

August 18, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor B. Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. City council members present: B. Undeberg, T. Carlson, P. Shablow, C. Strom. City employees present: S. Lund. Public present: D. Brown, P. Krininger, C. Adam, R. Austad, M. Kjelland, D. Peterson, K. Pietruszewski, A. Stromgren, M. Cosley.

The pledge to the American flag was given.

Approval of Minutes: Undeberg made a motion, Strom seconded, to approve the Lake Bronson regular city council meeting minutes of July 21, 2025. **M/S/P – Undeberg/Strom/All.**

Citizen Concerns:

Krininger had some concerns about what is happening at city council meetings. She recently learned about Robert's Rule of Order and apologized to the council for not knowing that she could not talk during council meetings. Kjelland said she and her husband (Ron) are requesting to look at a grant from Northwest Minnesota Arts Council for a sculpture. Undeberg made a motion, Shablow seconded to start the process of the grant. **M/S/P – Undeberg/Shablow/All.** Brown said kids were in the village square and made a mess. Undeberg said the council will check into this. Stromgren asked why we can't use the gym and Schmiedeberg said there is mold coming through the paint and the bathroom needs repair. He also said we can't get insurance on the building until it is disconnected from the school. Krininger and Adams said the city should clean the gym up and do abatement so it could be used for events. Kjelland said she would look at grants for this and let the clerk know if she finds anything. Adams said we should look into the cost of getting the gym ready to use. Stromgren said she wanted to use the gym for the youth group. Krininger thanked the council for discussing this. Adams thanked the council for all they did to make the town look great for Bronson Fest this year. Adams said the improvement committee is planning for next year's celebration on July 31, Aug 1 & 2. Stromgren said maybe there should be one representative from the fire department and from the improvement committee at each council meeting, then that person can report back to the groups about what happened at the meeting.

Council Old Business:

Letters to dog owners: Letters were sent out to dog owners who had dogs that were barking. **Austad's plumbing Bill:** Schmiedeberg and Austad discussed the problem at 128 Park Ave. After some discussion Austad said we will wait and see what happens with the sewer. R. Kjelland entered the meeting at 6:08p.m.

Council New Business:

Resolution to accept dining chairs donation from the Seniors: Shablow made a motion, Carlson seconded, to approve the resolution of the new chairs from the senior citizens bought for the community center. **M/S/P – Shablow/Carlson/All.**

Resolution for county highway department plowing roads: Undeberg made a motion, Strom seconded, to approve the 3-year resolution for the county to do the road blading. **M/S/P – Undeberg/Strom/All.**

Junk Ordinance - Yard cleanup letters: Schmiedeberg said the city would send out letters to all homeowners along with a cover letter explaining yard cleanup and a copy of the Junk Ordinance. Homeowners will have 30 days to clean up their yards and at the next regular council meeting the council will review the yards in town.

Stones Mobile siren repair: Schmiedeberg explained that Stone's Mobile was in to fix the city fire siren. They put in a new connection box, and an antenna and it still did not work. Stone's Mobile then went to the sheriff's office and found that their system was not working properly.

Otter ai: Was stricken from the agenda before the meeting.

Maintenance Report: Schmiedeberg said Sandahl Signs will be making the city a new sign for the north end of town by highway 59 for about \$850.00. The city will be replacing the current sign and flag poles. L. Kowaliuk entered the meeting at 6:15p.m. Shablow said she needed help to flip the tables at the city park back down. Shablow asked if we could get rid of the bush at the end of the playground. The council will cut it down and trim another one so it can be mowed under. Schmiedeberg said there are some trees at the Veterans Memorial wayside rest that need trimming.

Council Roundtable: Schmiedeberg had talked to M. Peterson in Lancaster about the shop class building new out houses and Peterson said he will try to get the city a quote about October. Undeberg thanked the museum and the improvement committee and whoever else helped to make Bronson Fest a success this year. Schmiedeberg talked about a 2024 loader for the city he found at Cat in Grand Forks that has 60 hours on it and still has a warranty of 4 years and 7 months left on it for \$115,000.00. Strom asked the size, and Schmiedeberg said it is a 24-horse powered and it is heavier. The city would sell the current 2004 tractor, the tractor loader, a snow blower, at St. Hilaire auction with a reserve on each item. There are other attachments for this tractor that the city could buy in the future. Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to purchase the new loader. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.** Shablow thanked the lions for donating \$300.00 towards the city park sign.

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City Bills/Claims audited by the city council: 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, Strom seconded, to pay the fire department claims as presented. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

Stromgren asked if the youth group can use the center on Wednesday's starting in September. The council agreed.

Adjournment: Undeberg made a motion, Strom seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. **M/S/P – Undeberg/Strom/All.**

The next scheduled regular City Council meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Sandra Lund, City Clerk