

Minutes
City Council
Monday, September 8th, 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 Roger Baumann and Mike Remiger present.

Also present were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Brandon Baune, Engineer Matt Miller, and Pat Eichten

EDA Update – Mr. Eichten provided the EDA update. He noted that options for helping daycares were still being discussed. He also noted that the EDA is reviewing options for building a duplex with new developments.

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

1. **Sanitary Sewer System** – Mr. Miller noted the following items:
 - a. **Seeding Issues** – Mr. Miller noted issues with the seeding company, noting that they threatened to leave the jobsite permanently. They got back on-site Saturday with the intent on finishing prior to the seeding window closing on the 20th of September.
 - b. **Change Order 2** – Mr. Miller noted that change order #2 pertains the blower. The change order will not move the due dates on other items such as seeding. Motion by Remiger, second by Baumann to approve Change Order 2 contingent on approval by Rural Development.
Pitzl – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger – yes.
 - c. **Amendment #1 to the Owner Engineers Agreement** – It was agreed to wait on this until there was more clarity on the additional with remaining grant funds.
2. **Water Treatment Plant and New Well Project** – Mr. Miller noted that contractors are still waiting on materials. There is no definitive timeframe for the water plant going offline.

The meeting was closed at 5:52 p.m. for legal advice.

The meeting was reopened at 6:05 p.m.

Curfew Ordinance – Mr. Novak presented the idea of the city adding a curfew ordinance. He noted seeing young children out at night well past dark. Additionally, the city has also received similar complaints. It was the consensus of the council to have an ordinance drafted for next month's meeting.

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

1. **LINC Redwood County** – Mr. Baune reminded the council that he would be out on Tuesday, September 9th for LINC Redwood County training and that the office would be closed in the afternoon.

Street Report – Mr. Baune provided a brief street update where he noted that the remaining curb painting will be completed within a week or so.

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

1. **Flushing** – Mr. Jenniges began flushing and will continue until complete.
2. **Lead/Copper Results** – Mr. Baune noted that the city passed their lead/copper test again. With the recent positive results, the city can now test less often.

2025 Budget – Mr. Baune noted that he was working on the first-draft budget and recommended that a special meeting be scheduled to discuss. Additionally, he recommended another meeting before the 30th to approve our preliminary levy and set the Truth-in-Taxation hearing in December. It was the consensus of the council to hold a meeting on the 22nd and 29th of September.

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

1. **Curb Painting at Public School** – It was noted that this was still needed.
2. **Phones** – The council asked that Mr. Baune look research pricing for the city to provide city employees with phones, rather than giving them a stipend.
3. **Landscaping at Firehall** – It was noted that the dirt and rock piles too high along the firehall has results in water getting in with heavy rainfall. Public Works department to level that out.
4. **Outlets in Community Center** – It was noted that the 220 outlets in the community center were not working properly during the ambulance fundraiser. Call an electrician to have these fixed.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Baumann, second by Remiger to approve consent agenda as follows:

1. Approve Council Minutes – August 11th, 2025
2. Approve Pay Estimate #12 to M.R. Paving in the amount of \$39,976.72.
3. Approve the Application for Road Closure for the Wabasso High School Homecoming Parade on September 27th.
4. Approve the Estimate from Wabasso Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$3,494.13 for a dehumidifier in the Fire Hall

Pitzl – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

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

101 General Fund	\$77,361.27
225 Fire	\$518.41
230 Ambulance	\$6,194.23
320 USDA RD Sewer Rehab	\$36,113.00
601 Water	\$57,447.69
602 Sewer	\$9,164.22
604 Stormwater Utility	<u>\$3,149.21</u>
Total Checks	\$189,948.03

Pitzl – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with a motion by Remiger and second by Baumann.

Pitzl – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

Brandon Baune

Clerk/Treasurer Administrator