

December 1, 2025

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Sevcik. Present from the council were Tom Boeck, KC Reuter, Gina Massop, and Tiffany Sevcik. Also present were Tamara Dicks, Don Wolters, Chris Kruse, Patty Smith, Bruce Ward, Trever Austin (Bollig), Donelle & Aaron Lane, Brenda Urban, and Amanda Keppler.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve the minutes from November 3, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve the bills.

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Smith had an additional bill from Frundt (attorney) for \$5,289.15. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing: The regular meeting was closed and public hearing on Truth and Taxation was opened. No comments from the public and this public hearing was closed.

Public Hearing: The Business Subsidy Agreement has not been signed, so this public hearing will be tabled to a future meeting. The regular meeting was reopened.

Bollig Updates: Trevor updated on South Street W; GM contracting has the water and sewer installed and will finish the storm this week. They will clean up the intersections and make it accessible for residents. Pay application #1 was submitted for \$234,528.73. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve the pay application #1 to GM Contracting for \$234,528.73. Motion carried unanimously. The financing is in place for this project.

The water treatment plant pre-bid meeting is December 3 with bid opening on December 17. Bollig is working with A2S on the program changes, should have for January meeting. Infrastructure project is still being worked on, but we are waiting to find out the funding/grants available and where we are on the list before finalizing any plans.

The storm sewer will be discussed with our attorney on December 11, and we will have updates on what we can or cannot do with the county on the drainage system. Small cities application was submitted on November 21. It will take 2 months to hear if we will receive any funding.

Complaint Committee: A new complaint was received over the weekend on the Keppler fence. The complaint committee met November 10 on the 23 previous complaints. Some of the complaints were duplicate. The committee recommended no further action was

needed. A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by T Sevicik that no further action was needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Tree Ordinance: This is the final draft along with the boulevard application form. Council would like attorney to look at it for final approval before public hearing. The fee for the boulevard application should be put in our fee schedule. The fee schedule is currently set up as an ordinance; Smith recommend to the council to rescind that ordinance from 2014 and set up the fee schedule as a resolution. This makes it easier to adjust fees every January and is what other area cities have done. Smith could send out letters to any residents that currently have any plants, shrubs, etc. on their boulevards to make them aware of the public hearing/ordinance.

Budget 2026: The current levy will be 3.14%. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve Resolution 2025 – 30 Tax Levy Collectible \$357,740.00 for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025 – 31 2026 Budget: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve the 2026 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025 – 32 Employee Compensation: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve \$200.00 employee compensation for full time employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025 – 33 Blue Earth County Hazard Mitigation Plan: Smith has met with Blue Earth County and given city input for this plan. This would allow us to access FEMA money for any disasters. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Reuter to approve Resolution 2025 – 33 Blue Earth County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Dollar General Tobacco License: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve tobacco license renewal for Dollar General. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports: Christmas lights look good, and streets look great after our 10” snowfall this past weekend. Kruse asked for clarification on businesses pushing snow into the streets and taking extra time for city employees to move it from the streets. Discussion was held – Do we want to charge a fee? Do you want other trucks in town causing more congestion? Do we want to take care of our businesses? We purchased the equipment to move the snow. Some businesses are land locked and if you want the businesses in the city, you should take care of them. At this time, the council will keep doing what the city has been doing and move the snow that is pushed out in the street.

Community Comment: The council discussed starting at our January meeting to have anyone who wishes to comment to fill out a comment card, prior to the meeting. A person will have 2 minutes to address the council. The comments will be held near the beginning

of the meeting. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to approve the Community Comment Card. Motion carried unanimously.

January Meeting: The first meeting of the year will be held on January 5, 2026, at 7:00 PM, no conflict with any council members at this time.

Open Comment: Aaron Lane asked the council if they could explain to him how the League of MN Cities is in compliance with Article 4 Section 4 of the Constitution. M Sevcik said we would look into it and get back to him. Donelle Lane asked about adding more gravel in yard to make more parking; no permit is needed for gravel. Amanda Keppler commented on snow removal – where should the businesses put it if you would change the policy, it would hurt businesses. She also asked about the alleys; it was discussed at a previous meeting and no changes to the alleys, leave them as they are. Brenda Urban said the public works employees in Amboy have always been good on clearing the snow. Reuter asked about locking up the sports court during the winter months, kids were playing on the pickle ball court poles and riding them around like a scooter. Reuter expressed the city's condolences to the Jill Teague family; she was a former council member and highly active in the community.

Miscellaneous: Santa at Firehall December 11, 5:30 – 7:00. Pre-audit December 16 and Final Audit January 5 – 6 at city hall.

A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Sevcik, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer