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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Bobby Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. City Council members present: Brian Undeberg Tatum Carlson, Clarence Strom. Pattijo Shablow was absent. City employee present: S. Lund. Public present were Krista Pietruszewski, Ronnie Austad, Patti Krininger, Becky Bakken, Cindy Adams, Anna Jauhola, Verlene Hill, Amy Norberg, Melinda Kjelland.

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 October 20, 2025. Motion passed.

**Citizen Concerns:** Austad talked about how the city had Anderson Bros dig on his property a few years ago at his request. Andersons had put in small rock and Austad said it was not good. Austad said Andersons said they could not get larger rock at that time. Austad has now had larger rock put in. This was all to try to stop the water from entering his garage. Austad said he would like to be reimbursed for 12 yards of rock at \$25.00 per yard and fuel for the skid steer and semi. Austad said there will be no charges for labor. Schmiedeberg said you don't just get rock and have the city pay for it later; you accepted the small rock. Austad said he did not. Schmiedeberg told Austad to go ask Andersons to pay for the rock, Strom asked how the city will turn on the curb stop with all that rock. Austad said yeah how will you. Austad would like the council to consider paying for the rock and he will bring the bill to the city office and then the council can discuss it. Undeberg thanked Austad for bringing this to the council's attention. Krininger thanked the city for taking care of her meter problem and said she was at the meeting on behalf of Verlene Hill. Krininger said she crawled under Hill's house and turned the main water valve off and the meter stopped spinning. She turned the valve back on and had Hill had shut off all the valves inside the house and there was still water running and the meter continued to spin. Hill said her bill is gone from 3000 gallons to 4600 gallons and she does not feel that she can use that much water. Schmiedeberg said maybe the toilet was leaking. Hill said no it's a new toilet. Strom asked Schmiedeberg if we have new bases and water meters in the shop. Schmiedeberg said yes, Strom told Hill he would come and change her meter and base. Adams had some pictures to share with the council of her view from the front of the museum of the broken-down trailer house. Strom said he had talked to the owner to see if Strom could get the trailer and move it off the property. Hill and Norberg left the meeting at this time. Adams suggested sending letters to the owners of the trailer and to remove the trailer. Adams said that the city can clean it up and put it on their property taxes. Jauhola said that the city of Hallock had to hire an attorney to resolve a situation like this. Undeberg will talk to Foss about this. Bakken said if someone gets hurt on the property that the city could be liable. Undeberg asked the clerk if she had sent letters to the owner. She said yes, quite a few. The council directed the clerk to send a letter to the owner to remove the trailer house within 60 days or the city will hire an attorney, and the city will have the trailer removed at the owner's expense. Letters need to be sent to two owners.

**Council Old Business:** The clerk said the Minnesota Paid Leave Act requires the council to vote for someone to be the paid leave plan administrator. Undeberg made a motion, Strom seconded, for the city clerk to be the paid leave administrator for the city. Motion passed. The clerk discussed that the council also needs to determine the split for the employer and the qualifying employees to pay for the Minnesota paid leave program. She said she had read that typically; a small employer splits this by .44% for the employer and .44% for each qualifying employee. The clerk said it would only be a few hundred dollars since she was currently the only qualifying employee. Strom made a motion, Carlson seconded, to approve the .44% split in payments. Motion passed.

Schmiedeberg asked the clerk if there was anything unusual about the Interim Financial Report, she stated there was nothing. Strom made a motion, Undeberg seconded, to approve the interim

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financial report. Motion passed. Schmiedeberg said the rest of the anti-freeze is here and Strom discussed the hydrants, and they will continue to drain them. Schmiedeberg said CDs are signed and Carlson said they are due in 3 months and we will have to discuss them again next month. Schmiedeberg said that the Tractor/Loader/Snowblower will be put in the bus garage storage because he was advised by the auctioneer that it is not a good time to send them to an auction. They will be sent in the spring. Schmiedeberg said he and R. Haugen will clean up his trees.

Undeberg and Schmiedeberg talked about the guy who was in town cutting a homeowner's trees had asked if he could throw branches in the burn pile, they said he could, but he could not put logs in the pile. Austad interrupted and said there is a tree on West River Street by his place that is hanging over the road, and he wonders if it is on city property. Schmiedeberg said he had talked to someone and the trees on west main will be cleaned up next year, so they do not rub on the school buses.

Underberg expresses concern over some large pine trees that people are driving around and causing the road to move.

Veterans Memorial – Wayside Rest Park. Schmiedeberg asked to table this until January.

**Council New Business:**

The council were each given an employee review in their packet and were asked to fill them out and return them to Carlson or Strom before the next meeting so they can compile the reports and review the clerk at the next meeting. The Yearly Resolution for Polling Place Resolution was reviewed. Bakken asked why we do not vote in the city. The clerk told her that we do mail-in voting. Because our city is under 500 people. If we were over 500 people them, we would vote at the community center. Strom made a motion, Carlson seconded, to approve the polling place resolution. Motion passed. Undeberg made a motion, Carlson seconded, to approve the LMC liability insurance and the city does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability. Motion passed.

LMC Liability Waiver for 2026.

**Council Maintenance Report:** Schmiedeberg said the lagoon's secondary pond is empty and the primary pond is down. There is one water sample left to be sent out this year. Schmiedeberg said there was a crack in a pipe at the lift station. The city will have to hire someone to fix it because it is a confined space. Austad interrupted again and said that he thought Donn Foss used to blow out the culverts with leaves so in the spring the water would drain.

**Council Roundtable:** There was nothing discussed at this time.

**City Bills/Claims audited by the city council:** The clerk asked about the highway department grading Railway Ave. Undeberg said the ruts in that road are too deep for the city machine to grade. Strom made a motion, Carlson seconded, to pay the city claims as presented. Motion passed.

**Fire Department Bills/Claims audited by the city council:** Undeberg made a motion, Carlson seconded, to pay the fire department claims as presented. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Strom made a motion, Undeberg seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 pm. Motion passed.

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

Sandra Lund, City Clerk