

## CITY COUNCIL

6:00 P.M.

Monday, April 6, 2026

**Present:**

Mayor Wade LeBlanc via ZOOM  
Richard DeRosier  
Shane Hoff  
James FitzGerald

**Excused:**

Ben Bautch

Tim Costley, City Attorney  
June Talus  
Carolyn Hudyma  
Kitty Mayo, Lake County Press via ZOOM

Erica Jensen  
Phil Anderson via ZOOM

Acting Mayor DeRosier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Public Comment Period –**

Mayor LeBlanc stated Councilor DeRosier, City Administrator Fralich, and himself attended Capital Days and met with representatives and senators to discuss bonding requests for pressure reducing valves and Mary MacDonald building improvements. Specifically, money for pressure reducer valve replacements. It was noted that City Administrator Fralich and Bolton & Menk representative were invited back the following week to testify in a hearing for potential funding. Councilor DeRosier provided more information regarding pressure reducer valves in the city and why replacements are needed. The city will be informed end May/first part of June if bonding requests are granted.

Mayor LeBlanc also attended the Lake County ambulance meeting with Councilor FitzGerald and felt meeting went well with small positive changes starting to help alleviate problems with the ambulance services for Silver Bay. Councilor FitzGerald will represent the city on the Lake County Ambulance board.

**Agenda** – Motion by Hoff, second FitzGerald to approve the Agenda with addition of Sawtooth 16, LLC Road Lift Restriction request. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Consent Agenda –**

**March 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**March 31, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes**

**Water/Wastewater Operator Hiring-** The interview committee recommends hiring Thomas Sandstrom to fill the vacant Water/Wastewater Operator position, pending successful completion of a background check and pre-employment physical. The hire date will be set upon completion of the conditions and wage will start at a probationary wage of 80% of the full wage rate, increase to 90% after 6-months, and full wage rate once Class D water and wastewater licenses are obtained, as outlined in the job description.

**Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Application Amendment-** Addition of no new subsequent grants will be approved if a prior improvement that has been reimbursed from the Neighborhood Revitalization Funds has been destroyed or removed without the prior approval of the City Building Official and the city can deny any application for any reason.

**License Agreement for MN ATV Riders “Ride the Shore” Event-** MN ATV Riders “Ride the Shore” event will be held July 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. No changes to previous years agreements, other than the dates.

**Lloyd K. Johnson Grant Agreement for Storybook Theatre-** The city has been awarded a grant of \$3500 to help offset the costs of Storybook Theatre.

**Sawtooth 16, LLC Road Restriction Lift Request-** John Anderson is requesting their contracted trucking company be allowed to crossover a small portion of a posted 5-ton road during road restrictions. They do not anticipate any damage to unpaved road, but will accept responsibility to return the road to its current condition.

Motion by FitzGerald, second Hoff to approve the Consent Agenda items. MOTION CARRIED.

**City Administrator –**

**Resolution 2026-#22 Mary MacDonald Conceptual Planning for New Facility-** Resolution was previously tabled to allow time to obtain possible proposals and bonding monies. There has not been a proposal submitted and limited interest in the legislature. Mary Mac committee has recommended approval move forward. Discussion regarding determining repair versus rebuilding as the best course of action to move forward. Councilor Hoff and Councilor DeRosier expressed concern regarding proposed cost of \$13,000 for conceptual design. Motion by Hoff, second FitzGerald to table Resolution 2026-#22 Mary MacDonald Conceptual Planning for New Facility. MOTION TABLED.

**City Attorney –** Nothing at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS –** None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**Dark Skies Proclamation-** Motion by LeBlanc, second FitzGerald to proclaim April 13-20<sup>th</sup> as International Dark Skies Week. MOTION CARRIED.

**Claims –**

Motion by Hoff, second FitzGerald to approve payment of \$325,524.98 in unpaid claims and \$587,526.75 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor LeBlanc – Aye

Member Bautch – Absent

Member Hoff – Aye

Member FitzGerald - Aye

Member DeRosier – Aye

Motion by FitzGerald, second Hoff to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Attest:

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Richard DeRosier, Acting Mayor

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Lana Fralich, City Administrator