



CITY OF
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

5:00 PM

Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

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

STAFF: Tom Pagel, Kimberly Gibeau, Chad Sterle, Andy Morgan, Jeremy Nelson, Chery Pierzina, Will Richter, Laura Pfeifer, Rob Mattei

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY:

Mayor Connelly reads ad from Herald on gratitude. Library presentation at Itasca County Board meeting with phenomenal turnout in support of the Library.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Blake reports that on June 18th, from 5-7 PM MN Municipal Utilities leader legislation debrief will be in Grand Rapids and all City Council members are invited.

Mayor Connelly provided overview on Library presentation at County Commission meeting and public turnout in support of the library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve minutes for Monday, May 12, 2025 Council Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion made by Councilor MacGregor, Second by Councilor Mertes to approve Council minutes for May 12, 2025 Worksession and Regular meetings as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period May 6, 2025 to May 19, 2025 in the total amount of \$841,887.89.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

3. Acknowledged the following minutes for Boards and Commissions:

- ~ April 9, 2025 Library Board meeting
- ~ April 16, 2025 Golf Board meeting
- ~ April 22, 2025 Special Golf Board meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consider seasonal rehire at Pokegama Golf Course.
5. Consider re-appointing Laura Pfeifer to Assistant Director of Finance position, effective June 1, 2025.
6. Consider acting on Notice of Elimination of Position and Layoff.
7. Consider resignation from Kiara Rantala from her position as Police Officer effective May 25, 2025.
8. Consider approval of an agreement with LHB for safety inspections on the Horn Bridge.
9. Consider approving amendment #1 to the SEH 2025 Vehicle Gate Replacement contract.
10. Consider entering into an Agreement for Consulting Services for GASB 67 & 68 Actuarial Valuation with USI Consulting Group, Incorporated. (Formerly Hildi, Inc.)
11. Consider approving the renewal of Office 365 services through Zix.
12. Consider approving the School Resource Officer Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year with Independent School District #318
13. Consider approving temporary liquor licenses for MacRostie Art Center for 2025 First Friday events.
14. Consider entering into Advertising Agreements with businesses at Yanmar Arena.
15. Consider approving a Lease Agreement with ISD 318 for use of the City's athletic fields.
16. Consider approving the purchase of a new virtual server cluster from SHI.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Mertes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor MacGregor to approve the Regular Agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

ADMINISTRATION:

17. Consider appointment of Police Officer(s) with the Grand Rapids Police Department.

Motion made by Councilor Mertes, Second by Councilor MacGregor to appoint Evan Wimmer and Katie LaTourelle to the positions of Police Officer with the Grand Rapids Police Department. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

18. Consider adopting a resolution approving a Development Assistance Agreement with KTJ 435, LLC.

Mr. Mattei presented background and requested adoption of resolution approving agreement as presented.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor MacGregor to **adopt Resolution 25-37**, approving Development Assistance Agreement with KTJ 435, LLC. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

19. Consider adopting a resolution supporting the use of tax increment financing for a rental housing development project

Mr. Mattei provided overview and requested adoption of resolution supporting TIF for rental housing development project.

Motion made by Councilor Mertes, Second by Councilor MacGregor to **adopt Resolution 25-38**, supporting use of Tax Increment Financing for Rental Housing Development Project. Voting Yea: Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Blake, Councilor Mertes

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk