash Pad, next to parking lot.
- Description: 8 tennis courts that were last resurfaced in 2014.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 1995

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- 8 courts
- Resurfaced in 2014

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - a paved parking lot that connects directly to the tennis courts. Paved pathways link the parking area to the courts, allowing smooth and easy access for wheelchairs, strollers, and other mobility devices.
- Condition Rating: 0/10
 - Deemed unsure for play following Spencer Flood

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: High
- Long-Term Direction:
 - Tear out all courts
 - Consider replacing with 2 pickleball courts

NOTES

SMU FAMILY SPLASH PAD

OVERVIEW

- Location: 612 4th St. SE, directly south of the Spencer Aquatic Center
- Description: 1,800-square-foot interactive splash area designed for all ages, along with a separate 1,000-square-foot toddler zone for children ages 2–5. The site will also feature shaded seating areas for visitors to relax and supervise play.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 2026
- Notes: financed through city's hotel/motel tax, private contributions and a large donation from SMU.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Zero-entry, level surface with no standing water
- Two separate play areas (1,800 sq ft. splash area and a separate 1,000 sq ft. toddler zone)
- Shaded seated area
- Restrooms located outside Aquatic Center

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: 10/10
 - The splash pad will be located next to a paved parking lot, providing convenient and accessible entry. The design includes a zero-entry, level surface with no standing water, allowing easy access for wheelchairs, strollers, and visitors of all mobility levels. The open, even layout supports safe and inclusive use of the splash area.
- Maintenance Level: Standard
 - Used water goes into sanitary waste (no dechlorination required)
 - Expected water cost: \$30-40k
 - Expected lifespan: 20-30 years
- Condition Rating: 10/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Planned
- Long-Term Direction:
- Park-Specific Rules: Yes, see appendix.

NOTES

SPENCER AQUATIC CENTER

OVERVIEW

- Location: 612 4th St. SE, From Highway 18, turn north onto 4th Ave. SE; the complex is located just to the east. From Grand Ave., turn east onto 8th St. SW and continue for approximately six blocks.
- Description: The Spencer Aquatic Center features a 10,000-square-foot pool with zero-depth entry, spray features, a body slide, and a tube slide.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 1996
- Acquisition:
- Notes:
- Historical Designations:

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- 10,000 sq ft pool, 223,440 gals, zero depth entry, spray features, body slide, tube slide, max depth: 5'
- Showers/restrooms inside, public restrooms outside
- Greenspace inside Aquatic Center
- Concession stand

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
- Maintenance Level: Enhanced
- Condition Rating: X/10
 - Sand filter is at the end of its life
 - Current lake to be fixed at end of 2026
 - Pool itself is nearly end of its estimated lifespan

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine / Planned / High / Immediate
- Long-Term Direction:
 - Pool itself is nearly end of its estimated lifespan
 - Annual operating cost: ~\$300k to operate, season passes ear ~\$35k/year
 - Replacement estimates: 6-8 million
- Park-Specific Rules: Yes, see appendix
- Partnerships: Managed by Spencer Family YMCA

NOTES

SPENCER BANDSHELL

OVERVIEW

- Location: 225 4th St. SE, inside East Leach Park
- Description: The Spencer Bandshell, located along the scenic Little Sioux River in East Leach Park, was built in 1969 as a venue for outdoor concerts and festivals. Today, it remains a popular gathering spot for music and community events, hosting the Spencer Municipal Band, concerts, festivals, and other live entertainment throughout the spring and summer.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 1969
- Acquisition:
- Notes:
- Historical Designations:

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Bandshell stage
- Benches

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - The bandshell area is accessible from nearby parking lot; however, seating benches are located in grassy areas, which may present uneven terrain for some visitors using mobility devices.
- Maintenance Level: Minimal
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:

NOTES

SPENCER SKATE PARK

OVERVIEW

- Location: 1149 4th St SE, Spencer, IA 51301, located on the west side of East Leach Park
- Description: Nestled within Spencer's largest and most active park complex, the Skate Park offers a dedicated outdoor space for riders and skaters of all skill levels to practice tricks and enjoy active recreation.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 2004
- Notes:

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- List

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
- Maintenance Level: Minimal
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:
- Park-Specific Rules: Yes, see appendix

NOTES

- Listed on google as "Spencer Skate and BIKE PARK" but bikes not allowed

SPENCER TRAIL SYSTEM

OVERVIEW

- Location: Citywide throughout Spencer, with connections extending north toward Fostoria and the Iowa Great Lakes Trail System.
- Length: 12.5 miles (approximate) with 9 miles paved/off street and 3.5 miles on-street
- Description: A connected network of approximately 12.5 miles of paved/off-street trails and on-street routes linking parks, neighborhoods, schools, recreational facilities, and natural areas. The system provides opportunities for walking, biking, and recreational use.

HISTORY

- Date Established: Developed incrementally through multiple trail construction and improvement projects; no single establishment date identified.
- Acquisition: Trail corridors have been developed through individual projects and property/right-of-way acquisitions. Specific acquisition history has not been fully documented.
- Notes: The Iowa Great Lakes Connection Trail added a 4.2-mile dedicated trail connection through rural Clay County and Fostoria to the Iowa Great Lakes Trail at the Dickinson County line. It was completed in 2024

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Paved multi-use trails suitable for biking, walking, running, strollers, and mobility devices
- On-street bike routes connecting off-street trail segments
- Connections to multiple city parks and recreational facilities
- Connections to schools and residential areas
- Connection to the regional Iowa Great Lakes Trail System
- Trail access through natural areas, river corridors, wetlands, and prairie
- Multiple trail access points throughout the community
- Scenic views and opportunities for wildlife/nature observation
- Benches/resting areas

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
- Maintenance Level: Standard
 - Mowing: performed along all trail corridors as part of routine maintenance.
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: High
- Long-Term Direction:
 - Improve connectivity
 - Extend 18th Street access to Stolley's
 - Southwest Trail Loop connecting Lincoln Elementary, a proposed southwest park, Waterway Park, and Riverview Park.
 - Improve signage/trailheads
 - Current mileage should be verified as part of a comprehensive trail system

inventory.

NOTES

- 18th Street to Stolley Park Trail Connection: Project is currently in the development/funding phase, with grant writing and funding efforts underway.

STOLLEY PARK AND POND

OVERVIEW

- Location: 2906 W 18th St, far northwest side of town along West 18th Street. It sits west of the fairgrounds and near the airport, adjacent to the industrial park and just south of the community's transfer station.
- Acreage: 129.6
- Description: Formerly a large gravel pit donated to the city, this park features a one-mile trail loop and connects to the Spencer Trail System. The park offers excellent access to the water, including a fishing pier, a kayak launch, and carry-down access to the Little Sioux River. The water is stocked with trout, making it a popular location for fishing. Visitors can also enjoy two covered picnic areas with tables and grills.

HISTORY

- Date Established: ~1980s
- Acquisition: 80 acre parcel deeded to the City of Spencer
- Notes: Stolley Sand and Gravel Company operated at this located from the early 30s through the early 70s.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Gravel pit (40 acres)
- Shelter House (roof replaced in 2024 - Rotary Club)
- Fishing pier
- Kayak launch
- (2) Covered picnic area with tables and grills
- Carry down access to Little Sioux River
- 1-mile trail loop
- Connects to Spencer Trail System

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - paved walking trail loop that connects directly to the paved Spencer Trail System, providing accessible opportunities for walking and recreation. Interior park roads within Stolley's are gravel and may present uneven surfaces for some visitors using mobility devices.
- Maintenance Level: Standard
 - Mowing: 12 acres
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:
- Key Contacts / Associations: JoAn Stolley and Roger Ulrich

NOTES

STORYBOOK PARK (PETE'S POND)

OVERVIEW

- Location: 1203 E 9th St., south of the Spencer High School football field, on the north side of the Little Sioux River.
- Acreage: 8.8
- Description: Storybook Park is located along the north side of the Little Sioux River and offers a scenic setting for walking and relaxation. The park features two looped walking trails—one circling Pete's Pond and the other looping around a small limestone amphitheater. It connects to the paved Spencer trail system and is located near Oneota Park and the pedestrian bridge that crosses the river to East Leach Park.

HISTORY

- **Date Established:**
- **Acquisition:**
- Notes: Pete's pond was previously a gravel pit that was owned by "Pete" Nelson (Spencer Concrete Products). The park featured a series of plaques placed throughout the park that once allowed visitors to walk the trail while reading a continuous story. All story plaques have since been removed due to deterioration and poor condition.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Pete's Pond
- Amphitheater limestone retaining walls around circle plaza, pile of limestone pieces at center
- Two walking loops that connect to the larger Spencer Trail System

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- **Accessibility: x/10**
 - This park features a paved walking trail loop that connects directly to the paved Spencer Trail System, providing accessible opportunities for walking and recreation.
- Maintenance Level: Basic
 - **Mowing:**
- **Condition Rating: X/10**
 - Amphitheater in poor condition

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:

NOTES

- Google: Pete's pond only, no Storybook Park

SUNSET PARK

OVERVIEW

- Location: 1014 W 7th St., corner of West 7th Street and 11th Avenue West.
- Acreage: 1.6
- Description: Sunset Park is a small neighborhood park with a playground, covered picnic area with tables and grills, a half-court basketball area, and a baseball backstop. A portable restroom is available.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 1954
- Acquisition: the park property was acquired through a trade involving seven assessments valued at approximately \$1,400.
- Notes: often referred to by locals as the “Blue Park”.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Playground (2005)
- Covered picnic area with tables and grills
- Half-court basketball area
- Baseball backstop
- Portable restroom

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - Off-street parking with a paved sidewalk connecting to the park. The play surface itself is uneven.
- Maintenance Level: Standard
 - Mowing: 1.5 acres
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:

NOTES

WATERWAY PARK

OVERVIEW

- Location: 1601 S Grand Plaza Dr., located two blocks south of the intersection of Highways 71 and 18, known locally as the “South T.” Heading south on South Grand Avenue (which becomes Grand Plaza Drive), the park is on the west side of the road. It also borders the east side of the Spencer Municipal Golf Course.
- Acreage: 4.7
- Description: This neighborhood park includes a playground, a covered picnic area with tables and grills, a basketball area, and a portable restroom for convenience. The park also borders the east side of the Spencer Municipal Golf Course, creating a scenic backdrop and a natural open-space setting.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 1975
- Acquisition: purchased for \$4000

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Playground (2005)
- Covered picnic area with tables and grills
- Basketball area
- Portable restroom
- Green space located across the road

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
 - Off-street parking with a paved sidewalk connecting to the park. The play surface itself is uneven.
- Maintenance Level: Standard
 - Mowing: 3 acres (playground area), 2.68 acres (green space)
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:

NOTES

WEST LEACH PARK

OVERVIEW

- Location: 107 4th St. SW, south side of the Little Sioux River, just west of Grand Avenue.
- Acreage: 39.1
- Description: West Leach Park, located on the south side of the Little Sioux River, offers convenient river access with a concrete boat ramp and a designated carry-down launch for canoes and kayaks. The park is connected to the Spencer Trail System, providing easy access for walking and biking. Ample parking is available, making it easy for visitors to enjoy a day on the water. The area is also a popular fishing destination and features expansive green space, making it a favorite spot for relaxing and bringing pets.

HISTORY

- **Date Established:**
- Acquisition: West Leach Park became part of the City of Spencer through multiple property acquisitions over time, with the most recent known acquisition being the purchase of land from Norman Morgan in 1972. The open field was used extensively throughout the 1900s for a variety of athletic events and practices.

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Access to fishing along the Little Sioux River
- Concrete boat ramp
- Carry-down access for canoes/kayaks
- Direct access to Spencer Trail System
- Abundant green space

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- **Accessibility: x/10**
 - Connects directly to the Spencer Trail System, providing access to a paved, multi-use trail network. The parking area is gravel-surfaced. Uneven ground when traveling toward the concrete boat launch.
- Maintenance Level: Basic
 - Mowing: 12 acres
 - Baling: 11 acres (west of driveway)
 - Clay. Co. Fair Prep: 4 acres mowed south of trail
- **Condition Rating: X/10**
 - Grills and picnic tables are showing signs of age and are in fair to poor condition.

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:
 - Park entrance signage is needed, including clear directional signage indicating the location of the boat ramp.

NOTES

- River segment between Stolley Park and West Leach Park is the most heavily used segment of the Little Sioux River. Improvements to canoe accesses on the Inkpaduta

Canoe Trail are being made made by the Iowa DNR.

WEST VIEW MEMORIAL PARK

OVERVIEW

- Location: 906 W 9th St., directly west of Johnson Elementary School on West 9th Street.
- Acreage: 4.6
- Description: West View Memorial Park features the Deegan Pavilions (2015), an outdoor performance space with three pergolas made of glass, steel, and wood. The park also includes a scenic, tree-filled setting that serves as an unofficial arboretum, along with a $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile trail and sidewalk that wraps around Johnson School for walking and recreation. A year-round portable toilet is available for visitor convenience.

HISTORY

- Date Established: 1957
- Acquisition: Purchased for \$5421

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- Quiet arboretum
- Deegan Pavilions (2015)
 - Outdoor performance area (3 pergolas)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ mile trail wraps around Johnson Elementary School
- Year-round portable toilet

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
- Off-street parking with a paved sidewalk throughout the park.
- Maintenance Level: Standard
 - Mowing: 4.6 acres
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine
- Long-Term Direction:

NOTES

APPENDIX: MAPS

DISC GOLF MAP



APPENDIX: PARK-SPECIFIC RULES

DEWOLF DOG PARK RULES

General Rules

- Park open dawn to dusk.
- Park closed during inclement weather.
- Tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, and glass containers are prohibited.
- Only dogs are allowed; no other pets.
- Wheeled “vehicles” (bikes, wagons, strollers) are not allowed, except those needed for disability access.
- All persons and their dogs use the park at THEIR OWN RISK. Dog owners are legally responsible for their dog’s actions and are liable for any injuries caused by their dog to other dogs or humans.

People Rules

- Clean up after your dog. Place waste in designated dog waste receptacles. Dispose of trash in garbage containers.
- Keep dogs leashed prior to entering and when exiting the fenced area. Keep leashes with you at all times.
- Gates must remain closed at all times.
- Do not leave dogs unattended in the fenced area.
- No children under 16 are permitted unless accompanied by an adult. Bringing small children and infants into the dog park is not recommended.
- Do not bring human food into the fenced area. Small training treats only are allowed.
- Shoes are required for all users.
- Fill any holes your dog digs.
- Dogs must be under control at all times; excessive or unsafe digging must be corrected by the owner.
- Dogs must be kept within appropriate size-designated areas (large and small dog areas must be followed as posted).
- No more than two dogs per person is recommended; additional dogs must remain under the owner’s direct control.

Dog Rules

- Dogs must be current on vaccinations and parasite prevention (flea/tick control).
- Dogs must wear identification collars/tags at all times. No choke, pinch, or spike collars allowed.
- Aggressive dogs are not permitted. Dogs must be removed at the first sign of aggression.
- Dogs must be at least four months old to enter the park.
- Toys brought into the park may be shared and may not be returned in good condition.

SPENCER SKATE PARK RULES:

- No bikes permitted.
- Skateboards and in-line skates only.
- All general park rules & regulations apply.
- Children under age 7 should be accompanied by an adult.
- City of Spencer assumes no liability for injury. Skating involves risk of personal injury; use of this facility is an acceptance of that risk.
- Know and skate within your ability.
- Appropriate protective gear recommended should include: helmets, elbow & knee pads & wrist guards.
- No roughhousing or rough language allowed.
- No offensive or excessively loud music.
- No food or beverages allowed in skate park.
- No skating against traffic on pipes or ramps.
- No foreign substances allowed on grinding areas.
- Report any injury or unsafe condition to the Spencer Park Department at 580-7260.

SPENCER AQUATIC CENTER RULES:

USE POLICY:

- Spectators are allowed in the pool area, after the appropriate admission is paid.
- Daily swim fee is charged the first time an individual enters the pool area. The YMCA will determine how to identify guests after initial entry, should they leave the facility and return.
- There will be no refunds on daily admissions. Rain checks will be issued by cashiers for extenuating circumstances and must be approved by the supervisor.
- There will be no refunds on season passes after the opening day of the Aquatic Center.
- Youth ages six (6) and older are not allowed in the opposite sex's locker room; i.e., a small boy, age six, is not allowed in the women's locker room. A "Family Locker Room" is available.
- Every effort will be made by the pool staff to convey emergency messages. The PA system is used for emergencies and for pool announcements only; no paging may be done. People may enter the pool area and look for their children, and must exit the facility within fifteen (15) minutes.
- A phone will be available for public use near the facility. If a tornado warning is announced, all patrons and staff should move to sheltered areas in the facility rest rooms and shower areas. Stay close to the interior walls.
- Pool lockers are available. Patrons may bring their own locks or purchase them at the admission desk. Any locks left on the lockers after the Spencer Family Aquatic Center closes will be cut off that evening. The City of Spencer and YMCA will not be liable for any damages to the locks.
- The City and YMCA are not responsible for any lost or stolen items. No items are to be left with employees.
- No commercial outside foods will be allowed inside the Aquatic Center. Coolers will be limited to the six-pack variety and are subject to inspection by pool staff.

ADMITTANCE TO POOL:

- All patrons under 14 will be issued a wristband they must wear at all times, based on age and swimming ability. A water test to assess patrons swimming skills will be held upon opening and at each rest break.
- Admission to the pool will be refused to all persons having contagious diseases or other infectious conditions such as colds, ringworm, fevers, foot infections, skin lesions, inflamed eyes, ear discharge or any other condition which has the appearance of being infectious.
- Children must be 7 years of age to be allowed admittance without an adult fourteen (14) years or older.
- Children six years of age who cannot pass the swim test will be issued a yellow wristband and must be accompanied by an adult and directly supervised at all times by an adult or guardian fourteen (14) years of age or older. The ratio of children wearing the yellow wrist bands may not exceed four (4) children per adult. Children left unsupervised will be dismissed, along with the person responsible for their supervision.
- Children who cannot pass the swim test and are over the age of six (6) will receive a pink wrist band and will only be allowed in the zero depth area.

- The pool supervisor, assistant supervisor and cashier retain the right to refuse admission or dismiss from the pool any person endangering the health, safety and/or pleasure of the patrons.
- The Aquatic Center supervisor reserves the right to prohibit any person from using the facility because of conduct which is detrimental to self or others.
- Pool rules will be amended when deemed advisable, for the protection of health, safety and enjoyment of all pool patrons.
- No person shall be allowed to enter the pool while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- There is a 10 minute rest break once every hour. Swim tests will be conducted at this time. During these periods, all patrons must exit the water.
- Whenever the pool supervisor either hears thunder or sees lightening, all swimmers and patrons are required to get out of the pool and off all deck areas and remain under the shelter of the bathhouse until 30 minutes after last thunder is heard and the pool supervisor declares it is safe to enter the pool.

POOL RULES:

Bather Attire:

- Swimmers must be attired in swimming suits; blue jeans, cutoffs and other clothing not specifically designed as swimwear are not permitted for health reasons. Undergarments are not allowed under swimsuits for health and sanitation reasons, except as otherwise provided in the rules. Indecent Exposure is not allowed.
- Street clothes may be worn only if patron is not touching the water. Street clothes may not get wet.
- Patrons may not wear sunglasses/glasses while swimming; however, masks and goggles are allowed in designated areas.
- Infants/children not toilet trained and incontinent adults must wear a swim diaper which can be purchased at the admission desk. In the event of a fecal contamination, the water will be evacuated for at least 15 minutes for disinfecting purposes.

Patron Behavior

- Only Aquatic Center / YMCA employees are allowed in the guard and admission areas.
- Personal conduct in and around the pool must be such that the safety of self and others is not jeopardized. Roughness, running, pushing others into the pool, dunking, splashing, snapping of towels or other roughhouse tactics are not permitted.
- The actions and conduct of an organized group are the responsibility of the group leader(s). Misconduct of individuals may be considered action by the group and the group is subject to dismissal.
- Ratio of children six (6) years of age and under per adult is four (4) children to one (1) adult.
- Sunbathers as well as strollers, infant seats, towels, coolers, lounge chairs, etc., must be safely back from the water's edge and emergency corridor areas as designated by the aquatic staff.
- Patrons are not to visit with the guards on duty.
- No shoulder rides.
- Inflatables and lifejackets are allowed in designated areas only. A parent must be directly supervising a child wearing a flotation device.
- No tennis balls will be allowed.
- No lawn chairs or lounges are allowed in the Spencer Family Aquatic Center other than those provided by the pool.

- Spitting or blowing of nose into the pool or onto the deck is prohibited.
- No gum allowed in the pool areas.
- No tobacco or alcohol allowed in the facility.
- No glass containers in the facility.
- No pets are allowed in the Aquatic Center facility with the exception of service animals.
- Deposit trash in litter receptacles.
- Personal audio and communication devices are allowed in the facility but not in the water, and the patron must listen to the music by headset only.
- Small bathtub toys are allowed in designated areas of the pool only. Small bathtub toys may not be thrown.
- Climbing is only allowed on designated objects.
- No throwing sand.
- All patrons must shower before entering into the pool area – especially when exiting the volleyball and sand areas.
- There is to be no hanging on the separation/lane ropes that divide the pool areas.
- No towels allowed in the sand area. Small toys may be brought into the sand play area. Children six (6) and under must be supervised by an adult or guardian fourteen (14) years of age or older. Food may not be taken into the sand play areas.

Slide Rules

- Children under the age of fourteen (14) must pass a swim test to use the large slides and lap area. These Children will receive a green wristband.
- Patrons may have cameras or video cameras in the Spencer Family Aquatic Center, but are not allowed to go down the slides with them.
- Children going down the wading pool slides or slides in zero depth area must be able to climb the ladder by themselves or must be assisted by a parent or guardian.
- One patron at a time on the slide.
- Patrons must slide feet first.
- No crawling up slides.
- Swimmers are not allowed in the area that the slides exit into.
- All children must pass a swimming test to go down the large slides. Swim tests will be conducted at each break on the hour only. Those under 7 years of age must have a parent waiting for them at the slide splash pool steps.
- All patrons using the large water slides must wait for the guard to signal before they can go down the slide.
- Only one person may go down the slide at a time, no exceptions. Patrons must go down feet first, seated on their bottom and facing forward.
- No riding the sides of the slides. Keep hands inside slide sides at all times. No stopping, kneeling or standing on the slides. Parents/guardians may not catch children in the splash-down area of the large water slide.
- One person on a tube at a time. Rider is to remain on the tube for the entire ride. NO stopping, twisting or turning while riding on the tube.
- Patron must return tube to the tube corral immediately after coming down the slide. Tubes are not allowed in the swimming pool area.
- Patrons going off the large slides must exit the splash-down area using the stairs or ladders.
- Small slides are for children six years and younger or anyone under 48 inches tall.

Aquatic Center Rental: Contact the YMCA

- The Spencer Family Aquatic Center rental is managed by the Spencer YMCA, however all general rules still apply as follows:
- Each group shall be responsible for the conduct of the group with a competent leader 21 years of age or older as the responsible person.
- Your group shall require adult supervision of one adult for each 15 youth. Chaperones must be in the pool area with the group at all times.
- The person in charge of the group shall be responsible for all loss or damage to the Spencer Family Aquatic Center facilities and equipment.
- The Spencer Family Aquatic Center assumes no responsibility for property brought into the facility.
- Use of the facility does not imply endorsement or sponsorship of the event by the Spencer Family Aquatic Center or Spencer Family YMCA. Therefore, publicity shall be designed in a way that no suggestion of endorsement and/or sponsorship is implied. All such publicity shall be cleared in advance by the pool manager.
- Hours available for rental are 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. based on availability due to other rentals.
- A certificate of liability insurance must be returned with the application. Applications are available at the YMCA.

Spencer Park and Rec (Alphabetical)

1. C. Earl Page Park
2. Deerfield Park
3. Dennis Price Courts
4. DeWolf Dog Park
5. Disc Golf Course
6. East Leach Park
7. East Leach Park Event Center
8. Fairview Park
9. Maintenance Areas (Misc.)
10. North Grand Avenue
11. North Lookout
12. North School Park
13. Oxbow Wildlife Area
14. Pedersen Memorial Park
15. Riverview Park Complex
16. Riverview Tennis Courts
17. SMU Family Splash Pad
18. Spencer Aquatic Center
19. Spencer Bandshell
20. Spencer Skate Park
21. Spencer Trail System
22. Stolley Park & Pond
23. Storybook Park (Pete's Pond)
24. Sunset Park
25. Waterway Park
26. West Leach Park
27. West View Memorial Park

Spencer Park and Rec (by category)

Community Parks (3)

East Leach Park (61.8 ac)

- Spencer Bandshell
- Spencer Skate Park
- East Leach Park Event Center

Riverview Park Complex (58.1 ac)

- Spencer Aquatic Center
- Riverview Tennis Courts
- SMU Family Splash Pad
- Disc Golf

West Leach Park (39.1 ac)

Neighborhood Parks (5)

Fairview Park (6.4 ac)

Deerfield Park (5.1 ac)

Waterway Park (4.7 ac)

Westview Memorial Park (4.6 ac)

North School Park (3.3 ac)

Mini Parks (2)

Sunset Park (1.6 ac)

C. Earl Page Park (1.0 ac)

Sports Facilities (2)

Pedersen Memorial Park (29 ac)

Dennis Price Courts

Special Use Areas (4)

Stolley Park and Pond (129.6 ac)

Storybook Park (Pete's Pond) (8.8 ac)

DeWolf Dog Park (10.5 ac)

Spencer Trail System

Natural Resource Area (1)

Oxbow Wildlife Area (49.8 ac)

Miscellaneous

North Grand Avenue

North Lookout

Maintenance Areas

MAINTENANCE LEVEL

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Enhanced	High-visibility, heavily used, frequency mowing and landscaping
Standard	Normal park service level, regular mowing, routine maintenance
Basic	Lower-use facility, necessary mowing.
Minimal	Primarily nature/open-space, vegetation management

PRIORITY LEVEL

<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Immediate	Critical issue, prompt action required
High	Significant need, address within 1-2 years
Planned	Improvement should be addressed in future
Routine	Meets standards, no significant action needed

CONDITION RATING

<u>SCORE</u>	<u>CONDITION</u>
9-10	Excellent — little/no deficiency; very well maintained
7-8	Good — meets expected standard; routine maintenance
5-6	Fair — functional but aging/worn; improvements should be planned
3-4	Poor — significant deficiencies; corrective action needed
1-2	Critical — unacceptable condition, major repair/replacement/safety concern

ACCESSIBILITY RATING

<u>RATING</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
9-10	Highly accessible; few barriers; multiple inclusive features
7-8	Generally accessible; minor gaps or improvements needed
5-6	Partially accessible; meaningful barriers exist
3-4	Limited accessibility; significant barriers
1-2	Major accessibility deficiencies

TEMPLATE

OVERVIEW

- Location:
- Acreage:
- Description:

HISTORY

- Date Established:
- Acquisition:
- Notes:
- Historical Designations:

AMENITIES / KEY FEATURES

- List

OPERATIONS & SITE CONDITIONS

- Accessibility: x/10
- Maintenance Level: Minimal / Basic / Standard / Enhanced
 - Mowing:
- Condition Rating: X/10

MANAGEMENT & PLANNING

- Priority: Routine / Planned / High / Immediate
- Long-Term Direction:
- Park-Specific Rules:
- Partnerships / Leases / Agreements:
- Rent / Reservation Information:
- Key Contacts / Associations:

NOTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting Notes

Date: August 10, 2026

Topic: E-Bikes / Scooters Discussion

Attendance

- **Present:** Moser (by phone), Nelson, Beehler, Peterson, Lyons, Vermeer
- **Absent:** Reit

Key Discussion Points

1. General & Legal Overview

- **Ordinance Review:** Reviewed ordinances from Ankeny, Humboldt, and Independence and Newton, along with the existing city ordinance concerning bicycles and other recreational vehicles.
- **Motor Restrictions:** Restrictions on motor size follow state law (750W max).
- **Rules of the Road:** Desire to add a "single file" requirement to the ordinance.
- **Education & Patrol:**
 - Police patrol via bike during busy months.
 - School presentations focused on bike and e-bike safety.

2. Location & Speed Rules

- **Grand Avenue:** All agree E-bikes/scooters should **NOT** be allowed on Grand Ave.
 - Even if the assist function is turned off, they should **NOT** be allowed on Grand Ave.
 - Ensure good signage is installed to alert riders that they are not permitted on Grand Ave.
- **Sidewalks:**
 - Allowed on residential sidewalks.
 - Restricted on Grand Ave & sidewalks in current business/commercial zones.
- **Trail Systems:**
 - Allowed on trail systems at speeds **less than 20 mph**.
 - Need to define trails vs. sidewalks at Deerfield.

- **Parks:**

- Concerns raised regarding people operating e-bikes/scooters in parks.
- Use restricted in parks—a map will be created to clarify permitted areas.
- *Park Rule Clarification:* If a park has a trail, you can park your bike/scooter and use the park, or use the bike/scooter strictly on the trail.
- Restricted locations mentioned: North School Park, Memorial Park.

3. Enforcement, Fines & Impoundment

- **Enforcement Concerns:** PD enforcement of e-bikes/scooters raised staffing/resource concerns.
- **Questions Raised:** Who receives the fine—the child or the parent?
- **Action Item:** Kerry will check with Chief Warburton regarding *eluding*.

Impoundment & Fine Structure Options:

- *Initial Idea discussed (with potential grace period):*
 1. 1st Offense: No fine – 72-hour written warning
 2. 2nd Offense: Impound 42–78 hours
 3. 3rd Offense: Infraction fine of \$100
- *Revised Structure (NO grace period once ordinance passes):*
 1. **1st Offense:** Impound for 72 hours
 2. **2nd Offense:** Impound for 5 days + \$100 civil fine
 3. **3rd Offense:** Impound for 30 days + \$300 civil fine
 4. **4th & Higher Offense:** Uniform Citation

Adjournment & Next Steps

- **Discussion Status:** Continued to next meeting.
- **Next COW Discussion:** 8th @ 5:00 p.m.
- **Adjourned:** 7:19 p.m.

Verify Before You Buy

Not All “E-Bikes” Are Legal E-Bikes

Some devices marketed as e-bikes can travel at much higher speeds and may not be legal or safe on public roads or trails.

Know the Differences Before You Ride

E-bikes are heavier than traditional bicycles and can reach speeds of 20–28 mph.

E-scooters’ smaller wheels make them more susceptible to cracks, bumps, and debris, which can be challenging for younger or inexperienced riders.

Both e-bikes and e-scooters require more distance to stop compared to traditional bicycles.

Parents & Caregivers

Strongly consider the age, maturity, and experience of the rider before allowing use.

Use the Proper Helmet

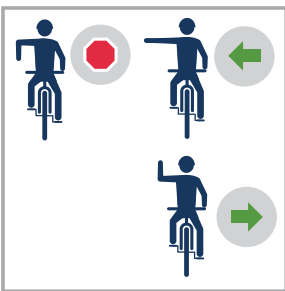


e-bikes or higher speed vehicles.

Traditional bicycle helmets may not provide enough protection at higher e-bike speed. Check for helmets designed for

Share the Road & the Trail

- **Check local rules before riding.**
Regulations can vary by park, trail, or community, so look for posted signage or consult park staff.
- **Obey traffic laws.**
This includes speed limits, stop signs, and traffic signals. Use an appropriate light at night.
- **Speed limit is a maximum.**
Ride at or below the posted speed and adjust for conditions.
- **Be courteous** and share the roadway and trail space responsibly.
- **Yield appropriately.**
E-bike riders should typically yield to pedestrians, equestrians, and non-motorized users.
- **Riders: Ride predictably**, stay visible, and remember drivers may not always see you right away.
- **Motorists: Stay alert** and watch for people riding bicycles, e-bikes, and e-scooters.
- **Signal your intentions:**
Use your left hand to signal when you plan to turn, change lanes, or stop. Use your voice – “on your left” when needed.



Always refer to the most current version of the Iowa Code for legal guidance.

This brochure is for general informational purposes only.

E-Bikes (Classes 1-3)



321.1(36A)(a)



321.235B

 For additional code references, see bottom row of chart on page 2.



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A Guide for Communities
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E-BIKES & MORE

Verify before you buy.
Ride legally and safely.

** Subject to local ordinances
and posted signs*

	E-BIKE CLASS 1	E-BIKE CLASS 2	E-BIKE CLASS 3	E-SCOOTER (STANDING)	MOPED/ MOTORIZED BIKE	MOTORCYCLE	OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE
	 <i>Pedal Assist</i>	 <i>Throttle with Pedals</i>	 <i>Pedal Assist or Throttle</i>	 <i>Classified as Pedestrian Conveyance</i>	 <i>Safety Flag required.</i>		 <i>Off-Road Motorcycle/Dirt Bike</i>
VEHICLE OVERVIEW							
 Motor	Electric (750W or less)	Electric (750W or less)	Electric (750W or less)	Electric (750W or less)	Gas or electric	Gas or electric (751W or more if electric)	
 Top Assisted Speed	20 MPH	20 MPH	28 MPH	Varies by model	39 MPH (20 MPH or less on incline)	More than 39 MPH	Varies by model
RULES AND REQUIREMENTS							
 Speed Limit	Posted speed limit	Posted speed limit	Posted, or 20 MPH	Posted speed limit	Posted speed limit	Posted speed limit	Posted speed limit
 Registration Required	No	No	No	No	Yes, through DOT	Yes, through DOT	Yes, through DNR. Potential for dual registration w/DOT
 VIN or Vehicle Label	Label	Label	Label	No	VIN	VIN	VIN
 New Vehicle Must Be Sold By Licensed Dealer	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	<i>Yes, if registered by DNR & DOT</i>
 Operator License	No	No	No	No	Moped permit or driver's license	Yes	<i>Yes, if registered by DNR & DOT</i>
 Minimum Rider Age	None	None	16	None	14	14	Supervision required under 12 at designed riding areas
 Helmet	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended; Required at designed riding areas
 Speedometer Required	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
 Insurance Required	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	<i>Yes, if registered by DNR & DOT</i>
 Safety Course Required	No	No	No	No	Yes, if under age 16	No	No
WHERE CAN YOU RIDE							
 Bike Lane	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
 Vehicle Lane	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Yes, if registered by DNR & DOT</i>
 Sidewalk	Local rules apply*	Local rules apply*	Local rules apply*	Yes, local rules apply*	No	No	No
 Multi-use Bike/Ped Trail	Yes, local rules apply*	Yes, local rules apply*	Yes, local rules apply*	Yes, local rules apply*	No	No	No
 DNR-Designated Park Trail	Yes, on multi-use trails allowing bikes	Yes, on multi-use trails allowing bikes	Yes, 20 MPH limit (unless posted) on multi-use trails	Yes	No	No, unless dual-registered with DNR and designed for off-road use.	On designated riding areas that allow off-road use
 Natural Surface/Soft Trail	Varies by park; check local signage	Varies by park; check local signage	Varies by park; check local signage	Varies by park; check local signage	No	No	Yes, if registered and at Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) parks
 Key Legal References	321.1(36A)(a); 321.235B	321.1(36A)(b); 321.235B	321.1(36A)(c); 321.235B	321.1.(51A)	321.1(40)(a); 321.189(7); 321.275	321.1(40); 321.18; 321.98; 321.189	321.1(16); 321.1.7; 321.1.21; 321.1.31

What About E-Motos? “E-moto” is a marketing term, not a legal vehicle category. Depending on its equipment, speed, etc., an “e-moto” may be classified as a moped, motorcycle, off-road motorcycle, or may not be legal for use on Iowa roads or trails.

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Fee Schedule

Adopted by Spencer City Council on
All fees effective January 20, 2025

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City Clerk Fees

Permits/Licenses

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Cigarette Permit	\$75	Per Year	
Peddler, Solicitor or Transient Merchant	\$25 + \$5/day	Application fee, plus per day fee	Title 115.03
Mobile Food & Beverage Vendors	\$20	Per 7 day period	Title 115.05
Mobile Food & Beverage Vendors	\$100	Per year	Title 115.05
Commercial Passenger Vehicle	\$25	Per year	Title 110.07
Bingo Permit	\$15	Per year	Title 110.04
Pawnbroker	\$10	Per year	Title 114.05

Examination or Copying of Records (Res. 4956)

- If the number of photocopies does not exceed twenty-five (25) pages, or if staff time for responding to the request does not exceed thirty (30) minutes, the following fee schedule shall apply:
 - Fees for photocopies: \$.25 per page for black and white copies and \$1.00 per page for color copies
 - A fee for records provided on a thumb drive is \$10, unless the requester provides the thumbdrive
- If the number of pages to be copied exceeds twenty-five (25) pages, or if the staff time involved in providing the records exceeds thirty (30) minutes, the following additional fee schedule shall apply:
 - Hourly rate for clerical time needed to make photocopies or copying to a thumb drive - \$25/hour (prorated to the nearest fifteen minutes)
 - Hourly rate for professional staff time - Effective hourly rate of staff member for time needed to produce or review the documents (prorated to the nearest fifteen (15) minutes)
- Routinely prepared or bound reports - Actual cost to produce
- Special requests for records mapping requests, and other non-traditional methods of providing information may incur additional costs
- The City reserves the right to adjust the above fee schedule in the event of unanticipated costs
- Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the City may, at the City's discretion, furnish copies of requested records without charge or at a reduced fee if the City determines that the waiver or reduction of fees is in the public interest

Miscellaneous

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Returned Check/Debit/Credit Card	\$30		
Copies	\$0.25	per copy sheet of paper	

Street Department Fees

Permits/Licenses

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Excavator License	\$50	Per year	Title 95.033
Excavation Permit	\$25	Per permit / location	Title 95.034
Sidewalk/Driveway approach - Portland cement	\$10		Res. 3670
Sidewalk/Driveway approach - alternate surface	\$30		Res. 3670
Rural Driveway / culvert permit	\$10	Per permit / location	
Overweight / Oversize permit	\$10 / \$100	One time permit / annual permit	
Used manhole castings - with lids	\$50		
Used manhole lid	\$25		
Used Intake casting	\$50		
Street Signs	varies	Sold at replacement cost	
PCC & HMA	varies	Sold at replacement cost	
Equipment Rental	varies	Per Iowa Department of Transportation Rental Rates	
Employee time	varies	Per hour based on calculated rate sheet (rates include wages and benefits)	

Planning / Building Fees

Administrative Fees

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Board of Adjustment - Spencer Exception Use	\$250		
Board of Adjustment - Variance	\$250		
Board of Adjustment - Sign or Fence variance	\$75		
Board of Adjustment - Variance for org. platted small lot (50' wide or less)	\$25		
Board of Adjustment - Administrative Appeal	\$50		
Rezoning Request	\$50	Plus expenses	

Construction Permits

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Construction Permit - with on site inspection	\$70	Additional \$2/\$1000 of cost above \$10,000 estimated cost; max permit fee \$3,000	Title 150.018
Construction Permit - without on site inspection	\$35	Additional \$2/\$1000 of cost above \$10,000 estimated cost; max permit fee \$3,000	Title 150.018
Fence Hedge	\$30		Title 150.018
Sign - permanent or temporary	\$35		Title 153.03
Demolition	\$25		Title 150.018
Moving	\$50		Title 150.177
Communication Tower / Wind Tower	\$200		Title 151.05
Temporary Use	\$0		Title 155.021
Front Yard Parking	\$10		Res. 5891
Flood Plain Permit - Interior work, fencing	\$25	In addition to Construction Permit Fees	
Flood Plain Permit - All other uses	\$50	Required for anything that changes the site layout; in addition to Construction Permit Fees	

Electrical Permits

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Electrical Permit	\$10	Plus applicable inspection fees	Title 150.100
New Service - Up to 200 Amps	\$50	Plus electrical permit fee	Title 150.100
New Service - 201 - 400 Amps	\$80	Plus electrical permit fee	Title 150.100
New Service - Over 400 Amps	\$80	Plus electrical permit fee	Title 150.100
New Service - Each additional 100 Amps	\$10	Plus electrical permit fee	Title 150.100
Replace/Upgrade Service - Up to 200 Amps	\$20	Plus electrical permit fee	Title 150.100
Replace/Upgrade Service - 201 - 400 Amps	\$50	Plus electrical permit fee	Title 150.100
Replace/Upgrade Service - Over 400 Amps	\$50	Plus electrical permit fee	Title 150.100
Replace/Upgrade Service - Each additional 100 Amps	\$10	Plus electrical permit fee	Title 150.100
Temporary Service (only)	\$20	Plus electrical permit fee	Title 150.100
Additional Inspections	\$30	Each inspection	Title 150.100
Additional Circuits	\$3	each	Title 150.100

Plumbing Permits

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Plumbing Permit	\$20	Plus applicable inspection fees	Title 150.127
Water Service	\$20		Title 150.129
Sewer Service	\$20		Title 150.129
Water & Sewer Service - at same time	\$30		Title 150.129
Water Heater	\$15		Title 150.129
Plumbing	\$5	Per item requiring inspection (includes plumbing fixture or opening; excludes cleanouts)	Title 150.129

Miscellaneous Permits

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Vegetation Abatement	\$25 + cost of abatement		
Tree Trimming	\$25 + cost of abatement		
Snow Removal	\$25 + cost		

	of abatement		
Nuisance Abatement	\$25 + cost of abatement		

Licenses

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Communication Tower Contractor	\$20	annual fee	Title 151.04
Sign Installer	\$40	annual fee	Title 153.16

Police Department Fees

Miscellaneous Fees

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Accident Report	\$4	per copy	
Incident Report	\$10	per copy	
Videos & Recordings on CD/SD Cards	\$25	per disc/sd card	
Vehicle Towing	\$100	per vehicle	
Vehicle Storage	\$25	per day	
Animal pickup fee	\$20		
Boarding Fee	\$25	City will assess per day/per animal costs as billed by City impound provider	
Calls for service	\$2		
Security (Off duty officers)	Time & half	per hour	

Fire Department

Miscellaneous Fees

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Training Site - Out of county department	\$200 / \$400	Half day / Full day use	
Training Site - Business operations	\$250 / \$500	Half day / Full day use	
Fire Contracts	Varies	computed as follows: (Assessed value/1,000) *.50 = contract Minimum \$60	
Heavy Response Apparatus with 4 personnel	\$377.42	Per hour cost, examples include engine, ladder, heavy rescue equipment, etc.	
Light Response Apparatus with 2 personnel	\$300.79	Per hour, examples include tanker, brush truck, ambulance, staff car, etc.	
Extra Response Personnel	Varies	Per hour based on calculated rate sheet (rates include wages and benefits)	
Expended Materials	Varies	Replacement cost of materials used, plus shipping costs, examples include foam, containment booms, sand, absorbent, etc.	
Equipment Repair and/or Cleaning	Varies	Cost (parts plus labor) including shipping, examples include personal protective equipment, hose, nozzles, apparatus, etc.	
Damaged Equipment and/or Property	Varies	Replacement and/or repair cost, including shipping, examples include injury to destruction of, or loss of natural resources, etc.	

- Billed hours will be billed a minimum of 1 hour, and in 15-minute increments beyond the first hour.

References:

Hazardous Materials Response Billing Protocol for Iowa Fire Departments. Authorized by Iowa Firemen's Association and the Iowa Hazardous Materials Taskforce, December 2002.
Iowa Code 455B.392

Parks & Recreation Fees

Aquatic Center Fees

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Family Pass	\$150	includes 5 people	
Family Pass - discounted	\$125	includes 5 people	
Extra Family Member	\$25		
Individual Pass	\$70		
Daily Admission	\$7		

Leach Park Campground

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Electric & Water	\$30	per night	

Pavilion Rentals

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
East Leach - East Room	\$100	per day	
East Leach - West combined	\$160	per day	

Licenses

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Commercial Tree Trimmer	\$50	annual fee	Title 93.132

Pedersen Park

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Grooming & Chalking	\$150	Per field	
Slow Pitch League Play	\$100	Per team	
Youth Baseball & Softball	\$5000	Field improvements	

Cemetery Fees

Grave Spaces

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
12' Grave	\$650	Riverside Cemetery only	
10' Grave	\$650	Riverside Cemetery only	
8' Grave	\$650	Riverside Cemetery only	
Flat Stone Areas	\$450	North Lawn Cemetery only	
Mausoleum Crypt	\$650	Riverside Cemetery only	
Columbarium - Single Vault	\$650	Riverside Cemetery only	
Columbarium - Double Vault	\$1200	Riverside Cemetery only	

Grave Opening and Closing

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Baby Graves	\$800	Includes opening and closing	
Adult Graves	\$800		
Mausoleum Crypt	\$800		
Cremains	\$425	In a traditional grave or in columbarium	
Cremains	\$650	In Mausoleum	
Saturday Burial	\$250	In addition to Opening and Closing Fees	
Sunday Burial	\$1,500	In addition to Opening and Closing Fees	
Winter Burial	\$125	In addition to Opening and Closing Fees; all burials December 1 to April 1	
Disinterment	Varies	Double the fees for Interment	

Marker/Foundation/Other Fees

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Marker Permit	\$50		
Transfer of Grave Ownership	\$30	Per grave space transferred	
Marker Installation - Under 450 sq. in.	\$100		
Marker Installation - 450-650 sq. in.	\$150		
Marker Installation - 650 sq. in. +	\$250		
Marker Installation - Vase Installation	\$25		
Marker Removal	\$100		

Reset Fee	\$75		
Bronze Marker - Columbarium	\$30		

Library Fees

Used Material Sales

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Hardcover books	\$0.50	Per item	
Paperback books	\$0.25	Per item	
Music CD	\$0.25	Per item	
DVD	\$1	Per item	
Audiobooks	\$1	Per item	
Art Print	\$10	Per item	

Interlibrary Loan

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
In State	Free		
Out of State	\$2	Per item	
Academic Library	\$2	Per item	

Copies & Printing

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Black & White	\$0.20	Per page	
Color	\$0.25 - \$1	Per page; depending on amount of color	

Fax Service

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Outgoing - First Page	\$2		
Outgoing - Subsequent pages	\$1	Per page	
Incoming	\$1	Per page	

Special Services

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Laminating	\$1	Per page	
Genealogy Research	\$5		
Disc Cleaning	\$2	Per disc	
Keurig	\$1	Per K Cup	

Ear Buds	\$1	Per pair	
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Fines

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Lost/Damages Materials	Cost of item		
Equipment - Hot spot	\$10	Per day; overdue up to \$50	
Lost/Damaged AV case	\$5	Per item	
Damaged barcode/pages	\$3	Per item	

Miscellaneous Fees

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Replacement card	\$2	Per card	

Northern Plains Regional Landfill Fees

Landfill Disposal Fees

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Solid Waste Disposal Fee	\$64	Per ton	
Solid Waste Disposal Fee - Out of State	\$81.43	Per ton	
Untarped/unsecured load	\$25		
Paint Filters	\$64	Surcharge added to per ton fee	
Friable Asbestos	\$104.75	Per ton	
Friable Asbestos - Handling Charge	\$50		
Non-Friable Asbestos	\$104.75	Per ton	
Non-Friable Asbestos - Handling Charge	\$50		
Clean Out Fee	\$50	Per load	
Minimum Fee	\$59.25	For all loads of less than one ton \$4.75 IA Fee	

Household Hazardous Waste Regional Collection Center

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Aerosols	\$1.75	Per pound	
Antifreeze	\$1.75	Per pound	
CFL Fluorescent Bulbs	\$2	Per bulb	
Corrosives	\$1.75	Per pound	
Dangerous when wet	\$10	Per pound	
Dioxin Precursors	\$10	Per pound	
Flammable Liquids	\$1.75	Per pound	
Latex Paint	\$1	Per pound	
Oil-Based Paint	\$1.75	Per pound	
Used Oil	Free		
Toxics/Poisons	\$1.75	Per pound	
Flammable Toxics	\$1.75	Per pound	
Oxidizers	\$1.75	Per pound	
Fluorescent Bulb - 4' & 8'	\$1	Per bulb	
PCB Ballast	\$1.75	Per pound	
Mercury	\$17	Per pound	
Rechargeable Batteries	Free	Small quantities	
Paint Related materials	\$1.75	Per pound	
Flammable Solids	\$10	Per pound	

** There is no fee, with the exception of Latex Based Paint, for any residential customer to bring items to the Regional Collection Center

Sanitary Sewer Fees

Sanitary Sewer Base Charges - Metered Users

Meter Size	Availability Fee	Debt Surcharge	Total Fixed Fee	Reference
5/8" meter	\$4.73	\$17.60	\$22.33	5-51-11
1" meter	\$8.41	\$29.42	\$37.83	5-51-11
1.5" meter	\$15.68	\$58.84	\$75.52	5-51-11
2" meter	\$25.22	\$93.51	\$118.73	5-51-11
3" meter & larger	\$63.04	\$234.29	\$297.33	5-51-11

Sanitary Sewer Usage Charges - Metered Users

Gallons Used	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
0-50,000 gallons	\$0.00527	Per gallon	5-51-11
More than 50,000 gallons	\$0.00474	Per gallon	5-51-11

Sanitary Sewer Usage Charges - Unmetered Users

Gallons Used	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Single Family Dwelling	\$33.86	Per month	5-51-11
Multi-family unit - 1 bedroom	\$28.06	Per month	5-51-11
Multi-family unit - 2 bedrooms	\$33.86	Per month	5-51-11
Businesses - 1 or 2 employees	\$33.86	Per month	5-51-11
Businesses - 3 or more employees	\$51.91	Per month	5-51-11

Sanitary Sewer Usage Charges - Extra Strength Users

Refer to Spencer City Code Title4, Section 4, 11 (5) for charges related to extra strength users and calculation methods.

Solid Waste Fees

Monthly Scheduled Commercial Rates

Service Frequency (M-F)	1 yd Container	2 yd Container	4 yd Container	6 yd Container	8 yd Container	Reference
1 day/week	\$38.75	\$73.63	\$139.50	\$197.63	\$248	5-52-22
2 days/week	\$73.63	\$132.53	\$265.05	\$375.49	\$471.20	5-52-22
3 days/week	\$104.63	\$198.79	\$376.65	\$533.59	\$669.60	5-52-22
4 days/week	\$131.75	\$250.33	\$474.30	\$671.93	\$843.20	5-52-22
5 days/week	\$155	\$294.50	\$558	\$790.50	\$992	5-52-22

Monthly Scheduled Commercial Area - Bag Pick Up (M-F)

Service Frequency	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
1 day/week	\$25.50	Per month	5-52-22
2 days/week	\$34	Per month	5-52-22
3 days/week	\$40	Per month	5-52-22

Unscheduled Commercial / Special Order Dumping Charges

Container Size	Solid Waste	Shingles	Cost Description (Solid Waste / Shingles)	Reference
1 yd container	\$17	--	Per dump / --	5-52-22
2 yd container	\$34	\$75.50	Per dump / per dump	5-52-22
4 yd container	\$68	\$155	Per dump / per dump	5-52-22
6 yd container	\$102	--	Per dump / --	5-52-22
8 yd container	\$136	--	Per dump / --	5-52-22
10 yd roll-off	\$170	\$75 / ton	Per dump / per ton (min. 1 ton)	5-52-22
20 yd roll-off	\$340	\$75 / ton	Per dump / per ton (min. 1 ton)	5-52-22
25 yd roll-off	\$425	--	Per dump / --	5-52-22
30 yd roll-off	\$510	--	Per dump / --	5-52-22
1-Hopper	\$34	--	No ½ hopper	5-52-22

Monthly Scheduled Recycling Commercial Rates

Service Frequency (W&F only)	2 yd Container	4 yd Container	6 yd Container	Reference
1 day/week	\$17.75	\$24.50	\$29	5-52-22
2 days/week	\$33.50	\$42	\$55.25	5-52-22
On-Call	\$12	\$24	\$35.75	5-52-22

Compactor Rates

Container Size	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
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30 yd Container	\$500	Per dump	5-52-22
40 yd Container	\$600	Per dump	5-52-22

Disposal Fees at Transfer Station

Materials	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Construction	\$60	Per ton	5-52-22
Non-Construction	\$60	Per ton	5-52-22
Shingles	\$60	Per ton	5-52-22

** There is a minimum charge of \$5 which covers the first 150 pounds; thereafter the per ton rate applies

Container Rental Fees

Unscheduled Commercial / Special Order containers will incur a rental rate equal to one dump charge if not dumped at least once per month. Dump charge will correspond to appropriate container size.

Residential Fees

Unit	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Single Family Dwelling	\$21.06	Per month	5-52-22
Mobile Homes	\$21.06	Per month	5-52-22
Multi-unit buildings -			
First 12 units	\$21.06	Per unit	5-52-22
Units 13+	\$14.82	Per unit	5-52-22

Special Items

Item		At Transfer Station	Curbside Pickup	Cost Description (At Transfer Station / Curbside)	Reference
Television up to 13"		\$10	\$15	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Television 14"-26"		\$15	\$20	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Television 27" +		\$20	\$25	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Flat Screen Television		\$10	\$15	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Computer Monitor		\$10	\$15	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Misc. E-Waste		\$3	\$8	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Printers		\$5	\$10	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Computer Tower		\$5	\$10	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Garage Door Opener		\$5	\$10	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Propane Tank (20lb)		\$5	\$10	Per item / Per item	5-52-22

Appliance		\$15	\$20	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Piano/Organ		Per ton fee	\$25	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Furniture		Per ton fee	\$12	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Tires -					5-52-22
Car		\$5	\$12	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Small truck/SUV		\$8	\$18	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Lg truck/Semi		\$12	\$22	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Implement		\$12	\$22	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Ex large		\$60	\$70	Per item / Per item	5-52-22
Tires w/ Rim		\$5	\$5	Per item / Per item (in addition to tire disposal fee)	5-52-22

Additional Items

Unit	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Grass	\$2	Per bag; picked up curbside	5-52-22
Leaves	\$2	Per bag; picked up curbside	5-52-22
Brush	\$2	Per bundle; picked up curbside	5-52-22

Miscellaneous Fees

Unit	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Dumpster Delivery Charge	\$25	Per dumpster	5-52-22
Untarped Load	\$10		5-52-22
Scale Only Fee	\$5	Per weigh	5-52-22

Spencer Municipal Golf Course

Season Passes

Fee Description	Full season	After July 15	Cost Description	Reference
Family Pass	\$700	\$450	Members of an immediate family residing at the same residence	
Couple Pass	\$655	\$425	Married couple or two domestic partners residing at same residence	
Single Pass	\$445	\$310	Individual 30+ years old	
Young Adult Pass	\$375	\$260	Individual aged 18 to 29 years old	
Junior Pass	\$75	same	Full time student through college, <23	

Green Fees

Fee Description	Cost	After Sept 23	Cost Description	Reference
9 Hole Green Fee	\$20			
18 Hole Green Fee	\$32			
Green Fee Punch Card	\$260		Allows 18 9-hole rounds of golf	
Play-All-Day Youth Golf	\$15		Through high school age	
Play-All-Day Walking	\$40	\$22		
Play-All-Day with Cart	\$65	\$35		

Rental Fees

Fee Description	9 Holes	18 Holes	Cost Description	Reference
Power Cart Rental	\$12	\$18	per seat	
Pull Cart Rental	Free	Free		
Golf Club Rental	\$10	\$15		
Rental Cart Punch Card	\$170		24 individual 9-hole rounds of golf	
Locker Rental	\$50		Single interior storage, per year	

Cart

Cart Storage Fees

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Gas Cart	\$240	Per year	
Electric Cart	\$265	Per year	

Golf Cart Trail Fees

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Daily	\$10	Per day	
Yearly	\$90	Per year	

Driving Range Fees

Fee Description	Full Season	After July 15	Cost Description	Reference
Family Pass	\$165	\$96.30		
Couple Pass	\$133.75	\$80.25		
Single Pass	\$107	\$64.20		
Junior Pass	\$75	\$50		
Driving Range Balls			\$4 small bag \$6 large bag	

Group Outings

Fee Description	9 Holes	18 Holes	Cost Description	Reference
24 to 48 golfers	\$12	\$17	Per person	
49 to 96 golfers	\$10	\$15	Per person	
97 to 144	\$8	\$12	Per person	
\$145 + golfers	\$7	\$11	Per person	

** These are rates for private group outings held during the golfing season.

Fall Rates

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Play-All-Day Walking	\$22	After September 23	
Play-All-Day with Cart	\$35	After September 23	

Miscellaneous Fees

Fee Description	Cost	Cost Description	Reference
Membership Card Replacement	\$5	Per card	