



talk with Ben on clarification of how to put fines on taxes. Will continue this discussion at future meetings. A public hearing will be held on the ordinance once we have the questions answered.

**Fireworks:** Mary Teubner spoke to council on adding fireworks to our city celebration. The cost is \$8000.00 from Res Pyro for a 14–15-minute display. The fireworks would use the south area (old football field) of the new South Street. The community club has money for the fireworks and will do fundraising throughout the spring/summer for this event. The council would need to sponsor the event and pay for the insurance. A motion was made by T Sevcik and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boeck to approve the sponsorship of the fireworks exhibition by the city and pay the additional insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

**Veterans Memorial:** Les Curry presented to the council an updated drawing of the planned Veterans Memorial, Curry looked at the Emmons, MN monument as they are a comparable size city. He talked about making sure there is room for more names that may come down the road. Currently through his research there are: Civil War 117, WW1 46, WW2 212, Korea 48, Vietnam 44, Desert Storm/Kuwait, etc. 11. These numbers include anyone who served whether it was during wartime or peace time. The cost to have your name on the monument would be \$55.00 per name. The cost of the monument would be \$23,000.00. The cost of putting names on the monument would pay for the monument. Step 1 the foundation for the monument has to be installed/poured. Step 2 would be to install the monument with the names on it. Step 3 pour the concrete around the monument. Les asked council if there was anything else they would like to see there; council mentioned lights, which are already in the plan. Funding for the concrete and lights were in the budget. The base and sidewalk to the recreational area could be done together. Grants have been applied for in the past with no approval. Council will have Smith and Kruse check into grant money and have more discussion at the April meeting. Curry would like to keep this project moving and know about funding/grants as soon as possible.

**Reports:** Had reports from police, fire department, and public works. Council asked about the fuel tanks and would like more information on if we have the money and our fuel costs. It was not in budget, but it could be cost savings to city if we can buy bulk fuel and not pay highway tax on the diesel and have better fuel for the small engines. Tanks would be above ground, dual walled and placed over by Urban Oil site. These size tanks would not require permits or special fees from MPCA to have. Fire department could be used also. Will discuss at future meeting.

**Resolution 2026 – 2 Fire Department Gambling:** A motion was made by T Sevcik and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Massop to approve the fire department charitable gambling. Motion carried unanimously.

**Set-up License Cottage Café:** A motion was made by Reuter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boeck to approve the set-up license for the Cottage Café. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reduced Sewer/Garbage Applications:** 5 applications were received with proof of income . Motion was made by Massop and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reuter to approve the applications for reduced sewer and garbage rates. Motion carried unanimously.

**Data Procedures:** Council is okay with Smith taking 30 days or longer to fulfill data requests if not directly pertaining to the person making the request as the State of MN advised her. Will table more discussion until next meeting.

**Complaints:** Council acknowledges receiving complaints on 2/14/26 ADA Public Meeting Access, 2/15/26 2025 Complaints, 2/18/26 ADA Public Meeting Access, 2/23/26 ADA Public Meeting Access, 2/23/26 City Vehicle Condition, 2/24/26 City Website Online Privacy, 2/25/26 Complaint Committee Policy, 2/26/26 ADA Compliance – Failure to Respond.

The complaint committee will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 PM. It is open to the public. If any other complaints are received prior to the meeting date, they will be addressed at that time also.

**Miscellaneous:** Blue Earth County Public Works building, grand opening March 10, April 6, 2026, City Council Meeting, New Business in Amboy “The Vault Thrift & More”

Council expressed its condolences to the Wendt and Fox families who have lost their sons and to our former Mayor Witucki who is having medical issues and former council member Jeff Martinson with medical issues also.

A motion was made by Boeck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reuter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

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Mike Sevcik, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer