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CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor B. Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. City Council members that were present were Pattijo Shablow, Clarence (Skip) Strom, and Brian Undeberg. Council member Tatum Carlson was absent.

The city clerk's Sandy Lund and Chelle Franks were also present. As were Kittson County Enterprise reporter Anna Jauhola, North Star News reporter Krista Pietruszewski. Public present Ronnie Austad, Dustyn Haugstad, Courtney Evans.

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. Brian Undeberg made a motion, seconded by Pattijo Shablow to approve the regular city council minutes of the July 20, 2026, meeting.

Citizen Concerns.

Ronnie Austad wondering about the status of the ditch by the railroad to Park Ave, Bobby Schmiedeberg stated he would like to wait until fall so they can burn it before being able to assess it. Also, Ronnie asked about getting two signs with the speed limit and kids at play posted for North Railway Ave, Pattijo Shablow stated we could request these from the county. Strom suggested we buy four. Ronnie also stated his nephew Andy Olson would be able to assist with getting funds to help Lake Bronson with bills?

Council Old Business.

2027 Budget – Shablow made a motion, seconded by Strom, Undeberg was also in favor.

Culvert between Railway Ave and Park Ave - Schmiedeberg would like to wait until fall to burn the culvert before looking at it.

Culvert on 4th Ave - Shablow made a motion and Strom seconded the motion, Undeberg was also in favor of purchasing a new culvert for the south end of 4th Ave.

Center doors - Undeberg made a motion and Strom seconded to get new center door closure hardware Shablow was also in favor.

Staining the village square – Schmiedeberg received a verbal quote from Randall Alford for staining the inside of the village square and staining two picnic tables from the veteran's memorial park for \$500.00. Undeberg made a motion and Shablow seconded the motion, Strom was also in favor.

Lagoon Fences – Schmiedeberg stated in September they will be burning the grass to locate the fences that need repair.

Reimbursement from LMC– Schmiedeberg stated we received a refund from the insurance company for cyber security in the amount of \$17,098.66.

City siren – Schmiedeberg stated we will disconnect the city shop phone, because the siren is working.

Mower, sweeper, road grader, sidewalk sweeper – Schmiedeberg stated sweeper and grader, are going to be delivered to the city next week.

Council New Business.

Public hearing Oct 19, 2026 to go over municipal consent, construction plan, and easements from MNDOT for highway 59. Letting date fall of 2027 Construction begins spring of 2028.

Clerk's notary license and stamp - Shablow made a motion, seconded by Strom, Undeberg was also in favor.

Custodian – The clerk stated the custodian will be done working for the city at the end of the month; Undeberg made a motion, seconded by Shablow, Strom was also in favor of putting an ad in the paper for a custodian for 2 ½ hours 1 day a week.

Paid Holidays - The clerk asked while an employee is on probation do they receive holiday pay. Shablow stated they do get paid and made a motion to pay holiday pay, Strom seconded, Undeberg was also in favor.

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Maintenance report - Schmiedeberg stated the wayside rest is in progress. Sollund's pumped out the old wayside rest. Schmiedeberg repaired the concrete at one end of the building. Shablow will be contacting Sandahl Signs to get samples of a sign that will be placed on the outhouse building at the memorial park. Schmiedeberg will get a quote to install 220v and 110v outlets outside of the city shop and the village square for food vendor trucks.

Schmiedeberg mentioned the bleachers at the park are in bad shape and need replacing. Schmiedeberg said he and the clerk were looking at 3 tier aluminum bleachers and two player benches. Schmiedeberg will get quotes. Undeberg asked about the trees that needed trimming. Main street is now complete. Schmiedeberg stated he talked to Matt Nelson, and he will be taking care of Marge Hawk's trees, Undeberg said trees on Sele's property have been trimmed.

Undeberg asked about the sewer pumps. Schmiedeberg stated that one pump was replaced at the lift station, in the amount of \$15,597.21.

Council Roundtable – Shablow will be mowing the ball field on Tuesday. Schmiedeberg will be looking at purchasing bases for the baseball field. Strom will continue with spraying for mosquitoes.

City Claims - Shablow made a motion and Strom seconded, Undeberg was also in favor.

Fire Department claims - Shablow made a motion and Undeberg seconded, Strom was also in favor.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:04pm on a motion by Strom and seconded by Undeberg, Shablow was also in favor.

The next scheduled regular City Council meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Chelle Franks, City Clerk