

July 21, 2025

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor B. Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. City Council members present: T. Carlson, P. Shablow, B. Undeberg, T. Carlson, P. Shablow, C. Strom. City employees present: S. Lund. Public present: R. Austad, D. Breiland, D. Brown, P. Krininger, K. Pietruszewski.

The pledge to the American flag was given.

**Approval of Minutes:** Shablow made a motion, Undeberg seconded, to approve the Lake Bronson regular city council meeting minutes of June 16, 2025. **M/S/P – Shablow/Undeberg/All.** Carlson made a motion, Shablow seconded, to approve the Lake Bronson city council budget meeting minutes of June 23, 2025. **M/S/P – Carlson/Shablow/All.**

**Citizen Concerns:** Breiland and Austad had complaints about dogs barking at all hours of the day and night. Austad said he calls people to quiet their dogs. Austad said the city could put a note on the water bills about barking dogs. Undeberg said the city will send out letters to some dog owners. Breiland asked about putting up signs that say “no jake breaks” on highway 59. Schmiedeberg said the State owns that road and may put some up when they redo the road in 2 years. There was a discussion about train whistles. Schmiedeberg told them to call the railroad; the city does not own them. Brown asked about the trailer across from the museum. Austad said he feels that the city should get people to clean up their yards and wants a lawyer involved to make sure people follow the ordinance. The clerk said it would cost quite a bit to do that. Austad said we need it done. Austad then went into a spiel about how bad the city currently looks, and we should all have clean yards and be proud of our city. Undeberg asked if the city has a current junk ordinance. The council said we do.

**Old Business: Staining the community center:** A. Carlson will be spraying the community center this week. P Shablow will stain the railing at the village square.

**Culvert on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, culvert at DAC, culvert on 1<sup>st</sup>, culvert on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave:** Schmiedeberg said that P. Anderson checked the culvert on 4<sup>th</sup> and it is level. Schmiedeberg feels the culvert by the DAC would be more dangerous if it was trimmed back. The culvert on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave has been repaired. Undeberg and Schmiedeberg will take care of the culvert on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

**Community Center Vents:** Schmiedeberg and Undeberg have found some vents that will work on the community center and will be installing them soon.

**2026 Budget:** The clerk gave the council some figures to compare to the budget and the council set the date of September 4, 2025, for a special council meeting to discuss the 2026 budget and junk ordinances.

**Dogs:** Were talked about again and the clerk was given a list of who to send letter to.

#### **New Business:**

Mayor Schmiedeberg started the new business portion of the meeting and Austad interrupted the council by approaching the council tables to present a bill from a plumber. The bill was for auguring his mother’s plugged sewer lines. Austad claims the lines were plugged because the city sewer main was plugged and he wants the city to pay the plumber’s bill. B.

Schmiedeberg said he had taken a water fire truck and flushed the sewer line with water from Zion Church to the crossing of Park Avenue and it did not seem plugged. Undeberg said the city would talk to plumber and see what he thinks is going on.

**Interim Financial Report:** Krininger said she wanted a copy of the report. The clerk told her it is hard to understand, and things are grouped together, Schmiedeberg said the report is for half the year and some things only get paid once a year.

Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to approve the interim financial report. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

**Clerks time off July 22-24, 28:** Undeberg made a motion, Shablow seconded, to approve the clerk’s time off. **M/S/P – Undeberg/Shablow/All.**

**Hazardous Waste Tuesday, July 29, at the Lake Bronson City Shop, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Land Lease Agreement with Robert Haugen for 1 year:** Strom made a motion, Undeberg seconded, to approve the land lease with Robert Haugen for 1 year. **M/S/P – Strom/Undeberg/All.**

**Letters to water customers about water bills on taxes:** The council reviewed letters to customers whose water bills and past due and they are not making payments. If the people do not come to the council meeting to make arrangements, then the past due amount will be put on their property taxes.

**Water Assessment:** Removed from the agenda.

**Proclamation from mayor to change the wayside rest name to “Veteran’s Memorial Park”:** Mayor Schmiedeberg made a proclamation to change the wayside rest name to the “Veteran’s Memorial Park”: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to approve the mayor’s proclamation. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All**

**Prime Security Bank CD’s:** Carlson made a motion, Strom seconded, to move money from the city CD’s to a money market at Prime Security Bank by a resolution. **M/S/P – Carlson/Strom/All.**

**Cannabis resolution from Kittson County:** Shablow made a motion, Undeberg seconded, sign the resolution from the county, delegate the County concerning cannabis.

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**Maintenance Report:** Carlson said she was going to do trimming after the meeting. Shablow said they planned on mowing on Wednesday.

**Council Roundtable:** The clerk presented a building permit from R. Olson for a pole barn. Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded to approve the building permit. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/Carlson.** Undeberg abstained. The clerk said small cities gave the city \$3,429.00 for roads. The clerk said the seniors purchased new chairs for the community center.

**City Bills/Claims audited by the city council:** Undeberg had a questions about a few claims that the clerk answered his questions. Undeberg made a motion, Strom seconded, to pay the city claims as presented. **M/S/P – Undeberg/Strom/All.**

**Fire Department Bills/Claims audited by the city council:** Shablow made a motion, Carlson seconded, to pay the fire department claims as presented. **M/S/P – Shablow/Carlson/All.**

**Adjournment:** Strom made a motion, Undeberg seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm. **M/S/P – Strom/Undeberg/All.**

The next scheduled regular City Council meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

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Sandra Lund, City Clerk