

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, DCT Swenby, Police Chief Klatt, Officer Hoyt, PW Director Caress, Fire Chief Greg Holden, Ambulance Director Julie Lee, Josh Miller from Cedar Corp, Jason LaBeree, Todd Danielson, Scott Teigen, Amanda Olson, Shawn Lybert, Missy Flettire, Carlton Dewitt, and Amanda Olson.

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

Lee moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 Regular meeting, and the December 17, 2026 and December 19, 2026 Special Meetings. 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.

There was no Summer Rec report.

There was no Library Report.

Director Caress gave the Public Works report. Caress informed the council that there is a small hole near the manhole on 2nd and Walnut that will be looked at and repaired soon. Kraft asked for Caress to provide notice whether additional costs will be incurred if more sand and salt will need to be ordered for the remainder of the season.

A written Police report was submitted.

Chief Holden reported that the new truck is still in the works with MSP. They do have a confirmed buyer for the old truck but are waiting on the sale until the new truck is in department's possession. He also noted that rolling funds from the sale of the old truck will go into an account to have money on hand for any repairs/needs for the new truck.

Ambulance Director Lee reported that there are a couple of deposits made in 2025 that will need to be moved into different accounts when the auditors are here in March. She noted that they received a few donations lately, one from an anonymous source, also from the Lion's Club meat raffle as well as the AnnMarie Foundation.

The Clerk-Treasurer's office had nothing to report. Mayor Kletscher welcomed our new City Clerk, Kristin LaBeree.

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

Discussions were made regarding a 30-minute parking sign for businesses in town, specifically True Value, Family ChiroCare and Flettire's Gifts & Thrifts. After much discussion, council is permitting True Value to place a removable sign on 2nd Street next to the Handicap Parking spot that will only be out during True Value's

business hours. Dave Caress will be looking into the number of parking stalls on main street and a final decision on any additional 30-minute parking spots will be tabled for a decision at the February meeting. Kraft moved and Ross seconded a motion approving the sign for True Value. Voice vote showed Ross, Kraft, Lee and Stoner voting yes, with DeGross opposed.

The Council reviewed the Operator's License applications for James Kern, Ryan Noll, Nicole Goossen and Susan Nutter. Motion by Lee, seconded by Stoner, to approve the Operator's License. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Josh Miller of Cedar Corporation brought forth discussions for consideration/approval of a CSM for Scott Teigen. Teigen is proposing to carve off a 5-acre parcel from an existing unplatted 25.77-acre parcel. The property is zoned NM Nonmetallic Mining. After much discussion, Lee made a motion to approve the CSM with the conditions set forth by Josh Miller from Cedar Corporation. This was seconded by Kraft. Voice vote showed all members voting yes.

Discussion was held on City's Zoning Code pertaining to Storage Container Regulations. After much discussion, council asked Josh Miller of Cedar Corp to draft language for a storage container regulations ordinance. A planning commission meeting will be set at a later date for discussion further.

At 7:49 p.m. DeGross moved and Kraft seconded a motion to enter into closed session pursuant Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) Competitive or Bargaining Reasons: Deliberating of or negotiating for purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, or conduct of other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; potential sale of city properties and real estate negotiations AND per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation: Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee subject to the jurisdiction or authority of governing body; discussion regarding employee wage/benefit adjustments. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

At 8:45 p.m. DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Lee moved and Stoner seconded a motion to use the recommendations from closed session for pay increases. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

At 8:47 p.m. DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin LaBeree
Clerk-Treasurer