

# Regular Spencer Historic Preservation Meeting

**Tuesday, May 26, 2026  
4:00 PM  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
101 W. 5th Street  
Spencer, Iowa**

## **Agenda**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Motion Adoption**

- A. Approve Minutes of April 28, 2026

**4. Old Business**

- A. US 250th Celebration

- Cemetery Event/Flag Fest Weekend — June 14 @ Riverside Cemetery 2–4 pm
  - Welcome
    - Tent?
    - Cordless Mic?

- Food
  - Soccer Club?
  - Trash - City

- Mausoleum Tour - Guide
- Cemetery Tour - Lawver
- SIM's Tutorial - Logan (Cemetery Staff)

B.

- Clay County Heritage Center - Spencer History
  - Subcommittee Report - Oechslein

- C.
  - Historic Walking Tour of Spencer - Harmon
    - Review Comments?
    - North Grand Ave - Mary Jean Montgomery Email

- D.
  - Facebook - Roskens/Johannsen
    - Items?

- E.
  - Preserve Iowa Summit - June 2-3, 2026 - Ankeny
    - Reimbursements - Policy Review

## **5. New Business**

- A.
  - SPACE/Art Alliance Update

## **6. Items for Future Agendas**

## **7. Adjourn**

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

April 28, 2026

SPENCER, IOWA

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Spencer met on the 28th day of April 2026, at 4:00 P.M., pursuant to law, adjournment and to the rules of said Commission. The meeting was held in the City Hall Main Conference Room. Chairperson Gude called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. The following Commission Members were present:

Present: Gude, Oechslin, Roskens, Van Gorp, Rose, Howe

Absent: Johannsen

Also in attendance: Building Official Anna Harmon, Planning Director Adam Severson, Main Street Director Nancy Naeve, & Clay County Heritage Director Susan Christiansen

Minutes from the March 24 meeting were approved. M/S Roskens / Oechslin and passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Clay County Heritage Center – Celebrating 175 years Clay County
  - a. Oechslin introduced Susan Christiansen, Interim Executive Director for the Clay County Heritage Center.
  - b. Christiansen said that each community within Clay County is being asked to compile exhibit materials that fit within approximately a 3 x 5 display space. The focus should be foundations of the community with visual and historical content. Target date for the Heritage Center to receive materials will be mid-May.
  
- B. US 250<sup>th</sup> celebration
  - a. Van Gorp reported having done initial coordination with Cemetery Superintendent Ed Lawver for a open house at Riverside Cemetery to take place on Sunday, June 14 from 2-4pm to be held in conjunction with Flag Fest Activities that weekend.
  - b. There will be an initial welcoming presentation that Van Gorp is hoping to have City Manager Kevin Robinson and Mayor Donovan Wunschel participate in. Ed Lawver has agreed to also participate in the opening to welcome the public to the cemetery.
  - c. Once the welcome has happened there will be three initial areas for the public to break down into groups and visit:
    - i. Ed Lawver will lead a tour of cemetery highlights
    - ii. Chris Gude will host a tour of the masoleum
    - iii. Cemetery city staff will provide demonstration of using SIMs software (find a grave)
  
- C. Walking Tour
  - a. Harmon requests that commission members and limited parties review content of the draft walking tours and provide feedback on corrects or modification prior to publishing / releasing the tour information to the public.
  
- D. Preserve Iowa Summit 2026 – June 2-3, 2026 in Ankeny
  - a. Oechslin & Gude reported to have registered for the summit already. Van Gorp has indicated interest & is considering attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. SPACE / Art Alliance Update

- a. Naeve reported that the individuals that will be making repairs to the tile sculpture “The Gathering” at East Leech Park are arriving this evening from Mexico and will be staying for 2 weeks while repairs are made.

B. Other comments:

- a. None

**Next Meeting:** May 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

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Chris Gude, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Adam Severson, Recording Secretary