

Minutes
City Council
Monday, February 9th, 2026
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, Chad Altermatt, Roger Baumann and Mike Remiger present.

Also present were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Brandon Baune, Engineer Matt Miller and EDA President Patt Eichten.

EDA Update – Mr. Eichten provided the EDA update, which included the following:

1. Duplex – The EDA continues to look at options for a duplex, having reviewed a company that produces modular homes and planning to speak with a financing company.
2. Childcare Grant - More work will be done on childcare grants. Money has not been received for the grant yet, so the clock has not begun on the 1-year limit to spend the grant.
3. 5-Plex – The tenant in unit #5 will be moving out. Mr. Baune is working on replacing that tenant, as well as upgrading the unit before they move in.
4. Roadhouse Loan – The three RLF Loans for the Roadhouse are being consolidated into 1. This will help them save almost 50% on the amount they are currently paying on a monthly payment.

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

1. **Sanitary Sewer Project** – The following items were discussed:
 - a. **Miscellaneous Closeout** – Final forms have been received, so the city may process final payment to M.R. Paving.
 - b. **Generator Improvements Update** – Design is about 75% done. Specs will be completed next. Mr. Miller also reminded the council of additional uses for the funds such as leaky pipes and bad taps.
2. **Water Treatment Plant and New Well Project Updates** – The following items were discussed:
 - a. **General Update** – Materials are coming in slowly and they are hoping to begin work in the plant in a month or so. It was noted that a new letter to residents would be sent out before work begins that affects water quality.
 - b. **Partial Pay Estimate #4/Request #6** – Partial Pay Estimate #4 was originally found on the consent agenda, but an update was made to it to include Draw #6, so council decided to remove it from the consent agenda from a Motion by Guetter and a second by Altermatt.
Pitzl – yes; Guetter – yes, Altermatt – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes
Motion by Guetter, second by Altermatt to approve Partial Pay Estimate #4/Request #6 in the amount of \$241,458.65 to Rubin Construction, LLC and

Bolton and Menk, LLC, contingent on first seeing pictures for proof that materials are where they say they are.

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

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

1. **LINC Redwood County/Office Closure** – Mr. Baune reminded the council Tuesday was LINC, so he had planned to close the office in the afternoon. However, Michelle was out sick that day and wasn't sure if she would be in Tuesday. If that is the case, the office will be closed all day.
2. **End-of-Year Items** – Mr. Baune noted that he had requested off for vacation in the consent agenda. The vacation request was from the 18th through the 25th. Payroll would be completed on Tuesday before he leaves, and Michelle was learning how to process the automatic payments. He noted that he and Michelle needed to chat further about office hours while he is gone and will let the council know at the next meeting.

Parks Report – The following was discussed regarding parks:

1. **Baseball Field Expense for New Roof for Grandstands** – Mr. Baune noted that he did some analyzing of the budget and felt that there was room for the city to help with associated expenses. He also noted that it was difficult to predict future expenses this early in the year. Motion was made by Remiger, second by Baumann to provide for up to \$10,000 in expenses toward the new roof on the grandstand at the baseball field.
Pitzl – yes; Guetter – yes, Altermatt – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

Street Report – Mr. Baune noted that he and Mr. Jenniges did not have a significant update this month. Mr. Remiger noted that the guys have been doing a nice job with snow removal and that residents have said the same thing. Mr. Remiger also noted that the minutes reflected that the city's charge for snow pile removal was \$75/load, not per hour.

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

1. **4th Quarter People Service Water Report** – Mr. Baune noted that the 4th quarter report was included in the packet. Nothing of significance to note from the report.
2. **Jim's Class C Wastewater Prep Class and Exam** – Mr. Baune noted that since Mr. Jenniges left the training early due to a family emergency, they were looking into whether they could get a refund or if it could be used for a future training and exam. They were working to get Mr. Jenniges into the next available class and exam.

St. Anne's Alley/Resolution 3-2026 – Mr. Novak provided an update to the council, including the steps that needed to be taken and the timeline. He noted that materials were provided to the council prior to the meeting. First, they were provided with a resolution to set a public hearing on vacating the alley. Also provided was a Notice of Public Hearing which Mr. Baune will publish in the paper and send to all residents, required by law. Motion was made by Altermatt, second by Remiger to approve Resolution #3-2026 – Setting a Public Hearing on a Street Vacation.

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

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

1. Approve Council Minutes – January 12th, 2026
2. Approve Off-Sale Liquor License for Highway 68 Off-Sale/Brian Baune.
3. Approve Clerk’s Vacation

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

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

General Checking

101 General Fund	\$25,026.51
225 Fire	\$7,585.45
230 Ambulance	\$6,659.75
320 USDA Sewer Rehab	\$8,746.50
601 Water	\$11,463.30
602 Sewer	\$5,549.18
603 Refuse (Garbage) Fund	\$76.16
604 Stormwater Utility	<u>\$76.15</u>
Total Checks	\$65,183.00

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. with a motion by Guetter and second by Baumann.

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

Brandon Baune
Clerk/Treasurer Administrator