**October 19, 2026**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor B. Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm. City Council members that were present were Clarence (Skip) Strom, Pattijo Shablow Tatum Carlson and Brian Undeberg, The city clerk Chelle Franks was also present. As were Kittson County Enterprise reporter Anna Jauhola, North Star News reporter Krista Pietruszewski. Public present was Debbie Brieland, Transportation Director from Northwest Regional Development Tim Finseth, Project Manager from MNDOT Barin Norgren and Andrew Johnson.

The pledge to the American flag was given.

**Transportation Director from Northwest Regional Development**, Tim Finseth – update on Water of Dancing Sky, back in 2013 Federal government decided to designate this a scenic byway, our area for Roseau and Kittson County was greatly unrepresented when this was put together, he is looking to get us better representation. This is a plus for a couple reasons, when we need help with the highway it helps to get federal grants additional federal funding to help with repairs, also it puts us on the map to bring people in. Next Tuesday Oct 27, 2026, they are having a meeting from 2:00-4:00 with all 4 counties, location of the meetings is International Falls, Baudette, Roseau and Hallock courthouse, it will be a zoom meeting, they would love to hear from anyone using the highway and hear some thoughts and input.

**MNDOT Hwy 59** - Barin Norgren, Project Manager and Andrew Johnson, Designer for this project were present and presented a PowerPoint for municipal consent on the highway 59 project that showed detailed layouts of the highway 59 and County Road 28. This layout also showed ADA facilities and storm sewer. We will have better drainage. They also talked about the detours and staging. They will be relocating the sidewalk from the west side to the east side and will go to the Veterans Memorial with the sidewalk going over bridge with guardrails. It doesn't appear we will not be losing any trees, possibility of some branches. This project will cost the city $3100.00. Project will take about 7 months and will be completed around fall of 2028. Barin explained they will need the resolution back within 90 days, motion was made by Pattijo Shablow and Clarence (Skip) Strom seconded, all members were in favor.

**Approve Minutes** - The minutes were reviewed by council members prior to the meeting as presented in the city council packets. Tatum Carlson made a motion, seconded by Clarence (Skip) Strom to approve the regular city council minutes of the September 21, 2026, meeting, all members were in favor.

The mayor asked for citizen concerns. There were none

**Council Old Business**.

**Wastewater Operator** position, we will be running the ad for 5 weeks in Kittson County Enterprise Newspaper and North Star News, we also posted it at the post office, Cenex and Bronson Market.

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**Interim Financial report** – Tatum had some questions regarding expenses of the School Gym and Street lighting wondering if electric cost increased caused us to be under budget. Anna Jauhola mentioned the General Government Expense, Bobby said that is for the loader, this will balance out. Next year's budget we investigate electric increase. Brian Undeberg made motion, seconded by Pattijo Shablow, all members were in favor.

Approved

**Approve Liquor licenses** – Legion - $300.00, Market - $100.00, Farmers Union - $100.00, Maverick's - $900.00, total for all $1400.00 Pattijo Shablow made motion, seconded by Brian Undeberg, all members were in favor.

**Donation to the Museum** - $500.00 donation Brian Undeberg made motion, seconded by Tatum Carlson, all members were in favor.

**League of Minnesota Dividend check** – we received a Work Comp dividend check in the amount of $1,962.00

**Donation from American Legion Post 214 Lancaster –** we received a $1,000.00 check for the Veterans Memorial, a Thank You letter was sent.

**Water Assessment**- Brian Undeberg made motion to have these put on the property taxes if not paid in full by November 10, 2026, seconded by Pattijo Shablow, all members were in favor.

The maintenance report was given by Bobby Schmiedeberg. Skip is working on draining the hydrants, Cenex is out of anti-freeze, more has been ordered and the hydrants will then be flushed antifreeze will be added when it comes in next week. Soon we will be putting the lawn mowers away for the season and bringing out the equipment for winter, Tatum asked about the Bobcat harness, Bobby stated that Bobcat will be coming on Wednesday with a handheld remote for the machine.

**Council Roundtable** – Bobby has not heard from Andy on the grants; Andy had stated previously that we might not hear back until late fall.

**City Claims** - Pattijo Shablow made a motion and Tatum Carlson seconded; all members were in favor.

**Fire Department Claims** - Tatum Carlson made a motion and seconded by Pattijo Shablow all members were in favor.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm on a motion by Brian Undeberg and seconded by Pattijo Shablow all members were in favor.

The next scheduled regular City Council meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

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Chelle Franks, City Clerk

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