

Breezy Point City Council

March 3, 2025 - 6:30 pm

Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Interim Administrator Jerry Bohnsack conducted a roll call with the Mayor Roggenkamp and council members Rebecca Ball, Steve Jensen, Michael Moroni and Brad Scott in attendance. Staff Present included Interim Administrator Jerry Bohnsack, Police Chief Brian Sandell, Deputy Clerk Deb Runksmeier, and Public Works Supervisor Joe Zierden.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included minutes from Regular Council Meeting February 3, 2025 and Special Council Meeting February 11, 2025, claims totaling \$681,068.90, Resolution 03-2025 electronic fund transfers, Resolution 04-2025 community garden donation from the airport, Resolution 05-2025 with amendment to the 2025 fee schedule for Police Services, resignation of part-time police officer Luke Hamilton, purchase of ballistic helmets for the police department at \$8,850.56, and the 2025 tort liability waiver.

Council member Ball moved to approve the consent agenda as read. Council member Moroni seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum

There were no speakers for the open forum.

Pequot Lakes School District Referendum

Superintendent Kurt Stumpf presented information on the upcoming school district referendum on April 8, 2025. He highlighted recent achievements of students and programs in the district. The referendum has two questions: a \$55 million bond (reduced from \$76.5 million in February) and a \$600,000 capital projects levy.

Stumpf explained how the bond amount was reduced by removing an auditorium, scaling back athletic facility improvements, and maximizing existing classroom space. The tax impact would be about \$16/month for the average \$400,000 home if both questions pass.

He noted Pequot Lakes ranks 318th out of 328 Minnesota districts in per-student funding at \$10,900 compared to the state average of \$14,500. The capital levy would add about \$350 per student in funding.

Council member Jensen asked about the funding formula. Stumpf explained it involves categorical funding streams that the district cannot access due to location, size, demographics or historical factors.

Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway

Lynn Scharenbroich presented an update on the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway videography project. She explained that two jurisdictions can be featured each year, with videos taking about 6 months to produce. The cost is \$1,200 per finished minute, with videos typically 5-6 minutes long.

Breezy Point Alliance Disc Golf Course

Bill Toft, president of the Breezy Point Alliance, presented concerns about behavior issues at the disc golf course expansion area.

Council member Scott made a motion to immediately close holes 7-15 of the disc golf course expansion, seconded by Council member Jensen. After discussion, the motion failed in a roll call vote 2-3, Ball, Moroni, and Roggenkamp Opposed.

Mayor Roggenkamp stated the issue would continue to be examined, thanking Toft for bringing solutions to consider.

Rezoning Request Urban Reserve to Wood Residential for Sarah Lovejoy at 7036 Nickel Road

Sarah Lovejoy requested rezoning her 10-acre lot from urban reserve to wooded residential to allow splitting it into two 5-acre parcels. The Planning Commission had recommended approval.

Council member Scott moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone the property at 7036 Nickel Road from urban reserve to woodland residential. Council member Moroni seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Candidates

Mayor Roggenkamp announced three candidates would be interviewed on March 19 for the city administrator position:

- Richard Baker - Economic Development Director at Thief River Falls
- Jenny Max - City Administrator for Nisswa
- Fred Ventresco - Seasoned public administrator currently between jobs

The mayor noted two of the original top three candidates had withdrawn. Council member Scott expressed disappointment at being unable to attend the interviews due to scheduling.

Mayor and City Council Reports

Council member Moroni reported on his first road committee meeting, noting discussions on potential road improvements and the need to address the assessment policy for road resurfacing.

Mayor Roggenkamp mentioned an upcoming finance committee meeting to discuss projects like Bushman Road.

Council member Jensen highlighted March as Minnesota Food Share Month, with city hall and local businesses serving as donation drop-off points.

Staff Reports

City Hall - Hy Tec Pay Application #5

A motion was made by Council member Moroni and seconded by Council member Ball to approve the Hy-Tec pay application #5 for \$231,812.16 for work completed on the city hall project. The motion carried 4-1, Scott Opposed

Suspend Regular Session

Move to Closed Session at 7:33 pm

Buschmann Road Reconstruction Project Parcels

The council moved into closed session to discuss acquisition and temporary easements for the Bushman Road reconstruction project.

Reopen Meeting at 8:05 pm

Paul Sandy with Widseth explained the Buschmann Road Project fee amendment to include turn lanes, hill, and curb and gutter.

A motion was made by Council member Ball and seconded by Council member Moroni to approve the Buschmann Road Project Amendment Fee for \$75,739. The motion carried 4-1, Scott Opposed

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by council member Moroni and seconded by council member Jensen

Meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.