

The regular meeting of the Lake Bronson City Council was held on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Council present: B. Schmiedeberg, B. Undeberg, T. Carlson, P. Shablow. Absent: C. Strom

Public present: B. Bakken, A. Jahoula (Kittson County Enterprise).

The minutes of the previous meeting, November, were approved on a motion by Undeberg and seconded by Carlson with all members in favor.

Schmiedeberg asked for citizen concerns, public stated none at this time.

R. Austad's landscaping rock bill was discussed. Schmiedeberg talked with past Mayor Ryan Rector about this, as he was in office when this originally occurred. Rector stated that Austad had not mentioned or requested any certain size rock at the time of the repair. Anderson Bros Construction stated that when Austad told them to install the rock, he requested larger rock, but they did not have the size that he wanted. Austad said they could put in whatever they had available and it would be fine. After much discussion, it was felt that the city had already paid for the rock once and did not feel it would be the cities responsibility to pay for any additional rock. No discussion or prior authorization was made with the city before rock changes were made. The bill and amount requested to be paid was \$409.00. The council rejected bill payment as they did not feel they should use taxpayer dollars to pay for this a second time.

V. Hills water meter was discussed. Strom replaced Hills meter and found a water leak in the pipes. Hill had somebody repair the leak, so this should fix the problem. The city will monitor her water usage to make sure that has been remedied.

The abandoned trailer house across from the museum was discussed. Notification letters were sent out to the individuals concerning the removal of the trailer with a deadline of January 20th, 2026. The letter informed individuals if trailer was not removed by specified date, the city would remove the trailer at the owner's expense. Owner would pay expenses or charges would be attached to their property taxes. It was reported that the owner had contacted people for removal but is waiting for answers.

Employee review was tabled, as individual was not present at the meeting.

Overgrown trees were discussed. Schmiedeberg stated that he had cut down the tree by B. Haugen's and was helping with the removal. The overhanging tree on main street will be addressed next.

The final tax levy was reviewed and discussed. There have been no additions or corrections, the amount is \$92,000.00. This was approved on a motion by Undeberg and seconded by Carlson with all members in favor.

Fire Department Secretary wages were discussed. The secretary is currently receiving \$500.00 a year. There will be no changes to secretary wages. This was approved on a motion by Shablow and seconded by Carlson with all members in favor.

Meeting dates for the year 2026 were reviewed. There were no conflicts, so was approved on a motion by Undeberg and seconded by Carlson with all members in favor.

The water bond payment was reviewed. Payment will be in the amount of \$39,806.25 for 2026. This was approved on a motion by Carlson and seconded by Undeberg with all members in favor.

The wastewater contract for 2026 with Bob Anderson was reviewed. This is a monthly payment of \$350.00. This was approved on a motion by Undeberg and seconded by Carlson with all members in favor.

The water contract for 2026 with Bob Anderson was reviewed. This is \$100.00 every three months. This was approved on a motion by Undeberg and seconded by Carlson with all members in favor.

The cities brush pile/compost contract with Bruce Blomquist was reviewed. Contract is \$275.00 a year. This was approved on a motion by Undeberg and seconded by Carlson with all members in favor.

A temporary cleaning person was discussed. Current individual is going thru some health issues at this time. Temporary cleaning person would be a fill in as needed. The city can temporarily fill this position with a fill in, for up to six months. If the current individual hired cannot continue, then the city will need to place an ad for applications to fill the position. Xochi Flores will be temporarily filling this position. This was approved on a motion by Carlson and seconded by Undeberg.

City Employee raises were discussed. It was felt at this time; there is no need for raises. City Employee wages will remain the same for 2026. This was approved on a motion by Carlson and seconded by Undeberg with all members in favor.

Previously council members were paid every 6 months. New regulations state that council members need to be paid monthly. This payment can be made via check or direct deposit, whichever the member prefers.

City received several 'request for donation' letters. The council has decided to refrain from making any new donations at this time.

CD's were discussed. The current CD's will mature in January. Upon reinstatement, they will be set up so interest earned will be put back into the CD, instead of the city's general fund, as it has been in the past. CDs will be reinstated for a for thirteen (13) month term, with approximately a 3.6% interest rate. This was approved on a motion by Undeberg and seconded by Carlson with all members in favor.

Schmiedeberg gave the maintenance report. The stop sign by the community center was hit during the last storm and will be replaced by the county on or about 12/16/25.

The sweeper was not working when Schmiedeberg took it out of storage. A chain had broke. He replaced it and is currently in working condition.

There is a water leak on 331 West Main. This issue has been addressed. Anderson Bros Construction will be here on 12-16-25 to start the repair. Wiktell and Ottertail have marked the wires; everything should be ready.

There was a discussion on the city purchasing a push blade for city snow removal. The blade currently being used does not work properly with loader. It is too short and does not drop all the way down to the road, which leaves a ridge of snow. Schmiedeberg went to Fab Tech in Roseau; they can build one to meet the required specs. The approximate cost would be no more than \$3500.00. This was approved on a motion by Carlson and seconded by Undeberg with all members in favor. They will start fabrication this week.

Roundtable discussion: Schmiedeberg reported that there were 32 kids in attendance at the community center for Santa Day activities. He said this is the most they have had, and that next year they will probably need to move into the Fire Hall.

City claims were reviewed and approved on a motion by Carlson and seconded by Undeberg with all members in favor.

Fire Department claims were reviewed and approved on a motion by Undeberg and seconded by Carlson with all members in favor.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Shablow and seconded by Carlson with all members in favor.

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