

Minutes
City Council
Monday, October 13th, 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, Pat Eichten and Matt Novak.

EDA Update – Mr. Eichten provided the EDA update. He noted that further work was done on the viability of options they are reviewing to construct a duplex. He also noted that the EDA was applying for grant to support daycares. Lastly, he noted that they had a verbal agreement to sell an EDA Lot.

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

- 1. Sanitary Sewer System** – Mr. Miller noted the following items:
 - a. General Update** – Mr. Miller noted that seeding was complete as of the 17th of September and other small punch list items remain.
 - b. Pay Estimate 13** – Mr. Miller provided a summary of items in Pay Estimate #13 and noted that it was in the consent agenda.
 - c. Liquidated Damages** – Mr. Miller noted that liquidated damages automatically began and ran for the 17 days that the project went beyond the contracted timeline. It was also noted that M.R. Paving had not signed Change Order No. 2 to replace the pump at the Sewer Plant. The council weighed their options and the consequences of those actions. Motion by Remiger, second by Baumann to waive liquidated damages in the amount of \$42,500 to M.R. Paving incurred by running over the deadline on the Sewer Rehab Project.
Pitzl – yes; Guetter – no; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes
 - d. Amendment #1 to Owner-Engineer Contract** – Mr. Miller presented an updated Owner-Engineer Contract from the one found in the packet. He explained the main reason for updated contract was due to time spent on engineers for plans with the additional funds. Additionally, he spent time discussing these projects. Motion by Guetter, second by Baumann to approve Amendment #1 to the Owner-Engineer contract with Bolton & Menk for the Sewer Rehab Project.
Pitzl – yes; Guetter – yes, Baumann – yes, Remiger - yes
 - e. Bergstrom’s Proposal for Restoration** – Mr. Baune explained the proposed idea by Bergstrom’s. He read part of the Easement the city obtained from Bergstromg’s, including the obligations of the city. Motion by Guetter, second by Remiger to approve payment to Bergstrom’s or directly to the Redwood Falls Nursery in the

amount of \$4,827.58, contingent on signed recordable agreement of satisfaction by Bergstrom's.

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

- 2. Water Treatment Plant and New Well Project** – Mr. Miller noted that contractors are still waiting on most materials. He also noted that the new pump should be installed in the next week or so. Lastly, he noted that Pay Estimate #2 was in the consent agenda.

Parks Report – Mr. Baune provided the parks report which included the following:

- 1. Ballfield Lights** – It was noted that the old ballfield lights were laying on the ground and should be elevated to preserve them. Mr. Baune will reach out to Joe Kemp on this issue.
- 2. Snow Fence** – It was noted that the snow fence at the park had fallen again and that the city needed to reach out to make sure it is put back up.

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, October 14th for LINC Redwood County training and that the office would be closed in the afternoon.
- 2. Phones** – Mr. Baune also noted that he had spoken with Verizon about the cost of phones for city employees and would have more information at the next meeting.

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

- 1. Sweeping**- Fall Street sweeping has been done once and will be done again soon.
- 2. Burn Permit** – Mr. Remiger questioned the city's process for burning at the compost site. He noted that in the past the city would let the county know when they are burning. He also believed that the city obtained a permit that needed to be updated periodically. Mr. Baune to review this process with Mr. Jenniges as well as contact the county. Additionally, it was noted by Mr. Novak that the ordinance does not specify the right for the city to burn. This will be updated and presented at a future meeting.
- 3. Gate at Compost Site** – It was noted that people have been observed taking dirt from the pile at the compost site. It was noted that they may have received approval, but it was a consensus of the council to close and lock the gate outside of business hours. It was also recommended that the city consider charging for dirt going forward.

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

- 1. Flushing** – It was noted that hydrant flushed had been completed.
- 2. Jim Class C Wastewater License** – It was noted that Mr. Jenniges did not pass his Class C Wastewater Exam. It is believed that he can take the exam again in February. It was recommended that Mr. Baune review Mr. Jenniges' employment contract to see if there was a date he needed to have this license. Also, it was the consensus of the council to investigate any and all avenues to assist Mr. Jenniges in passing the exam the next time he takes it. Lastly, the council suggested that Mr. Baune investigate other options beyond People Service until Jim passes his exam.

Curfew Ordinance – The council reviewed the draft curfew ordinance, noting that as simple but effective. The ordinance will be ready for approval at the next council meeting.

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

1. Approve Council Minutes – September 8th, 22nd, and 29th.
2. Approve Pay Estimate #13 to M.R. Paving in the amount of \$483,457.79.
3. Approve Pay Estimate #2 to Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$10,400.25
4. Approve the Application for Road Closure for the Wabasso Area Commercial Club for Winterfest on December 5th, 2025 to close Oak Street.
5. Approve the Application for Road Closure for the Wabasso Area Commercial Club for Winterfest on December 5th, 2025 to close Main Street.
6. Approve building permits for the following:
 - a. Mike Greenlee – 772 Main Street
 - b. Dean and Jenny Zollner – 777 Main Street

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

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

General Checking

101 General Fund	\$47,055.96
225 Fire	\$1,328.63
230 Ambulance	\$8,470.71
320 USDA RD Sewer Rehab	\$11,994.00
601 Water	\$13,202.51
602 Sewer	\$10,203.11
603 Refuse (Garbage) Fund	<u>\$6,362.03</u>
Total Checks	\$98,616.95

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

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

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

Brandon Baune
Clerk/Treasurer Administrator