

Mayor Kletscher called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll showed Councilpersons Lee, Olson, Ross and Stoner were present. DeGross and Kraft absent. Also present were DCT Swenby, Police Chief Klatt, PW Director Caress, Librarian Rochel Karlson, Julie Lee, Lynn McIntyre from Cedar Corp, Jason LaBeree, Kristen LaBeree, Dylan LaBeree, William Johnson, David Peckels, Carlton Dewitt, and David Olson,

Olson moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8th Regular meeting and the October 8th Special meeting. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

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

There were no public comments.

There was no Summer Rec report.

Librarian Rochel Karlson reported that their annual Christmas on Oak Street program went very well. They are now working on getting all of the 2026 program/events scheduled.

Director Caress gave the Public Works report. Caress informed the council that the plowing from the first real snow fall of the season went very well. Just a matter of retraining city residents to move vehicles off the street during snow events.

A written Police report was submitted.

Chief Holden was unable to make the meeting but did have councilperson Ross update the council on the Engine that he had been hoping to purchase from the MSP Airport. He had secured the engine at the cost of \$10,000 and is hoping to sell the engine the department currently has to cover the cost of this one.

Ambulance Director Lee reported that the department had received is latest FAP payment. She has been helping Baldwin hire an assistant director. Recognized Councilperson Olson for the 15 years she gave to the department as an EMT. Olson will be moving out of area and leaving the department. Talked about the grant that police, fire and ambulance are trying to obtain in order to purchase all new radios in order to be able to work with the county system.

The Clerk-Treasurer's office had nothing to report.

Mayor Kletscher also thanked Councilperson Olson for her time on the council as well as the ambulance service.

In Old Business, Mayor Kletscher was updated by the Hinman Park project by Anna Mewis. She informed the Mayor that some new equipment had been purchased and will be stored with Public Works until is can be installed in the spring.

William Johnson from 625 First Street was upset over snow and slush that had been plowed up over onto his sidewalk after he had already cleared his property of snow. He realizes it is not the city plowing the street but feels since the city has stated they will not take snow from businesses any longer and he is responsible for the removal of snow from his property and any cost associated with that, he should not have to store or pay to remove snow that came from anywhere other than what fell on to his property during the snow event. After much discussion from both sides regarding what can be done it was left up in limbo as there really isn't a perfect solution at this time.

Stoner moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-08 amending §184-3 (A) State Uniform Dwelling Code of the City's Building Code to adopt SPS 327 Camping Units and §184-4 (C) Construction Standards – Electrical Code. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

Olson moved and Stoner seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-09 adopting to allow for the opening of Highway 170 from 7th Street to 320th Street for all-terrain vehicle use. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

Olson moved and Stoner seconded a motion to declare extra ammunition and 8 church pews as surplus.

After much discussion regarding parking ticket fees, Olson moved and Stoner seconded a motion to implement a staggered fee schedule of \$25 for a first offense, \$50 for a second offense, and \$100 for each subsequent offense. With Ross and Lee voting no and Stoner and Olson voting yes, Mayor Kletscher cast a no vote, vetoing the motion. As a result, parking fees will remain unchanged for the 2026 year.

Ross moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve the 2026 fee schedule as written.

At 7:33 p.m. Stoner moved and Olson seconded a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes §19.85(1)(c) for the following purposes: To consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee subject to the jurisdiction or authority of the governing body. Discussion regarding clerk and deputy clerk position. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

At 8:10 p.m. Lee moved and Olson seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Ross moved and Olson seconded a motion to increase the deputy clerk treasure wages 5%.

At 8:13 p.m. Lee moved and Olson seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandee Swenby
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer