



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
August 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

Present: Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Mike Feldmann, Deirdre Kvale, and Todd Newcomer

Staff Present: City Administrator: Amanda Nowezki; City Clerk/Zoning Administrator: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: Council: Jahn Dyvik (with prior notice)

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Feldmann, seconded by Newcomer, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Discussion of 2027 Budget Considerations/Preliminary Levy

City Administrator Nowezki reviewed a rough draft of the 2027 budget, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and proposed utility rates. She reviewed the areas where she was currently planning for increases in the budget and noted that she was working on setting more money aside for capital expenses. She mentioned that she would also welcome feedback on the CIP to assist in how best prepare for prioritizing some potential lake quality and stormwater projects.

The Council discussed franchise fees and how they are able to be used; expected costs associated with the required Comprehensive Plan update; Public Works fleet repairs and replacements; upcoming expenses for the Shoreline Fire Department and related facilities/equipment; updating the Pavement Management Plan to include seal coating projects; and recommended 2027 utility rate updates. Nowezki presented a usage scenario comparison of a Long Lake utility bill versus what other area cities have been charging and pointed out the differences in sewer and stormwater fees.

Upon further review of her rate proposal, Nowezki indicated that if she were to make any additional 2027 adjustments to rates, she would make them to the Stormwater Fund in order for the City to begin preparing for future stormwater improvements. She asked the Council to look through the details of the rough numbers she had provided and to reach out to her with any questions, comments or ideas. She reminded them that the numbers for the budget, CIP, and utility rates were currently a work in progress.

Mayor Miner mentioned the Lake Minnetonka Area Cities (LMAC) lobbying efforts and wondered if they'd been accounted for.

Nowezki replied that she had not included that yet, but she had already captured both of the Flock cameras in the budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Nowezki
City Administrator