

## CITY COUNCIL

6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Present: Shane Hoff, Acting Mayor  
Ben Bautch  
James FitzGerald

Excused: Mayor Wade LeBlanc  
Richard DeRosier

Lana Fralich, City Administrator  
Ray Parker

City Administrator Fralich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to appoint Councilor Hoff to chair meeting due to absence of Mayor LeBlanc and Alternate Mayor DeRosier. MOTION CARRIED.

**Public Comment Period** – No public comments at this time.

Councilor Bautch expressed thanks to the Water Department during the recent water break fix on Arthur. Also congratulations to Sheriff Nate Stadler on his upcoming retirement.

Councilor FitzGerald noted the Library Board meeting scheduled for Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> has been canceled.

**Agenda** – Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to approve the Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**Consent Agenda** –

**February 2, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**February 9, 2026 Public Hearing Minutes**

**Depreciated Item Surplus Disposal- Retroactive to 12/31/25-** List to be removed: Water/Sewer- 2001 F-350 Truck (sold), 1984 Ford Tandem Truck (trade-in). Business Park- Block 3, Lots 7-10; Block 5, Lots 1-7; and a portion of Block 4, Lot 6; and a portion of Block 7, Lot 2 (sold for Boathouse Bay). Parks- 1985 chain-link fence, 2005 ball field fence, 2006 backstop, 1966 Rec Building, 1966 Senior Workshop, 1996 Senior Workshop Siding Renovation, 2000 Senior Workshop addition, 2013 Rec Center building shingled roof, 2013 Senior Workshop steel roof (all removed with trailhead project); 2000 Dodge Dakota (sold). Streets-1972 BMC truck (sold), J20 Ditchwitch trencher (sold), 2005 John Deer 54" mower deck (sold), 2012 2D326-60R Kubota mower (traded in), 1967 Dog Point (obsolete/disposal). Admin- 1999 Digital Copier (obsolete/disposal). Police- 2014 Portable Motorola radios (returned to Lake Co), 2019 Dodge Charger (insurance).

**Economic Interest Disclosure Statements** – to be completed by Councilors and returned to Admin office.

**Northeastern MN Iron Range Mayors Letter-** Requesting authorization to sign letter relating to the shared legislative priorities sent to State Legislators.

**RAMS Letter of Support for H.J. Resolution 140-** Requesting authorization to sign letter supporting advancement of H.J. Resolution 140 to reverse the mineral withdrawal on land in NE Minnesota.

**MN Rural Water-Water Operator Training for Randy Goutermont-** Training for new water operators offered by MN Rural Water in Maple Grove on February 18-19<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$350 with two night hotel (175.86) plus normal meals and mileage.

Motion by FitzGerald, second Bautch to approve the consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED.

**City Administrator –**

**Resolution 2026-#15 2025 Budget Amendment-**

The Council reviewed and discussed the 2025 budget amendments that they were in line with actual activity for the year. There was no change in the levy amount. Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to adopt Resolution 2026-#15 2025 Budget Amendment as presented for the Revenue amount of \$13,153,980 and expenditure amount of \$14,471,970 retroactive to December 31, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor LeBlanc – Absent  
Member Bautch – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member FitzGerald – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Absent

RESOLUTION 2026 - 15 WAS ADOPTED: 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 excused

**Resolution 2026-#16 2025 General Fund Transfers-**

Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to adopt Resolution 2026-#16 2025 General Fund Transfers to Library (\$58,525), Airport (\$9,275), Arena (\$125,275), Park & Rec (\$9,000), Community Building (\$10,150), Park State Bank Fund (\$4,650), EDA (\$3,600), Housing (\$31,150), and Public Works (\$23,600) for a total of \$279,225 for the 2025 budget year General Fund Transfers, retroactive to December 31, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor LeBlanc – Absent  
Member Bautch – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member FitzGerald – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Absent

RESOLUTION 2026 - 16 WAS ADOPTED: 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 excused

**Resolution 2026-#17 Public Hearing for Proposed Improvement No. 2026-1A-**

Due to USPS not delivering the mail in a timely fashion relating to the public hearing, an additional hearing is recommended. Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to adopt Resolution 2026-#17 Setting Public Hearing for Proposed Improvement No. 2026-1A on Monday, March 9, 2026, 4:30 p.m. at Reunion Hall. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor LeBlanc – Absent  
Member Bautch – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member FitzGerald – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Absent

RESOLUTION 2026 - 17 WAS ADOPTED: 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 excused

**Resolution 2026-#18 MN Dept. of Commerce-Solar Grant for the Multi-Modal Trailhead Center-**  
 Council reviewed the solar grant award letter and contract from the MN Department of in the amount of \$90,720, which cover 70% of the \$129,600 solar array installation cost with the Holden Electric for the multi-modal trailhead center. Motion by FitzGerald, second Bautch to adopt Resolution 2026-#18 MN Dept. of Commerce- Solar Grant for the Multi-Modal Trailhead Center. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor LeBlanc – Absent  
 Member Bautch – Aye  
 Member Hoff – Aye

Member FitzGerald – Aye  
 Member DeRosier – Absent

RESOLUTION 2026 – 18 WAS ADOPTED: 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 excused

**Resolution 2026-#19 Krause Anderson Change Order for Electrical Upgrades to Multi-Modal Trailhead Required to Obtain the Solar Grant-**

In order to comply with the Solar Grant from MN Dept. of Commerce, electrical coils would need to be installed in the heating system to meet the required demand for the existing solar array at a cost of \$34,462.31 as outlined in the Change Order 40 with Krause Anderson. Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to adopt Resolution 2026-#19 Krause Anderson Change Order of \$34,462.31 for Electrical Upgrades to Multi-Modal Trailhead Required to Obtain the Solar Grant. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor LeBlanc – Absent  
 Member Bautch – Aye  
 Member Hoff – Aye

Member FitzGerald – Aye  
 Member DeRosier – Absent

RESOLUTION 2026 - 19 WAS ADOPTED: 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 excused

**Resolution 2026-#20 Approving State of Minnesota Joint powers Agreement on Behalf of the Silver Bay Police Department-**

The Council reviewed a Resolution and Joint Powers Agreement with the State of MN, Department of Public Safety, and BCA, to use systems and tools available over the State's criminal justice data communications network for which the City is eligible. This is a renewal of the past agreement from 2020. Motion by FitzGerald, second Bautch to adopt Resolution 2026-#20 Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement on Behalf of the Silver Bay Police Department. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor LeBlanc – Absent  
 Member Bautch – Aye  
 Member Hoff – Aye

Member FitzGerald – Aye  
 Member DeRosier – Absent

RESOLUTION 2026 - 20 WAS ADOPTED: 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 excused

City Attorney – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS – None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

**Lake County HRA to Serve as Economic Development Coordinator-** With the resignation of David Drown, the EDA board is recommending using the Lake County HRA and their Executive Director, Matthew Johnson as the primary contact for EDA activities within the city. Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald. MOTION CARRIED.

**2026 District B Caregiver of the Year- Kayla Hoffman-** Silver Bay resident and MN Veteran’s Home employee, Kayla Hoffman, was recently honored by Leading Age MN as the 2026 District B Caregiver of the year. Congratulations to Kayla for providing great care to our veterans.

**2026 Campspot Award-Black Beach Campground-** Black Beach Campground has been awarded one of the top five public campgrounds for 2026. The nationwide award is based on reviews, hospitality, and revenues. Ray Parker suggested allowing consumers to view all sites available when making reservations online, rather than requiring a date of stay.

**Claims** – Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to approve payment of \$98,466.81 in unpaid claims and \$194,599.41 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor LeBlanc – Absent  
Member Bautch – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member FitzGerald - Aye  
Member DeRosier – Absent

Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Attest:

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Shane Hoff, Acting Mayor

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Lana Fralich, City Administrator