



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

CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

Monday, November 24, 2025

4:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

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

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Kimberly Gibeau, Will Richter, Lance Kuschel, Chery Pierzina, Carl Babich

BUSINESS:

1. Review Solid Waste Ordinance

This discussion will be postponed to a later date.

2. Review Grand Rapids Fire Department Relief Association Request for Benefit Level Increase.

Fire Fighter Will Richter conducted presentation for the Council providing overview of Fire Department Relief Association and proposed benefit level increase. This item will be brought back to the Council meeting on December 1, 2025 for consideration.

3. Discuss 2026 Proposed Budget

Administrator Tom Pagel provided overview of proposed 2026 budget and reviewed recommended changes to reduce City levy.

REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA:

Upon review, 13a. Adopting a resolution approving Maintenance and Operations Grant Agreement with State of MN for GPZ Airport is added to Consent. No other additions or changes are noted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk