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CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor B. Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:28pm. City Council members that were present were Clarence (Skip) Strom, Brian Undeberg, Pattijo Shablow and Tatum Carlson. Also present was city clerk Sandy Lund, Kittson County Enterprise reporter Anna Jauhola, Ronnie Austad and Travis Rector.

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, seconded by Strom to approve the regular city council minutes of the May 18, 2026, meeting. Approved with all members in favor.

The mayor asked for citizen comments. Austad said between Railway Ave and Park Ave there is a drainage ditch that needs to be cleaned out. Schmiedeberg said he will look at it. Austad said the sidewalks are not good by the covenant church. Schmiedeberg said he thinks that the county will be working on replacing main street and the sidewalks next year. Rector said he is planning his wedding reception on June 20th at the legion with a DJ on 1st Ave for a street dance. They plan to set up spool tables by the Maverick Bar and table & chairs by the legion. The Sub Shack will be open from 10-2 for people also. The mayor said the city will put up barricades on 1st street, so no traffic can get through, and put out the city picnic tables around the area. The Village square bathrooms will be open for use. Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded with all members in favor of this.

Old business.

Culvert on 4th Ave, Schmiedeberg and Undeberg will take care of this.

Community Center, staining, repair or replace outside vents. Taum and Aaron plan to spray the center on a nice day.

Center doors, Schmiedeberg said he will replace them as soon as he finds the box of parts in the city shop. Staining the village square, it was mentioned that the Improvement Committee had said they would paint the inside of the village square.

Lagoon Fences, Schmiedeberg said they will set a work date and get this done.

Building permit for a fence – The clerk contacted the county, and they said that if you build a fence, we do not require a building permit if it is not cemented in the ground. Doug Turn's check will be returned to him.

Gravel on west end of West Main Street, Schmiedeberg said he had put gravel and dirt in this and fixed the problem.

Overhanging trees. This was discussed and the clerk will send letters to homeowners on Main Street and West Main to trim back their trees.

City siren. Schmiedeberg said hopefully Truedson has put all new wiring inside the siren and Ottertail Power Company will put it up and try it to see that it works.

New business.

Prepaid fuel, summer fill fuel. The clerks said we had used \$5,129.44 in propane during the last heating season and that the city has \$5,282.08 left on account. The clerk said in the 2025 budget \$10,000.00 was set aside for propane. Undeberg made a motion, seconded by Strom with all members in favor, to put \$5,000.00 towards prepaid fuel.

Water Assessment letters. Schmiedeberg said we are working on one account.

The maintenance report. Undeberg said he will pick up 2 sets of lawn mower blades and a sending unit. Ordering gravel discussed and it was decided that 4 loads were needed to fill holes and at the fire department parking spot. Schmiedeberg said he will fill some holes and spray for weeds by the fire shed. Carlson said Aaron had sprayed the sidewalks. Shablow said that the fences at the call field need to be sprayed. Schmiedeberg said the propane tank behind the legion and the area behind the city chop need to be sprayed. Shablow mentioned that the area in front of the basketball area should either be filled with gravel or let the grass grow as there are many rocks on that

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area and it is hard it mow. The playground needs to be sprayed also. Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded for Aaron to do the spraying, with all members in favor.

Council Roundtable. Undeberg said he had checked on a mower from Central Boiler and said it would not work for the city. Undeberg asked if there are any past due water bills. Schmiedeberg said that 3 would be getting shut off tomorrow. Undeberg said he had talked with Braget about his property on main street and Braget said he plans to move some of his trailers soon. Shablow asked about parked unlicensed vehicles in the city. The clerk was directed to send a homeowner a letter because their unlicensed vehicle is sitting on the city right of way and 2 vehicles cannot meet on that road. Schmiedeberg had prices for a new mower, grader and a sweeper that goes into the back and has side brushes. Carlson said the city received \$38,785.00 for the New Holland tractor the city brought to an auction. Schmiedeberg said the city could bring more machinery to auction. The snow blower, a sidewalk sweeper and the grader. Strom said the city had paid \$8,000.00 for the current grader. Undeberg said the city would need to buy something to sweep the sidewalks, with a cab on it. Schmiedeberg will get more information. Schmiedeberg said the military will be taking a track vehicle back from the fire department and the fire department has found a new track vehicle to purchase for \$16,000.00 from the DNR. Strom made a motion, Carlson seconded to purchase the vehicle. All members were in favor.

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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:34pm on a motion by Undeberg and seconded by Strom, with all members in favor.

The next scheduled regular City Council meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Sandra Lund, City Clerk