



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13,
2026

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, Royal Ross, John Rowan and Peter van Sluis. Councilor Adama Doumbouya were absent. Also in attendance were City Administrator Jessica Kinser, Community and Economic Development Director Dave Wanberg, Police Chief John Sherwin, Fire and Code Services Director Dusty Dienst, Public Works Director Travis Block, City Planner I Leslie McGillivray-Rivas, City Engineer Mark DuChene, Human Resources Director Kevin Bushard and Parks and Recreation Director Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch.

Approve Agenda

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

Presentations/Introductions

Values in Action Awards (Q1 2026)

City Administrator Jessica Kinser that with the establishment of new values for the City organization, a program to recognize City employees, elected officials and board and commission members that demonstrate the City's values in the work they do was created. The following individuals or departments were selected:

- Honesty – Utilities Division of the Public Works Department
- Respect – Keith Walker, Parks Superintendent (Parks and Recreation)
- Dedicated – Mike O'Rourke, Heavy Equipment Operator (Street Division of Public Works)
- Visionary – Dana Howard, Wastewater Operator (Water Reclamation Treatment Facility of Public Works)
- Accountability – Fawn Fuller, Accounting Technician (Finance)

Kinser stated that she hoped to have each of these honorees at a future Council meeting to share their nomination and how their work with the City of Faribault has put our values in action

Approve minutes of the December 22, 2025 City Council Meeting and the January 6, 2026 Special City Council Meeting

Motion by Ross, seconded by Barnes to approve the Minutes of the December 22, 2025

City Council Meeting and the January 6, 2026 Special City Council Meeting and carried unanimously.

Requests to be Heard – None

Consent Agenda

- A. Claims List
- B. Approve Hangar Rental Agreement Renewals
- C. Resolution 2026-001 Approve Designation of Official Newspaper
- D. Resolution 2026-002 Appoint Deputy City Administrator
- E. Resolution 2026-003 Approve City Administrator Purchasing and Contracting Authority
- F. Resolution 2026-004 Approve Designation of the City of Faribault Website as the 2026 Official Publication for Bids
- G. Resolution 2026-009 Approve Purchase of Skate Rental Equipment for Viaduct Park
- H. Resolution 2026-010 Abolish the Labor Committee
- I. Resolution 2026-011 Approve 2026 CIP Purchase - Influent Pump at Water Reclamation Facility
- J. Resolution 2026-012 Approve City Hall East Entrance Repairs
- K. Resolution 2026-013 Approve Designation of Authorized Signers, Official Depositories and Broker/Dealers for the City of Faribault
- L. Resolution 2026-014 Receive/File Feasibility Report and Establish Public Hearing for 2026 MSA Street Overlay Improvements - Contract 2026-02
- M. Resolution 2026-015 Approve Appointments of Board and Commission Members
- N. Resolution 2026-016 Authorize Fire Department to Apply for Hannah Lips Foundation Grant
- O. Resolution 2026-017 Authorize Fire Department to Accept Donations
- P. Approve Quote for Viaduct Park Phase 1 Plumbing Revisions

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

Public Hearings – None

Items for Discussion

Jailhouse Junction LLC/2119 Hwy 60 W - Comprehensive Plan Amendment; Zoning Map Amendment: Resolution 2026-008 Approve a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Guide Certain Property at 2119 Hwy 60 W for Commercial and Ordinance 2026-01 Approve a Zoning Map Amendment for 2119 Hwy 60 W (First Reading)

City Planner I Leslie McGillivray-Rivas explained that Paul Tucci on behalf of Jailhouse Junction with permission from Rice County requests comprehensive plan and zoning map amendments for 2119 Hwy 60. The proposed future land use change is Institutional to Commercial. The rezoning is from P/I, Public Institutional to C-3, Community Commercial

District.

The proposed comprehensive plan and zoning map amendment is consistent with the planning and zoning aspects of the City's Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Ordinance. Commercial at this location would be in line with adjoining properties and fit within the immediate neighborhood for use and character. With a redevelopment plan, this property will be compatible with nearby commercial properties.

On January 6, 2026, the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the requests. No members of the public spoke at the meeting. The Planning Commission voted unanimously in favor of the requests and forwarded them to City Council for approval.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Barnes to approve Resolution 2026-008 Approve a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Guide Certain Property at 2119 Hwy 60 W for Commercial and carried unanimously.

Motion by van Sluis, seconded by Ross to approve Ordinance 2026-01 Approve a Zoning Map Amendment for 2119 Hwy 60 W (First Reading)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay:

Motion carried 6:0

Bids – None

Boards and Commissions Reports, Announcements and Project Updates

City Administrator Jessica Kinser reminded the Council of the Council Chat tomorrow evening at 6:00 pm at Viaduct Park.

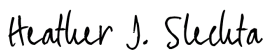
Adjournment

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Thiele to adjourn the City Council meeting and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Respectfully,

Signed by:



Heather Slechta, City Clerk