

Minutes
City Council
Monday, July 14th, 2025
5 pm

The meeting opened with the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pitzl called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with council members Chad Altermatt, Amanda Guetter, Roger Baumann, and Mike Remiger present.

Also present were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Brandon Baune, Engineer Matt Miller, Pat Eichten, Nathan Jacobson and Joe Kemp.

EDA Update – Mr. Eichten provided the EDA update. He noted that they approved a new loan to Blake Haase to purchase Ruprecht's Meat Markets. He also noted that some ground was made on past due RLF payments.

Public Comment – Joe Kemp and Nathan Jacobson – Mr. Kemp and Mr. Jacobson asked to speak to the council about the plans for football field upgrades, specifically the new lights. They acknowledged the council's decision at the special meeting on June 27th which gave ISD 640 the right to apply for credit for the proposed light upgrade. Mr. Kemp noted that, as the field is owned by the city, he felt that the city should be the owner of the lease and asked the city to motion to apply for a lease. Motion by Guetter, second by Altermatt to approve the city to apply for credit, with the intention enter into a lease with MUSCO Lighting for new lights at the football field, pending approval of the lease by the council.

Pitzl – yes; Guetter – yes; Altermatt – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

Engineering Report – Mr. Miller provided the engineering report which included the following items:

1. **Sanitary Sewer System** – Mr. Miller noted the following items:
 - a. Concrete complete
 - b. Blacktop started
 - c. Patching and alley work to begin soon
 - d. All paving to be completed before August 1st (125th Celebration)
 - e. Extra Money – Mr. Miller noted that the project was coming under budget and additional grant money will be available. He spoke about options to spend this money on related items and will speak with Mr. Jenniges, Mr. Baune and Mr. Remiger on these options and will bring further information to the council at next month's meeting.
 - f. Mr. Miller noted that Pay Estimate 10 could be found on consent agenda and the council could let him know if they had any questions.

2. **Water Treatment Plant and New Well Project** – Mr. Miller noted that limited work has been complete on the water project as contractors were waiting on supplies.

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator – Mr. Baune provided the CTA Report which included the following items:

1. **125th Celebration Progress** – Mr. Baune provided the council with marketing materials for the 125th and noted that things were coming along nicely.
2. **Audit** – Mr. Baune noted that the audit was nearly complete and would work with them on a date for a special meeting to review.

Street Report – Mr. Baune provided a street report, which included the following items:

1. **Curb and Crosswalk Painting** – It was noted that Mr. Jenniges would like to hold off on curb and crosswalk painting until all street repairs were complete. Mr. Baune noted that this could mean that it is not complete for the 125th. It was the consensus of the council to have Mr. Jenniges have curbs and crosswalks painted before the 125th, and fix any afterwards as it is important for the safety of people in town as well as the appearance of the city.
2. **Curb & Gutter Quote** – Mr. Baune presented a quote from Frericks Construction for curb and gutter work in the amount of \$4,600. He noted that this would come from the streets budget. Motion by Remiger, second by Altermatt to approve the quote from Frericks Construction in the amount of \$4,600 to fix selected curb and gutters in town. Pitzl – yes; Guetter – yes; Altermatt – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes
3. **M & R Paving Quote** – Mr. Baune also provided the council with a quote from M. R. Paving in the amount of \$31,425 for street patching. He noted that the patching on Barr Street for \$9,725 of the quote is expected to be covered under the project. The remainder of the bill will be covered under the project. Motion by Altermatt, second by Remiger to approve the quote from M & R Paving in the amount of \$31,425 for street patching. Pitzl – yes; Guetter – yes; Altermatt – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

Water/Wastewater Report – Mr. Baune provided the water/wastewater report, which included the following items.

1. **Well #1** – Mr. Jenniges has noticed recently that well #1 is pumping some sand. However, this well is being decommissioned once the new well is in place.
2. **Lead/Copper Sampling** – Mr. Jenniges has begun the next round of lead/copper sampling.

Parks Report – Mr. Baune asked if there was an update on the athletic field parking lot project. The council requested that the fencing be taken down ASAP. Mr. Remiger also noted that he has spoken with Mr. Bergstrom about the possibility of selling the city a small piece of his property which would provide a way in and a way out of the new proposed parking lot.

Fenger Landscaping Quote – Mr. Baune provided a Fenger Landscaping Quote in the amount of \$3,290 to re-do the landscaping in the front and South side of the community center. Motion by Altermatt, second by Remiger to approve the quote from Fenger Landscaping in the amount of \$3,290.

Consent Agenda - Motion by Guetter, second by Baumann to approve consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Council Minutes – June 9th and June 27th, 2025
2. Approve Pay Estimate #10 to M.R. Paving in the amount of \$371,907
3. Approve the Application for Gambling License for St. Anne School for event running July 15th through August 20th
4. Approve the Application for Fireworks on Saturday, August 2nd for the City 125th Celebration
5. Approve the following Street Closures
 - a. 125th Committee – May Street on 8/2 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - b. 125th Committee – Dewey Street on 8/2 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - c. 125th Committee parade route
6. Approve Building Permti for Tyler Maertens at 773 Main Street
Pitzl – yes; Guetter – yes; Altermatt – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

Other Miscellaneous Items – After approval of the consent agenda and prior to approval of the bills, several miscellaneous items were discussed. They are as follows.

1. **Tree removal at Community Center** – The council requested that the city remove the tree in the Northeast corner of the community center before landscapers get to that point.
2. **Tree removal at ballfield** – The council requested that the city remove the dead evergreen tree at the ballfields prior to the 125th celebration.
3. **Concession Stand** – It was noted that the molding around the bottom of the walls in the concession stand was not sticking very well. The council requested to have this fixed prior to the 125th celebration.
4. **Toiletries at Ballfields** – The council requested that the city discuss and implement a plan to make sure that toiletries either do not run out during events at the ballparks or make sure that additional supplies are available and those working can access these supplies if they need to be filled during events.
5. **Hydrant Flushing** – The council noted that additional hydrant flushing should be done.

City Bills – Motion by Guetter, second by Remiger to approve the bills as follows:

General Checking

101 General Fund	\$47,300.76
225 Fire	\$2,158.16
230 Ambulance	\$8,331.38
320 USDA RD Sewer Rehab	\$17,347.50
405 2017A Tax Abatement	\$4,603.50
601 Water	\$33,778.48
602 Sewer	\$12,490.12
603 Refuse (Garbage) Fund	\$6,049.37
604 Stormwater Utility	<u>\$2,352.50</u>
Total Checks	\$134,411.77

Pitzl – yes; Guetter – yes; Altermatt – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

Motion by Guetter, second by Baumann to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Pitzl – yes; Guetter – yes; Altermatt – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

Brandon Baune
Clerk/Treasurer Administrator

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