



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

6:00 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Spooner at 6:00 pm. Councilors in attendance included Mandy Barnes, Adama Doumbouya, Royal Ross, John Rowan and Peter van Sluis and Chuck Thiele. Also in attendance were City Administrator Jessica Kinser, City Clerk Heather Slechta, Library Services Director Delane James, Parks and Recreation Director Rochelle Anderholm-Parsh, Community and Economic Development Director David Wanberg, Fire Chief Dustin Dienst and Police Chief John Sherwin.

Approve Agenda

Motion by van Sluis, seconded by Thiele to approve the agenda as presented and carried unanimously.

Presentations/Introductions – None

Approve Minutes of June 24, 2025, City Council meeting, July 1, 2025, Special City Council meeting, and the July 1, 2025, Special City Council meeting- Closed Session

Motion by Ross, seconded by Doumbouya to approve the Minutes of June 24, 2025, City Council meeting, July 1, 2025, Special City Council meeting, and July 1, 2025, Special City Council meeting- Closed Session and carried unanimously.

Requests to be Heard

Martha Brown spoke to the Council about homelessness in Faribault, she encouraged the Council, in coordination with regional and state agencies, to explore alternatives to encampment cleanups.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approve List of Claims
- B. Approve Application for a 1 Day to 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Faribault Minnesota Chapter (Faribault Harley)
- C. Approve Application for a 1 Day to 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Bethlehem Academy
- D. Resolution 2025-162 Approve Street Closure for Elks Club Family Fun Day
- E. Approve Agreement to Participate in the SELCO Integrated Library System
- F. Resolution 2025-172 Approve Budget Adjustment for Police Training Equipment
- G. Resolution 2025-174 Amending the 2025 Adopted Budget to Reduce the Property Tax Revenue in the Tax Abatement Fund

- H. Resolution 2025-175 Amending the 2025 Fee Schedule
- I. Resolution 2025-173 Approve Pet Parade Street Closures and Parking Restrictions

Motion by Ross, seconded by van Sluis to approve Consent Agenda items A-I and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings – None

Items for Discussion

Ordinance 2025-8 Vacate a Portion of Drainage and Utility Easement at 190 20th St NW (First Reading)

Community and Economic Development Director David Wanberg explained that Steve Underdahl on behalf of Malecha Auto Body requested an easement vacation at 190 20th St NW. The subject property is zoned C-2, Highway Commercial, partially falls within the Shoreland Overlay District, and contains approximately 75,900 square feet of land. The proposed development includes the existing Malecha Auto Body business at 190 20th St NW and extends the business to an adjacent parcel at 2029 2nd Ave NW. This project recently received approvals to vacate a different easement, replat the properties and amend an existing CUP. The current easement vacation request is for easements found during a title review that were not caught by the surveyor.

The proposed easement vacation is consistent with the planning and zoning aspects of the City's Unified Development Ordinance. Wanberg stated that if approved tonight by the City Council, there will be a special City Council meeting ahead of the work session on Tuesday, July 15th, to expedite approval of this vacation in order to allow the project to move forward.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Barnes to Ordinance 2025-8 Vacate a Portion of Drainage and Utility Easement at 190 20th St NW (First Reading)

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Councilor Barnes, Doumbouya, Ross, Rowan, van Sluis, Thiele and Mayor Spooner.

Nay:

Motion carried 7:0

Bids - None

Boards and Commissions Reports, Announcements and Project Updates

City Administrator Jessica Kinser introduced new Parks and Recreation Director Rochelle Anderholm- Parsh. Kinser informed the Council that an open house will be on July 22, 2025, at Buckham West Senior Center from 3:30-5:30 pm to welcome new Parks and Recreation Director Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch. The Council Chat will be held tomorrow at the Airport at 6:00 pm. A special meeting will be held on July 15, 2025, prior to the work session. On July 21, 2025, there will be a joint meeting with the HRA. Councilor

Barnes stated that the play Assassins will begin on July 11, 2025, at the Paradise Theater and on Thursday at Central Park will be Concerts in the Park.

Adjournment

Motion by Doumbouya, seconded by van Sluis to adjourn the City Council meeting and carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signed by:

Heather J. Slechta

Heather Slechta
City Clerk