

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BIG FALLS, COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING, STATE OF MINNESOTA,
INCLUDING ALL ACCOUNTS SUBMITTED BY SAID COUNCIL.

December 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Big Falls City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Richard Ferguson. Members present were Ken Kennedy, Jeff Oehlerking, Brenda Sursely and Ken Warner. Absent:

Additions. Add Big Falls Muni to Consent Agenda/Approve Annual Tobacco License

Commissioner's Report. Dale was present for a report. Lengthy discussion regarding the county budget. Discussion around the Indus School sale.

Consent Agenda. The consent agenda was presented with the following items:

- Approval of regular meeting minutes
- Approval of Financial Reports
- Approve Annual Tobacco License – Pritchard's Corner/Big Falls Muni
- Approve Resolution 2025-11 A Resolution Acknowledging a Donation from the Big Falls Lion's Club to CERC in the amount of \$1,500
- Approve Building Permit #226-Jeff Wickstrom
- Approve Resolution 2025-12 A Resolution Acknowledging that the City approves the LRIP Project Grant application
- Acknowledge and Approve Koochiching Soil & Water Conservation Districts Revised. The proposed boundary change moves the northeastern line of District IV up to encompass the entire City of Big Falls rather than splitting the community into 2 different districts.

There was a motion by Warner to approve the consent agenda. Second by Sursely. The motion carried with all in favor.

Disbursements and Payroll. The disbursement and payroll including annual Council and Fire Dept were reviewed. *There was a motion by Sursely to approve disbursements in the amount of \$142,540.79 check #21981-22030, ACH 18631E-18658E, and November payroll. Second by Sursely. The motion carried with all in favor.*

Liquor Report. Dey reported that deer season was slower than usual. Taco Tues & normal hot lunch will continue. Geared up for Christmas & New Years parties. One other applicant was received, had this individual prior and did not work out. Keep posting up.

There was a motion to approve the liquor report by Warner. Second by Sursely. The motion carried with all in favor.

Fire/EMS. Fire Chief reported elections were held, new elected officials are, Gary Kjellgren Chief, Kyle Kennedy Asst. Chief, Brent Arnold Training officer, Faith Novacek CMO and Heidi Watson Secretary. Kyle Kennedy also received his license as a training instructor.

There was a motion to approve the Fire/EMS report by Warner. Second by Oehlerking. The motion carried with all in favor.

Maintenance Report. Baird reported the Campground rock was hauled in and leveled out, as ADA compliant. Dept of health inspection on the 8th went well. Manganese levels are a bit high. Discussed load limit sign for 4th street. Tornado siren is up, have some kinks to work out. Siren will typically go off on the first Wednesday of the month as a test.

There was a motion to approve the Maintenance report by Sursely. Second by Warner. The motion carried with all in favor.

Water and Sewer Budget Review. Council reviewed the budgets and Bond schedule of payments.

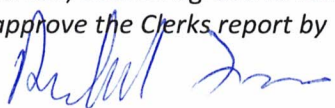
There was a motion to approve the Water and Sewer Budgets by Oehlerking. Second by Kennedy. The motion carried with all in favor.

MN PL Discussion/Policy Review. Council reviewed the MN PL Policy.

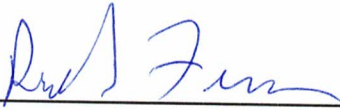
There was a motion to approve the MN PL Policy by Oehlerking. Second by Warner. The motion carried with all in favor.

Clerk's Report. Clerk reported delinquent water/sewer bill. Camp Host applicants are coming in. Campground Phase III Grant application was denied, Council agreed to reapply in April. Land Lease request, council wants more information.

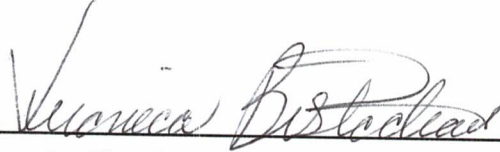
There was a motion to approve the Clerks report by Warner. Second by Oehlerking. The motion carried with all in favor.



The next regular meeting is set for Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.
There was a motion to adjourn by Sursely. The motion carried with all in favor.



Dick Ferguson, Mayor



Veronica Bistodeau, City Clerk