



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Amanda Nowezki; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: Council: Jahn Dyvik (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – LONG LAKE NEWS, MEETING REVIEW, AND UPDATES

Mayor Miner reminded residents of the Orono Lions Club's upcoming Snowball Open event to be held on January 31, 2026 at Birch's on the Lake, and added that more details were available at www.oronolions.org.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approve Minutes of January 6, 2026 City Council Meeting
- B. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- C. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-04 Approving the Hennepin County Residential Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Agreement No. PR00008086
- D. Approve the Agreement for Continued Use of the City of Plymouth Yard Waste Site by the City of Long Lake
- E. Approve a Sublease Between North Memorial Health Care (d/b/a North Memorial Ambulance) and the Shoreline Fire Department for Use of Designated Areas of Fire Station 1

Councilmember Kvale asked if the Plymouth Yard Waste Site contract amount had increased.

City Clerk Moeller confirmed that the contract cost had increased due to rising material grinding costs, and noted that she planned to reach out to neighboring communities again to revisit whether there may be any other alternatives open to the City.

Referencing the claims paid, Councilmember Kvale pointed out that there was a line item for replacing the Highway 12 emergency gate.

City Administrator Nowezki clarified that the item Councilmember Kvale was referring to was a payment made in order to get on the vendor's schedule for the gate replacement to occur in the spring. She added that other entities will be contributing to the overall project cost, but they would not be billed until after the gate has been installed.

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

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Reschedule February 3, 2026 City Council Meeting

Moeller explained that the February 3, 2026 City Council meeting would need to be rescheduled due to it falling on the same date as Minnesota's Precinct Caucuses. Staff recommended rescheduling the meeting to either the Monday before or the Wednesday after the usual meeting date.

A motion was made by Feldmann, seconded by Newcomer, to reschedule the February 3, 2026 City Council meeting to February 4, 2026. Ayes: all.

B. Resolution Regarding the Tally of Write-In Votes for Municipal Elections

Moeller reviewed changes in legislation that had occurred in 2023 which opened up options for cities regarding the counting of write-in votes for municipal elections. She stated that write-in votes cast in municipal elections often were for candidates such as 'Anyone Else', 'Bart Simpson', or for individuals ineligible for a City office, and indicated that while the results had sometimes been an amusing anecdote at Canvassing Board meetings, the work entailed in creating reports for and tallying those votes was labor intensive and unnecessary.

A motion was made by Kvale, seconded by Miner, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-05 governing the tally of write-in votes for City offices in municipal elections. Ayes: all.

C. Approval of a 2025 Polling Place Accessibility Grant Program Agreement

Moeller reviewed details related to the 2025 Polling Place Accessibility Grant program and indicated that the City had received a grant agreement and partial award that would assist in funding an approved project to replace the City Hall front doors and equip them with enhanced accessibility features.

A motion was made by Newcomer, seconded by Feldmann, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-06 Approving the 2025 Polling Place Accessibility Grant Program Agreement between the City of Long Lake and the State of Minnesota, acting through its Secretary of State; authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to execute said agreement. Ayes: all.

The Council discussed other possible projects for improvement/upgrades around City Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS

Shoreline Fire Department Updates - Councilmember Feldmann reviewed the outcome of the Shoreline Fire Department's search for a Deputy Chief. Candidate John Paszkiewicz had been selected as the Deputy Chief by the interviewing committee and would be seated on February 2, 2026. Councilmember Feldmann also reviewed discussion outcomes from a recent Fire Relief Association meeting related to pension benefit level adjustments and whether a portion of the process could be more automated in nature.

Holbrook Park Warming House - Mayor Miner mentioned that the Holbrook Park skating rink is open, but reminded residents that the warming house remains closed due for repairs.

Clarification on Enforcement Roles – Mayor Miner thanked City Clerk Moeller for distributing information from the City of Wayzata related to the Police Department's role in immigration enforcement activities. He noted that Long Lake utilized the Wayzata Police Department for Police services, and that he felt the Facebook post had done a good job of explaining the role of local Police departments.

LMCC Liaison Report - Councilmember Kvale informed Council that the LMCC had closed on the sale of their former building in Spring Park.

Insurance Broker Meeting - Nowezki advised Council that she met with the City's insurance broker earlier in the day about workers' compensation and liability insurance. She shared that the City's premiums have gone down by almost 50% from last year because of the City's experience rating and safety practices of the employees.

Replacing Holiday Banners - Moeller mentioned that some companies were offering sales on standard holiday banners that could be used to replace the current banners. She suggested that if the full Council did not have feedback or an active interest in holiday banner designs, she could reach out to Councilmember Dyvik and welcome his input since this was a subject he'd raised in the past. Councilmember Kvale suggested that they consider purchasing banners that are not specific to a holiday, such as a snowman design, so that that they could be in place all winter.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk