

Regular City Council Meeting
January 26, 2026
7:00 p.m.
City Hall

Members present were Thomas, Mueller, Sorensen, Heaser, and Winter.

Members absent were none.

City staff and consultants were Elizabeth Jackson, Mark Rahrick, Brandon Theobald, and Craig Helgeson.

Others attending were Marie Sexton, Karen Jorgensen, Matt Mullenbach, and Chloe Kucera.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Concerns/Requests from the General Public/Organizations – none.

Agenda – add roundabouts and CSAH 12 speed limit under Mayor reports. Add MPCA letter under City Administrator reports.

Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Winter to approve the amended agenda. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda – agenda items are approved by one motion unless a council member requests separate action.

Approval of the December and January city and liquor store bills.

Approval of the December check register numbers E5926-E6002, 53657-53787, and 18415-18479.

Motion by Winter, seconded by Heaser to approve the consent agenda as presented. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Zoning Board – Administrator Jackson gave a brief recap of the January meeting where officers were elected for 2026.

EDA Board – did not meet.

Fire Department –

Chief Helgeson presented a monthly recap memo.

Chief Helgeson stated the fire department would like to schedule a special council meeting to discuss a future fire hall plan. Meeting was scheduled for February 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

City Attorney – none.

City Engineer –

Pay Request #5 from Heselton Construction LLC in the amount of \$598,736.47. Motion by Mueller, seconded by Heaser to approve pay request #5. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Mayor –

Todd Nelson Development – Mayor Thomas stated in a discussion with Mr. Nelson, that Mr. Nelson is requesting the city consider a TIF district for his development.

Brad Price – Piper House Property – Mayor Thomas stated there is a State meeting on February 10, 2026, to potentially remove the Piper House from the Historical Registry.

Roundabouts – Mayor Thomas stated Tom Sexton met with Steele County considering the roundabouts and potentially changing the roundabouts to all concrete.

CSAH 12 Speed Limit – Mayor Thomas stated the County and State will be considering changing the speed limit by the Medford School back to 55 mph.

City Administrator –

Public Works/General Update memo – Administrator Jackson presented a recap memo.

Public Works Building Architect Agreement Approval – Council tabled the agreement until the February 17, 2026, special meeting.

City Appraisals – Administrator Jackson presented an email with the two City parcels estimated appraisal values.

Parcel 16-101-1308 Potential Sale – Administrator Jackson is still working on obtaining estimates for demolition of the old water tower site and moving the siren.

Overtime Language Change – motion by Mueller, seconded by Winter to approve the overtime language change for the employee handbook. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

MPCA Letter – Administrator Jackson presented the letter received from Minnesota Pollution Control concerning the violations at the wastewater treatment plant during the 2025 disinfection season.

Regular City Council Meeting – Monday, February 23, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Mueller, seconded by Winter to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:02 p.m. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Minutes approved at _____ meeting.

Submitted by _____ City Clerk,

Signed by _____ Mayor.

