

Mayor Kletscher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll showed Councilpersons Lee, Ross, DeGross, Kraft and Stoner were present. Also present were CT LaBeree, Police Chief Klatt, PW Director Caress, Fire Chief Greg Holden, Ambulance Director Julie Lee, Josh Miller and Lynn McIntyre from Cedar Corp, Jason LaBeree, Lisa Kaiser, Sarah Kaiser, Carlton Dewitt and David Olson.

DeGross moved and Kraft seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Kraft seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2026 Regular meeting. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

Kraft moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve all presented disbursements. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

There were no public comments.

Sarah Kaiser was present for Summer Rec. She indicated that registrations for summer rec were open. She inquired about some storage availability at the park for gear for the program. Mayor Kletscher indicated that one of the storage sheds would have room but may need to be cleaned out. Sarah also asked about the fields and who they could have drag lines and rake. Dave Caress from Public Works noted that they had been taking care of it the last year or so and would continue doing so.

A paper copy of the library report was submitted by the Library Director.

Director Caress gave the Public Works report. Caress informed the council that the hole in the road at the intersection of 2nd and Walnut will be address in the next few days.

A written report was submitted by Chief Klatt. Chief also talked briefly about a snow removal program that is being introduced to city businesses to see if there is any interest. He also mentioned that Officer Hoyt would be interested in picking up some additional evening shifts if needed.

Chief Holden reported that he is working on getting some new radios, including 2 mobiles and 2 portables. Is hoping to get cost assistance from a Dunn County Grant. Chief Holden also noted that the Fire Department is getting audited on the FEMA AFG Grant and that he has been working with the clerk's office to provide information for that. Lastly, he indicated that the new truck is just about ready and is expected to be here in about 2 to 3 weeks. The truck may possibly need 2 new front tires, a good bath and a wax and will be ready for service.

Ambulance Director Lee reported that the "Egg My Yard" fundraiser is up and running and they are hoping for another successful campaign.

The Clerk-Treasurer's office noted that a Cyber Security Grant has been applied for. The City had an insurance audit that went well with no issues. The Public Election Test was held the week prior and that the spring primary election was tomorrow, February 17th. The clerks worked with Workhorse on some training and learned a new way of reconciling accounts that will hopefully be more efficient and easier for the auditors too.

Mayor Kletscher talked briefly on an Innovation Grant and also talked about a meeting he had with Cedar Corp earlier and that there may need to be some work done with ordinances and codes for the City.

There was no Old Business to discuss as nobody was in attendance for Hinman Park.

Public Works Director Caress addressed the issue with one of the Lagoon Blowers. It seems the motor may be locked up. He is trying to get someone lined up to look at it, but is having an issue with getting someone to call him back. In his research, he found that it would be an estimate of around \$7,200 to rebuild the blower, but that the closest company to offer service is in Illinois so with the commute it would likely run approximately \$12,000 for repair. He also indicated that a new blower is roughly \$25-35,000. Lee made a motion to offer \$12,000 as a maximum approval amount for the time being to get the ball rolling on repairing. Kraft seconded the motion. Voice vote carried.

Discussions were made regarding a 30-minute parking sign, specifically for Family ChiroCare. After much discussion, council is permitting Family ChiroCare to place a removable sign in front of a parking stall directly outside of their business. Lisa and Sarah Kaiser were both in attendance and said that the sign will likely only be needed on Wednesdays and Thursdays from around 11:30 to 5:00. Lee moved and Kraft seconded a motion approving the sign for Family ChiroCare. Voice vote showed Ross and Stoner voting yes, with DeGross opposed.

Discussion pertaining to Storage Container Regulations and Accessory Structures was skipped as no resolution was reached at the earlier Planning Commission meeting.

The Council reviewed the Operator's License application for Carrie Steger. Motion by Lee, seconded by Stoner, to approve the Operator's License. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

At 7:52 p.m. DeGross moved and Stoner seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin LaBeree
Clerk-Treasurer