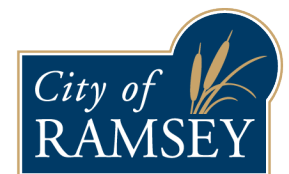




Economic Development

2026 Business Network Breakfast Summary

February 12, 2026



2026 Business Network Breakfast - Photos



2026 BUSINESS NETWORK BREAKFAST – OVERVIEW

- Event: January 28, 2026 at LaFontaine Event Center
- 141 RSVPs received
- Estimated actual attendance: ~100 participants
 - Businesses & 20 city/county staff & elected officials
- Full breakfast buffet with coffee, juice, water
- Chief Bluml presented public safety update
- Dr Theresa Glomb spoke on evidence-based strategies for improving work life / performance
- Follow up survey: 16 respondents and other by word of mouth
- Overall feedback was very positive.
- Attendees particularly noted the value of Chief Bluml's presentation and the Public Safety information shared.

2026 BUSINESS NETWORK BREAKFAST – BUDGET

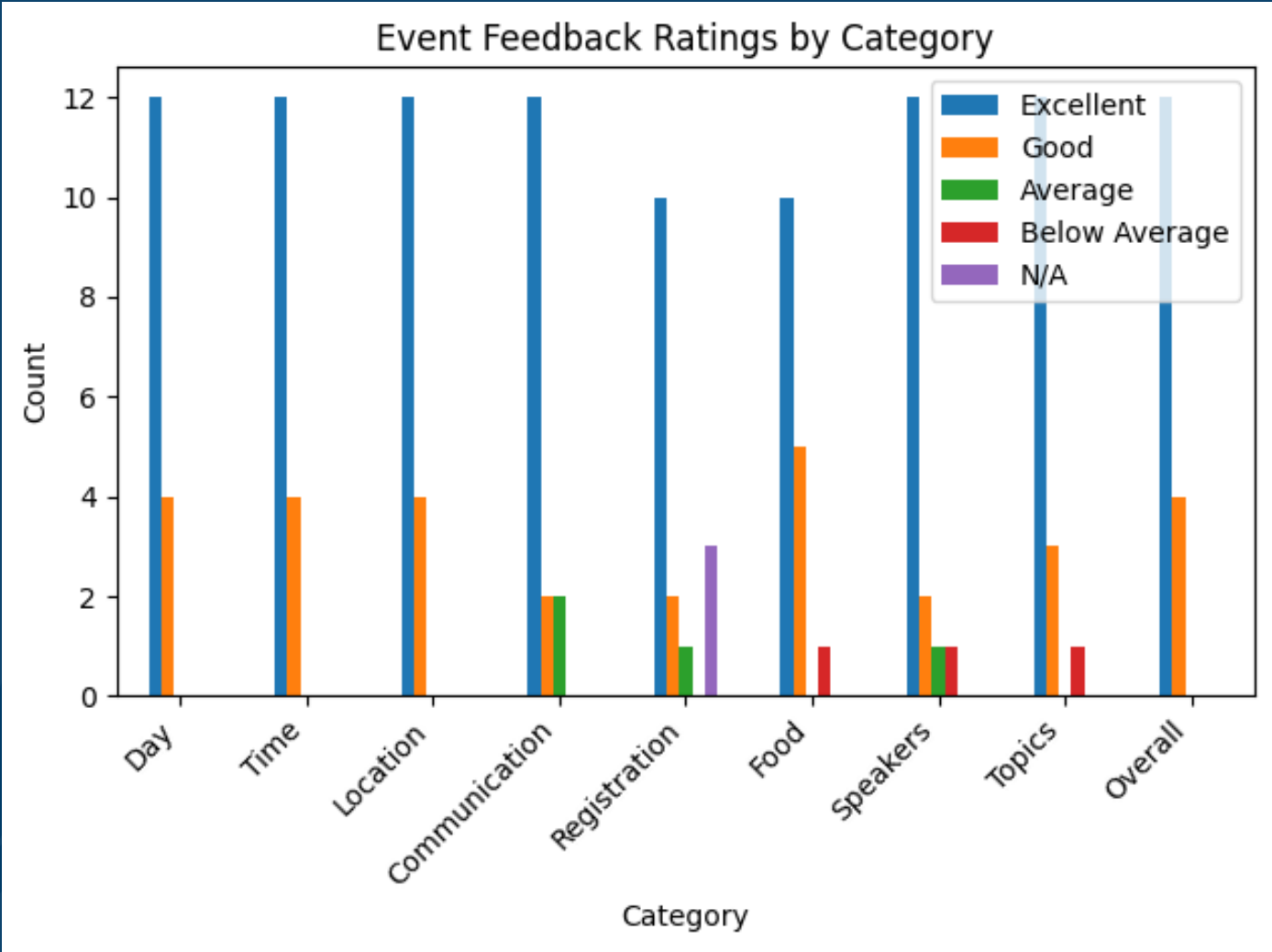
2026 Budget - Business Network Breakfast

Headcount	La Fontaine		La Fontaine		
	130	145	130	145	137
	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2026 Plan</u> <i>Option 1</i>	<u>2026 Plan</u> <i>Updated</i>	<u>2026 Actual</u>
EXPENSES					
Breakfast	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,755.00	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 2,936.25	\$ 2,774.25
Linens (Black)	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 210.00
Coffee (2)		<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>
Bottled Water		<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>
Bottled Juice		<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>
Service Charge	\$ 468.00	\$ 551.00	\$ 494.00	\$ 587.25	\$ 554.51
Sales Tax	\$ 210.44	\$ 223.84	\$ 200.69	\$ 238.57	\$ 225.41
Subtotal	\$ 3,268.44	\$ 3,829.84	\$ 3,464.69	\$ 4,062.07	\$ 3,764.17
Room Rental	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Keynote Speaker Fee		\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Misc		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ 6,829.84	\$ 3,964.69	\$ 7,062.07	\$ 6,764.17
REVENUES					
EDA Allocation	\$4,000	\$6,500	\$4,000	\$6,500	\$6,500
BALANCE	\$ 231.56	\$ (329.84)	\$ 35.31	\$ (562.07)	\$ (264.17)

Menu: scrambled eggs / cheese, bacon, sausage, ham, cheesy potatoes, fruit platters, coffee, orange juice, water

Quote includes china, linens, set up & clean up

2026 BUSINESS NETWORK BREAKFAST – FEEDBACK



2026 BUSINESS NETWORK BREAKFAST – FEEDBACK

- Allow more time for networking/mingling
- Shorten the main speaker's time; several attendees felt presentations ran too long.
- Open doors earlier and start presentations on time
- Some topics felt outdated
- Strong appreciation for updates from Police Chief Bluml — attendees want this to continue.
- Interest in hearing updates from the Fire Department as well.
- Venue was too cold
- Coffee ran out too early
- Food quality was mediocre; some items were not hot and appeared undercooked.
- Overall Impression: Event is consistently well planned and well attended.
- Overall speaker quality was very high; keynote speaker received strong praise (engaging, thoughtful, practical, inspiring).
- Overall ratings were excellent, with high appreciation for the effort, organization, and speaker quality.

2027 BUSINESS NETWORK BREAKFAST

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS & INPUT

- Select LaFontaine Event Center as venue
- January or early February 2027
- Allocate \$6,500 for event
- Doors open 7:30 if keynote, 7:45 if no keynote
- Start buffet line in back (to not cover stage)
- Start on time
- More coffee – Multiple pots
- Order less food (budget for 120)

Future Event Topics (as suggested by attendees):

- Social media marketing strategies
- Police or Fire updates
- Environmental issues pertaining to businesses
- City signage opportunities
- City Updates

2027 BUSINESS NETWORK BREAKFAST – BUDGET

2027 Proposed Budget - Business Network Breakfast

	<i>La Fontaine</i>			
	<i>130</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>120</i>
<i>Headcount</i>	<u>2026 Plan</u>	<u>2026 Plan</u>	<u>2026 Actual</u>	<u>2027 Proposed</u>
EXPENSES	<i>Option 1</i>	<i>Updated</i>		
Breakfast	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 2,936.25	\$ 2,774.25	\$ 2,430.00
Linens (Black)	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00
Coffee (2)	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>
Bottled Water	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>
Bottled Juice	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>	<i>included</i>
Service Charge	\$ 494.00	\$ 587.25	\$ 554.51	\$ 554.51
Sales Tax	\$ 200.69	\$ 238.57	\$ 225.41	\$ 225.41
Subtotal	\$ 3,464.69	\$ 4,062.07	\$ 3,764.17	\$ 3,419.92
Room Rental	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Keynote Speaker Fee	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Misc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 3,964.69	\$ 7,062.07	\$ 6,764.17	\$ 6,419.92
REVENUES				
EDA Allocation	\$4,000	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
BALANCE	\$ 35.31	\$ (562.07)	\$ (264.17)	\$ 80.08

EDA ACTIONS

1. Motion to select La Fontaine Event Center as the venue with a date of late January/early February 2027.

and

2. Motion to Adopt 2027 Business Network Meeting Budget of \$6,500.