



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 22, 2025

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, a Regular meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council will be held on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 5:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL: Mayor Connelly, Councilors: Sutherland, Blake, MacGregor, Mertes

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly recognized Police Reserves Rick Moen and Sam Grigsby for their response to a medical emergency and acknowledged staff with employment anniversary dates in September for their years of public service and dedication to the residents of the city.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Blake noted Kootasca will hold their annual meeting at the CoHaus, Thursday, September 25th, 12:00. Mayor Connelly provided information on the community survey that went out and stated she will be attending the Hwy 169 Range Coalition meeting on Thursday, October 23rd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, September 8, 2025 Regular meeting.

Approve Council minutes for Monday, September 8, 2025 Regular meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, second by Councilor Mertes to approve Council minutes as presented. The following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Mertes. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period September 3, 2025 to September 15, 2015 in the total amount of \$341,190.64 of which \$7,831.25 are debt service payments.

Approve the verified claims for the period September 3, 2025 to September 15, 2025 in the total amount of \$341,190.64.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Blake to approve verified claims as presented. The following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor, MacGregor, Councilor Mertes. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

3. August 13, 2025 Library Board meeting
August 19, 2025 Golf Board meeting

Mayor Connelly acknowledged the following minutes for Boards and Commissions:

August 13, 2025 Library Board meeting
August 19, 2025 Golf Board meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider approving temporary liquor license for Itasca Curling Association
5. Consider approving rate of pay increase for Public Works Maintenance -Winter position and approve rehiring Jim Columbus as seasonal worker.
6. Consider rescinding appointment of Daniel Chase as PT Maintenance Shift Lead at Yanmar Arena.
7. Adopt a Resolution Accepting a State of MN Grant in the amount of \$7,836.00 for the Vehicle Gate Replacement Project at the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport

Adopted Resolution 25-63

8. Consider a request by the police department to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Warrior Care Program Internship Initiative and the Grand Rapids Police Department.
9. Consider approval of golf car lease

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the Consent agenda as presented. The following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Mertes, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake, Councilor Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, second by Councilor Sutherland to approve the regular agenda as presented. The following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Mertes. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

10. Consider approving the 2025 Preliminary Levy Payable 2026

City Administrator Pagel reviewed the Preliminary Levy with the Council.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the 2025 Preliminary Levy Payable 2026. The following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Mertes, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake, Councilor Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

Adopted resolution 25-64

CITY COUNCIL:

11. Consider a letter of support related to Mining

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Mertes to approve a letter of support related to mining. The following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Connelly, Councilor Mertes, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake, Councilor Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Aurimy Groom

Aurimy Groom, Administrative Assistant

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR **TUESDAY** OCTOBER 14, 2025 AT 5:00 PM

Hearing Assistance Available: This facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system.

MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY: Please be aware that the Council has adopted a Meeting Protocol Policy which informs attendees of the Council's desire to conduct all City meetings in an orderly manner which welcomes all civil input from citizens and interested parties. If you are unaware of the policy, copies (orange color) are available in the wall file by the Council entrance.

ATTEST: Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk