

Minutes  
City Council  
Monday, March 9th, 2026  
5 pm

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

Mayor Pitzl called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. with council members 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 spoke with a financing company and continue to work toward development of a duplex.
2. Childcare Grant – The EDA reviewed the Childcare Grant Application and Grant Overview. McKenzie Taylor of RADC to make modifications and send to Bradon to assist with distributing materials and conducting outreach.
3. 5-Plex – A new tenant has been found and the apartment is being updated. New Tenant to move in around May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

1. **Sanitary Sewer Project** – The following items were discussed:
  - a. **Generator Improvements Update** – Mr. Miller noted that plans for the new generators were included in the packet. As a reminder, this is being done with leftover money from the sewer project. These plans and discussions include a generator and tanks that will be placed near the water treatment plant. A tank is needed for the generator as well as the heater that will heat the water plant. It was noted that a line would be trenched from the generator to lift station #2 to power it. It was noted that the project would need to be bid and project completion date would be 400 days from award. Mr. Novak also noted that a new easement should be completed; however, outside council would be needed as it would be a conflict of interest due to the fact that the lift station and panel is on an easement on his property.
2. **Water Treatment Plant and New Well Project Updates** – The following items were discussed:
  - a. **General Update** – It was noted that work was set to begin again in the next couple of weeks. Also, a new letter went out to residents like the one that went out at the beginning on the project.
  - b. **Draw Request #7** – It was noted that Draw Request #7 was in the consent agenda.

**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.
2. **Brandon's Vacation** – Mr. Baune noted that he and Michelle discussed plans for the office while he was out. Michelle was able to pick up some hours while he was out, and the office would be closed for the remainder of the time. He noted that he could be reached via phone if anything happened while he was out.

**Parks Report** – The following was discussed regarding parks:

1. **Baseball Association Contract** – Mr. Novak gave a short presentation on the contract, which was included in the packet. He noted a couple of the changes that the Baseball Association was asking for. The council approved additional language in the contract regarding the checklist for bid requirements; however, they did not approve to remove the Softball Association and the Lions from the contract. Mr. Novak to follow up with the Baseball Association on these changes to finalize the agreement.
2. **St. Anne's Park Equipment** – It was noted that St. Anne's will likely not reuse the park equipment that they are required to remove for the new school and they were wondering if the city had interest in repurposing. It was a consensus of the council that they had interest in doing some, but more information was needed.

**Street Report** – Mr. Baune noted that he did not have a street update. Mike Remiger noted that alley blading should be done as soon as the alley is fit. He and the council also noted that recent snow plowing was done well and in a timely manner.

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

1. **Jim's Class C Wastewater Prep Class and Exam** – Mr. Baune noted that since Mr. Jenniges was working on rescheduling his Class C exam. He has a message out to better understand when he can take the exam next. The council asked that Mr. Baune also reach out. The council was also concerned about penalties for not passing the exam a certain number of times. They also wanted Mr. Jenniges to investigate whether he received the questions that he did not get right in the allotted amount of time.

**Other Miscellaneous Items** –

1. **Garbage Containers** – It was noted that conversations were had about doing away with the drive-by option for garbage and anyone currently labeled as a drive-by should be switched to a 35-gallon cart and charged accordingly.
2. **Sidewalks** – It was noted that sidewalks downtown need to be examined and fixes put in place for the particularly bad areas. Mr. Baune was instructed to have Mr. Jenniges work on this.
3. **Duke and Diane Bergstrom Easement** – It was noted that this was ready.

4. Minnesota Flag – Mr. Baumann brought up that he believed the council made a motion to fly the old Minnesota flag. Mr. Baune was directed to investigate this. It was noted that if nothing official was found a resolution on this matter would be ready for the council at the next regular meeting.
5. To-do List – It was noted that a comprehensive list would be made of all Public Works items. Mr. Remiger noted that he had a good start on a list that could be added to internal lists. Mr. Baune to work on this with staff.

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

1. Approve Council Minutes – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  2. Approve Draw #7 to Bolton and Menk in the amount of \$2,325.00
  3. Approve Auditing Agreement with Kinner & Co. to conduct 2025 Audit
  4. Approve Building Permit for Meadowland Farmers Coop for construction of new bin
  5. Approve Building Permit for St. Anne’s School for construction of new school
- Pitzl – yes; Altermatt – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

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

General Checking

101 General Fund	\$13,984.16
225 Fire	\$852.24
230 Ambulance	\$5,898.90
320 USDA Sewer Rehab	\$5,600.50
601 Water	\$7,810.15
602 Sewer	\$5,857.64
603 Refuse (Garbage) Fund	<u>\$2,908.30</u>
Total Checks	\$42,911.89

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. with a motion by Altermatt and second by Remiger.

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

Brandon Baune

Clerk/Treasurer Administrator