

July 20, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor B. Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. City Council members that were present were Clarence (Skip) Strom, Tatum Carlson and Brian Undeberg, Pattijo Shablow. The city clerk Sandy Lund and Chelle Franks were also present. As were Kittson County Enterprise reporter Anna Jauhola, North Star News reporter Krista Pietruszewski

The pledge to the American flag was given.

The minutes were reviewed by council members prior to the meeting as presented in the city council packets.

Undeberg made a motion to approve June 15, 2026, council meeting minutes, it was seconded by Strom and approved with all members in favor

Shablow made a motion to approve June 22, 2026, council meeting minutes, it was seconded by Undeberg and approved with all members in favor

Shablow made a motion to approve June 30, 2026, council meeting minutes, it was seconded by Carlson and approved with all members in favor

The mayor asked for citizen concerns – there were no concerns at this time.

Council Old Business

2027 Budget – Tabled

Railway Ave and Park Ave – this did not get finished per Undeberg

Culvert on 4th Ave - not finished.

Community Center Staining, Schmiedeberg reached out to Randall Alford about staining the Community Center Alford said the 1st time he would charge \$700.00 to take off gutters and the shutters and stain Alford also said to add a second coat he would charge \$500.00. Carlson will decide if there is a need for a second coat. The city will be supplying the stain, brushes and a paint gun. Undeberg made a motion, Carlson seconded for Alford to proceed with the project.

The community center electric doors were taken off the agenda because the parts could not be located at this time. And it was also brought up that the baseball bases also cannot be located at this time. But the tennis net was in the park building.

Staining the village square – Schmiedeberg is waiting on the pricing from Alford.

Lagoon Fences – Schmiedeberg said he will spray along with ball field fences

Gravel on west end of West Main Street – Schmiedeberg said he added more gravel

Overhanging trees Undeberg was informed by a homeowner he would be working on his trees. Sele will take care of his own trees. Hawk will hire someone to trim her pine trees

City siren – is fixed, rewiring was done and Ottetail put the siren back up

Mower, sweeper, road grader, sidewalk sweeper – Schmiedeberg got a quote for a 110" road grader would be \$21,000.00 and 84 "road sweeper with brush \$10,000.00. Undeberg made a motion, seconded by Shablow with all members in favor of purchasing the items.

Council New Business

Interim Financial Report - Strom made a motion, seconded by Carlson all members were in favor.

Hazardous Waste Tuesday, July 28, in front of the legion 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Land Lease Agreement for 1 year – Shablow made a motion, seconded by Strom all members were in favor of approving Robert Haugen's land lease.

Shablow made a motion, seconded by Undeberg with all members in favor to approve the elevators building permit 16 x 40 cement slab.

The Improvement Committee requested the streets be cleaned before Bronson Fest

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The maintenance report was given by the Schmiedeberg, 2 mowers to be fixed, someone threw garbage in the burning pile and Schmiedeberg went out and cleaned that out and pushed the pile up.

Council Roundtable – Schmiedeberg found a set of used 52” fork teeth for the skid steer for \$300.00,

Undeberg made a motion to repay Schmiedeberg, Carlson seconded, all members were in favor.

Strom says he will be spraying twice a week before Bronson Fest. Shablow asked if the curbs need to be painted, Schmiedeberg said they do not.

Parade line - up will start on the east side.

For Bronson Fest there will not be 3 on 3 basketball, there will be kickball, cornhole, The Fire Department will have a splash park, and serve hot dogs, burgers and corn on the cob at the fire shed, Zion Lutheran church ladies will be having a pie social. Vendors will be selling Bronson merchandise, ping pong ball drop, food trucks Strom made motion, Undeberg seconded, all members in favor of closing off 1st Ave for the street dance that evening, there was also a poster put around town with the schedule of the festivities.

Undeberg welcomed the new clerk Chelle Franks from Lancaster who will be replacing Sandy Lund.

Undeberg asked about the rest rooms at the Veteran's Memorial, Schmiedeberg, in about a month they will be working on them.

City sewage lift pump station went out; the pump is being repaired will be reinstalled.

City claims were approved on a motion by Undeberg and seconded by Carlson all members were in favor to pay the claims.

Fire Department claims were approved on a motion by Carlson and seconded by Strom all members were in favor to pay the claims.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:27pm on a motion by Strom and seconded by Carlson all members were in favor.

The next scheduled regular City Council meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Chelle Franks/Sandra Lund, City Clerk