

Minutes
City Council
Monday, August 11th, 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 Amanda Guetter, Roger Baumann, and Mike Remiger present.

Also present were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Brandon Baune, Engineer Matt Miller, Jon Fulton and Joe Kemp.

EDA Update – Mr. Baune provided a brief update, noting that the EDA meets on Wednesday the 13th and has not had a meeting since the last update. He noted some gains past due payments.

Football Field Light Purchase and Lease Agreement – Mr. Kemp and Mr. Fulton gave a quick introduction where things stand with the football field upgrades, noting that they had sent Mr. Baune some answers to the Council's questions, but would be happy to answer any outstanding questions. It was noted by Mr. Novak that running the lease through the school should be no issue. It was also noted that the Baseball Field lease ran through the city, and it might make sense to do that here as well. Motion by Guetter, second by Remiger to approve the purchase agreement with MUSCO in the amount of \$158,281 for the purchase of new lighting at the football field.

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

Motion by Guetter, second by Remiger to approve the lease agreement with KS State Bank, including Resolution 08-2025 for financing of the MUSCO lights, with signed agreement by the school accepting responsibility for reimbursing the City for the entirety of the payments.

Pitzl – yes; Guetter – 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. Paving complete
 - b. Topsoil and other prep for permanent seeding currently happening
 - c. Questions about easement obtained from Bergstroms by the city. It was the consensus of the council for Mr. Baune and Mr. Novak to find a copy of the easement and work with engineers and Bergstroms on this issue.
 - d. Mr. Miller noted that Pay Estimate 11 could be found on consent agenda and the council could let him know if they had any questions.
 - e. **Certificate of Substantial Completion** – Mr. Miller noted that the project has his the point of substantial completion. He explained exactly what that means, and noted that the 1-year warranty would begin immediately. There will be a full walk-through soon

with items of concern noted. There would then be another walk-through shortly before the 1-year mark, and these and other areas of concern from the city would need to be remedied.

- f. Additional Items Added to Project** – Mr. Miller noted that the city is expected to have quite a bit of grant funds remaining after all expected expenses are paid for. He noted possible uses for these funds, including a new blower at the sewer plant which recently failed. He also spoke about the possibility of generator(s) and other items of relevance that may be added to the project.

Motion by Remiger, seconded by Guetter to approve quote from Quality Flow in the amount of \$31,125 for the new blower, understanding that the dollar amount may change once M.R. Paving goes through the process of getting it included into the project, with the intend that project funds will ultimately cover the entire cost.

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

- 2. Water Treatment Plant and New Well Project** – Mr. Miller noted work is expected to ramp up next week inside the plant. He also noted that there was a construction meeting was scheduled for later in the week which should give the city a better picture of the timeline on the project, including when the plant will go offline and for how long.

a. Resolution 07-2025 GO Bond 2025C – Motion by Baumann, second by Guetter to approve resolution 07-2025 GO Bond 2025C in the amount of \$830,000 to be paid over the next 20 years.

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

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

- 1. Budget** – Mr. Baune noted that budget preparation had begun. He also noted that we the council would need to set a special meeting to approve the preliminary budget and tax levy on or before September 30th. Mr. Baune recommended that a special meeting be set on Monday, September 29th. It was a consensus of the council to formally set this date at the September meeting but agreed this date would work for everyone.
- 2. LINC Redwood County** – Mr. Baune noted that he had applied and had been accepted into the LINC Redwood County program for the 2025-2026 calendar year. He noted that this commitment would take him out of the office every second Tuesday of the month from September through May. It was the consensus of the council to support Mr. Baune with his membership into LINC and agreed that he decide what worked best for the office on those days, asking that he simply let the council know what he decided.
- 3. City 125th Celebration** – The council wanted to thank Mr. Baune and the entire 125th committee on a successful 125th celebration, noting that they had many positive comments on the weekend's events. Mr. Baune thanks the council for the kind words and noted that he had a great group to work with.

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

1. Patching complete – Will continue painting
2. Brian Frericks is working on replacement of curb and gutter approved at last month's meeting

Additional Miscellaneous Items - Other items noted by the council at this point in the meeting are as follows:

1. **Flushing** – A complete flushing wasn't completed this spring but needs to be before the water system goes offline. A few residents have reported a difference in their water as of recent.
2. **Fencing at Ballfields for Parking Lot Project** – The council requested that staff begin working on ASAP and asked to have the fencing removed by Friday.
3. **Crosswalks and Curb Painting** – The council requested that all painting, including the handicapped spots, be completed before school starts on the 26th of August.
4. **Street Valves** – The council noted that valves may not have been worked recently and should, so they do not become sticky
5. **Baseboard in Concession Stand** – Council noted that this has been loose for some time and asked that it be fixed.

At the council's request, Mr. Baune noted that he would give them an update on Friday on the progress of these and other items and would also provide more regular updates going forward.

Water/Wastewater Report –Mr. Baune provided a brief update, including the following:

1. **Agreement for Services with People Service** – Mr. Novak noted concerns with the way the contract was written, recommending that the council refrain from acting as currently written. Mr. Baune will work with Mr. Novak on items of concern and will work with People Service to fix these items, with a new draft to be ready for the council at the next meeting.

Parks Report – Mr. Baune provided a brief update. It was reiterated by the council that the fence needed to be down before end-of-week.

Consent Agenda – It was noted that there were questions and likely issues with the building permit for Eric Maasch at 1163 Dewey Street that would prevent the permit from being approvable as written and was removed from the consent agenda for further investigation by Mr. Baune.

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

1. Approve Council Minutes – July 14th and July 30th, 2025
2. Approve Pay Estimate #11 to M.R. Paving in the amount of \$707,051.09
3. Approve the Application for Gambling License for St. Anne School for Bingo on September 28th
4. Approve the Application for 3.2 Beer Liquor License for St. Annes School on September 28th
5. Approving the following Building Permits:
 - a. Brian and Linda Baune – 714 Main Street
 - b. Zachary Turbes – 1376 May Street
 - c. Cindy Harrington – 1837 Barr Street

d. Israel Ramos – 375 June Street

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

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

General Checking

101 General Fund	\$41,551.72
225 Fire	\$1,238.25
230 Ambulance	\$1,917.60
320 USDA RD Sewer Rehab	\$4,316.50
601 Water	\$8,103.01
602 Sewer	\$5,813.45
604 Stormwater Utility	<u>\$36.07</u>
Total Checks	\$62,976.60

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

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

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

Brandon Baune

Clerk/Treasurer Administrator