

July 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Tom Boeck. Present from the council were KC Reuter, Gina Massop, and Tiffany Sevcik. Also present were Don Wolters, Chris Kruse, Patty Smith, Tamara Dicks, Mike Sevcik, Brian Bollig, Trevor Austin, Zach Bubany, and Sean Busse.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resignation: Mayor David Witucki resigned from the council, effective July 1, 2025. Council thanked Dave for his service and his knowledge of water and wastewater. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to accept Witucki's resignation with Resolution 2025 – 13, effective July 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Boeck read information from the League of MN Cities; since the vacancy is less than 2 years left on term, the council may appoint any individual that is eligible for election to that office. Mike Sevcik, former mayor volunteered. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve former mayor Mike Sevcik to fulfill the remaining term of Witucki through December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously. Sevcik was sworn in by Smith and joined the council.

Minutes: A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve the minutes from the June 2 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Smith had an additional bill from City of Mapleton \$20,797.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing: The regular meeting was closed, and a public hearing was opened. Busse let council know the trailer home at 405 Pearl Street is gone. Utilities have been capped. The vehicles parked in front at 230 E North Street are parked on gravel. The vehicle and chair are no longer at 131 Stevens Street. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to declare these 3 properties are not a public nuisance. The property at 340 E Maine Street was tabled from June, no one was present at meeting. The property has not changed; a letter will be sent to renter and owner on condition of property and council will move forward with an abatement at August 4 meeting if improvements are not made. Public hearing was closed, and regular meeting was reopened.

Bollig Engineering: Brian Bollig updated council on Lead and Copper Compliance. Bollig and the city are working with the Dept of Health; having weekly meetings. A plan was given to MDH and needs to be approved before any changes can be made at the water plant. Bollig is applying for a PSIG grant and working with Chris on testing methods. Many of the samples and testing can be done in house. The city has purchased sampling/monitoring equipment for \$2,300.00, and Del will train Chris on the procedures required by MDH. The original plan to have 100 hardness leaving the water department and going to residents was incorrect. Chemicals will need to be adjusted. Also, pre-treatment will need to be installed.

A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve Resolution 2025 – 14 Authorizing MN Public Facilities Authority Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously. Bollig will let us know if it is approved, we should be in the top 5 to receive grant money. Bollig also requested an increase on Task #6 from \$30,000 to \$100,000. The time spent working with MDH on Lead and Copper is taking more time than expected. Council appreciated the work being done, do think the increase was exceptionally large. After discussion, a motion was made by Massop and 2nd by M Sevcik to approve the increase to Task # 6 to \$100,000 with a running total of where the money is being spent at each council meeting. This should be a reimbursable expense when PSIG grant is approved.

South Street Project was awarded a BDPI (Business Development Public Infrastructure) for \$831,800. This grant will pay for construction of water, sewer, storm, and streets. Grover will pay for the storm pond and give us the invoices. We will also need to keep an easement on the property to receive the grant money. Proposed costs to the city are \$2,034,000. The revenue TIF \$387,153, Tax abatement \$147,200 and BDPI grant \$831,800 total \$1,366,153. This could leave the cost to the city of \$667,847.00. Initially the city would have to borrow the \$2,034,000 from Rural Water. Bollig would like to go out for bids for the project next week, allow 3 weeks to bid. No award will be given until grant money is received. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Reuter to have bids submitted for the South Street Project. Motion carried unanimously. Task #7 was tabled from the June meeting. It gives Bollig permission to look for funding for projects. The cost would be \$5000.00 annually plus 5% of whatever grant money we receive. This would need to be renewed annually. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve Task #7, to pay an annual fee of \$5,000, thereafter to Bollig to pursue funding on our behalf and to receive a 5% fixed fee for any funding the city approves, excluding the PSIG grant and BDPI grant to be renewed annually. Motion carried unanimously.

2026 Projects: Storm Sewer was done this year; problem areas are currently working the best they can with the size pipes we have. Veterans Park with sidewalk to sport court and lights on east/west end with a timer should be included. We do have Rennpferd money for part of this project. No overlays, crack filling to be done since we have the Water Plant and South Street extension projects.

Reports: Received a 2nd bid for curtains at WWTP. \$10,215.28 from MPI and \$7903.30 Fraudorfer. The MPI quote is for 2 motors, 2 heavier curtains. A motion was made by M Sevcik and 2nd by Reuter to accept the bid from MPI for \$10,215.28 for new curtains at WWTP. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to rescind the motion at the June 2 meeting to accept the bid from Fraudorfer. Motion carried unanimously. A resident paid the city \$4.00 a tire and city took tires to the Ponderosa at a cost of \$3.25 a tire. There are more tires to clean up and we are working with the residents that pay for the removal. Pickleball nets need to be replaced. Quotes for \$1036.95 from Tennis Supplies and \$1399.00 from Pro Portable Pickleball Nets. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by M Sevcik to purchase 2 nets from Tennis Supplies for \$1036.95 each. Motion carried unanimously. Money will be taken from the Rennepferd account to pay for the new nets.

Resolution 2025 – 12 Transfer funds from Money Market to General Fund: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by T Sevcik to approve transfer of \$150,000.00 from money market account to general fund for purchase of Urban Oil. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Comment: Wolters said Safe Step will be here to do sidewalk trip hazards. Smith asked if National Night Out could have \$100-\$200 for their expenses, council approved. Massop asked about any legal action to SEH issues with RO system – probably not as it is not worth the cost of the attorney. Tree branches are hanging over on 141 3rd Ave, public works will ask if city can trim them.

A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by T Sevcik to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Acting Mayor, Tom Boeck

Council

ATTEST:

Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer