



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
IT'S IN MINNESOTA'S NATURE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 2026

5:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Tom Sutherland, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Dan Mertes

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Kimberly Gibeau, Chad Sterle, Laura Pfiefer, Dale Anderson, Cheri Pierzina, Carl Babich, Rob Mattei, Andy Morgan

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

- * Recognition of years of service for City Employees.
- * Acknowledgment of donations to Library.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Blake provided updates from WMMPB meeting; IRRR State of the Range presentation.

Councilor MacGregor provided information regarding upcoming Indigenous People's Day and an update on Library funding.

Mayor Connelly noted the upcoming open house regarding Block 19 improvements and encourages the public to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, August 24, 2026 Worksession and Regular Meeting.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded by Councilor Sutherland to approve Council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period August 18, 2026 to September 8, 2026 in the amount of \$1,395,467.53

Motion made by Councilor Mertes, Seconded by Councilor MacGregor to approve the verified claims as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the 2026 budgeted operating transfers.

Adopted Resolution 26-65

4. Consider adopting a resolution to authorize closing Debt Service Fund-Taxable GO Improvement Bonds 2009C.

Adopted Resolution 26-66

5. Consider adopting a resolution to authorize closing Capital Projects Fund-2024 Infrastructure Fund.

Adopted Resolution 26-67

6. Consider hiring seasonal hires, Neil Seledic and Garren Schlicht at Pokegama Golf Course and Benjamin Olson at Yanmar Arena.
7. Consider resignation from Nicole Broberg, PT employee at GRPD DACF.
8. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign Minnesota Pollution Control Agency forms for Grand Rapids Public Utilities.
9. Consider accepting a quote from TNT Construction Group for the 1st Avenue NW rain garden inlets
10. Adopt a Resolution Accepting an FAA Grant in the amount of \$151,974 for the Taxilane Extension at the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute.

Adopted Resolution 26-68

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor Sutherland to approve the Consent agenda as amended, moving item #3 to 12a under the Regular agenda. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Seconded by Councilor Mertes to approve the Regular agenda as amending, approving addition of 12a moved from Consent. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

CIVIC CENTER & PARKS:

11. Consider accepting a bid from Range Cornice & Roofing Company for improvements in Miner's Pavilion.

Dale Anderson provides information regarding pigeon problem at the Miner's Pavilion. Recommends approval of Range Cornice and Roofing Company quote.

Motion made by Councilor Sutherland, Seconded by Councilor Blake to accept bid from Range Cornice & Roofing Company for improvements to Miner's Pavilion. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

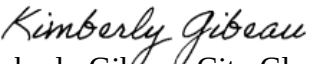
12. Consider adopting a resolution approving termination of the City of Grand Rapids .5% local option sales and use tax effective December 31, 2026.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Seconded by Councilor Sutherland to **adopt Resolution 26-69**, termination of City .5% local option sales tax. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Sutherland, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk