



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27,
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, Adama Doumbouya, Royal Ross, John Rowan and Peter van Sluis. 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 Engineer Mark DuChene, Communications Manager Brad Phenow, Parks and Recreation Director Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch and City Attorney Scott Riggs.

Approve Agenda

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

Presentations/Introductions

Recognition of Values In Action Honorees

City Administrator Jessica Kinser introduced the Values in Action Honorees:

- Honesty – Utilities Division of the Public Works Department including Travis Craig, Tom Judd, Trenton Fritz, Kelly Struck, Bryan Glynn, Nick Nagel, Spencer McDermott, Mike Glende
- Respect – Keith Walker, Parks Superintendent - Parks and Recreation Department
- Dedicated – Mike O'Rourke, Heavy Equipment Operator - Street Division of the Public Works Department
- Visionary – Dana Howard, Wastewater Operator - Water Reclamation Division of the Public Works Department
- Accountability – Fawn Fuller, Accounting Technician - Finance Department

Approve minutes of the January 13 City Council Meeting and the January 13 Special City Council Meeting - Closed Session

Motion by Ross, seconded Barnes to Approve minutes of the January 13 City Council Meeting and the January 13 Special City Council Meeting - Closed Session and carried unanimously.

Requests to be Heard – None

Consent Agenda

- A. Claims List

- B. Approve December 2025 Preliminary Financial Report
- C. Resolution 2026-018 Approve Donation from the State Bank of Faribault to the Police Department
- D. Resolution 2026-020 Approve 2026 CIP Purchase Replacement – Street Department Pickup Truck
- E. Resolution 2026-022 Approve 2026 Massage Licenses
- F. Resolution 2026-023 Approve Second Amendment to Met Con Business Park Second Addition Developer's Platting Agreement
- G. Resolution 2026-024 Approve 2026 Clean River Partnership Contract for MS4 Educational Services
- H. Resolution 2026-025 Receive/File Feasibility Report and Establish Public Hearing for 2026 Street Reconstruction Improvements - Contract 2026-03
- I. Resolution 2026-026 Approve Hiring Light Equipment Operator
- J. Resolution 2026-027 Approve CIP Purchase of Police Door Access and Camera Systems
- K. Resolution 2026-028 Approve LG230 Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling for Faribault Rotary Youth Services, Inc.
- L. Resolution 2026-029 Approve 2026 CIP Purchase Sewer Inspection Camera
- M. Resolution 2026-031 Amend 2026 Budget for the Minnesota Housing Pass Through Grant
- N. Resolution 2026-033 Approve 2026 Salvage Dealer Licenses
- O. Resolution 2026-032 Approve 2026 Vehicle for Hire License
- P. Resolution 2026-035 Impose Suspension for Club and Sunday Liquor Licensee for Compliance Check Failure
- Q. Resolution 2026-036 Approve MNPEA Police Support Services Labor Agreement

Motion by Ross, seconded by Thiele to approve Consent Agenda items A-Q and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings – None

Items for Discussion

Ordinance 2026-01 Approve a Zoning Map Amendment for 2119 Hwy 60 W (Second Reading) and Ordinance 2026-01 Summary Publication

Community and Economic Development Director David Wanberg stated that at the previous City Council meeting on January 13, 2026, City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 2026-01. Staff did not make any substantial changes to the Ordinance.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried 7:0

Motion by Ross, seconded by van Sluis to approve Ordinance 2026-01 Summary Publication and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-019 Approve Amendment to the Visual Performing Arts Agreement and Loan Agreement with the Paradise Center for the Arts

City Administrator Jessica Kinser explained that the City approved a Performing and Visual Arts Agreement with the Paradise Center for the Arts in 2021, for fifteen years. A major reason for this agreement was to move the request from the Paradise Center for the Arts from annual funding to a one-time \$250,000 payment to help pay-off the mortgage of the building. The advance funding came with a loan agreement which is forgivable after 10 years.

At the January 6th work session, Julie Fakler, Executive Director of PCA, requested a modification to both the arts and loan agreements to allow the PCA to use the building to secure debt. The City Council discussed and determined that this would be acceptable for capital improvements only. The attached amendments for both agreements are included with this item, accomplishing the Council's direction for using the building to secure debt for capital improvements.

Councilor Ross stated that he does not want this to become a handout in another five-years.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Ross to approve Resolution 2026-019 Approve Amendment to the Visual Performing Arts Agreement and Loan Agreement with the Paradise Center for the Arts and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-021 Approve Cannabis Microbusiness for Stoner's Choice

City Clerk Heather Slechta stated that Ashraf Saramah on behalf of Stoner's Choice submitted an application for Cannabis Microbusiness at 317 Central Ave North. Stoner's Choice has already been issued a license number by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management allowing for a microbusiness.

Stoner's Choice has met all City planning regulations and is in the process of completing the building code requirements. Once all requirements are met, Staff will work with the Office of Cannabis Management to issue the City Microbusiness Registration.

Councilor van Sluis stated that he was happy to see another business moving into the downtown.

Motion by Ross, seconded by van Sluis to approve Resolution 2026-021 Approve Cannabis Microbusiness for Stoner's Choice and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-030 Authorize the Execution of the Contract with the HCM Architects for Viaduct Park Phase 2, Ice Sheet Pavilion and Storage Garage.

Parks and Recreation Director Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch explained that Viaduct Park Phase 2 included construction of a covered outdoor refrigerated ice sheet, a resurfacer garage, and related infrastructure to support expanded winter recreation and year-round park operations and programming. The project includes a steel-framed pavilion covering an approximately 70' x 145' outdoor ice rink and a separate resurfacer garage and storage building.

At the December 12, 2025, meeting, the Council approved a contract with Modern Mechanical Ice Systems to pursue the design and construction of a refrigerated ice sheet through a cooperative procurement process. Since that action, staff worked with Modern Mechanical Ice Systems on the ice system and mechanical design.

To advance Phase 2, the City requires architectural and engineering services for the pavilion foundation system, resurfacer garage, and coordination with the ice system design. HCM Architects submitted a proposal to provide architectural, structural, and MEP services for the Viaduct Park Ice Sheet Pavilion and Resurfacer Garage. The scope includes schematic design, design development, and construction drawings. HCM will also assist with bidding and construction for the pavilion and storage building, as well as electrical coordination and MEP implementation. Modern Mechanical Ice Systems will be responsible for the ice sheet and refrigeration systems.

The total proposed fee for HCM's professional services is \$118,060, with reimbursable expenses billed at cost.

Councilor Ross asked if this went out to Bid, Anderholm-Parsh explained that this is part of the professional service contracts.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Theile to approve Resolution 2026-030 Authorize the Execution of the Contract with the HCM Architects for Viaduct Park Phase 2, Ice Sheet Pavilion and Storage Garage and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-034 Approve Professional Engineering Proposal with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Lead Service Line Replacements

Public Works Director Travis Block explained that the Council reviewed a proposed Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) plan at their January 20th Council Work Session. The Council directed staff to proceed with a plan to replace approximately 90 lead water services on future street overlay and reconstruction routes. Funding will be provided with a grant of \$1,375,000.00 from the Public Facilities Authority (PFA).

Block stated that staff received a proposal from Stantec Consulting Services Inc., Rochester, MN for \$236,591.76 to provide public engagement, design and administration and construction services. The proposal is based on an hourly estimate of the number of hours needed to complete the project. This means that if the number of hours does not meet the estimate, the cost of the proposal will decrease. City staff will provide project support where possible, helping to reduce the cost of the services. The number of hours included in the proposal is from experience the consultant has from performing these

services in other communities. Plans and Specifications are due to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for review by March 31st Funding for the proposal is eligible for reimbursement under the PFA grant.

Councilor Ross asked if this proposal went out to bid since it is such a large amount. Block stated that Staff are confident in the pricing and that Stantec is doing the work in Waseca as well.

Motion by Rowan, seconded by Doumbouya to approve Resolution 2026-034 Approve Professional Engineering Proposal with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Lead Service Line Replacements and carried unanimously.

Bids - None

Boards and Commissions Reports, Announcements and Project Updates

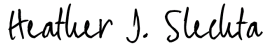
City Administrator Jessica Kinser stated that the February 11, City Council Chat will be at the Rice County Historical Society, most likely during daytime hours, more information will be coming.

Adjournment

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Theile to adjourn the City Council meeting and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:



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Heather Slechta
City Clerk