

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

September 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 Jeff Oehlerking, Brenda Sursely, Ken Kennedy and Ken Warner.

Additions. Addition to the Agenda. Building Permit 223 & 224 and Remove item # 10 FMLA Discussion

Commissioner's Report. Not present.

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

- Approval of regular meeting minutes
- Approval of Financial Reports
- Adopt Resolution 2025-08, A Resolution Approving Airport Maintenance and Operations Grant Agreement with the MN DOT
- Approve Building Permit #222/Pfannenstein and Permit #223/Krist and Permit #224/LePage

*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 were reviewed. *There was a motion by Oehlerking to approve disbursements in the amount of \$97,757.23 check #21844-21886, ACH 18542E-18563E, and August payroll and claim to Maggert Machine in the amount of \$153.80.* The motion carried with Kennedy abstaining. Second by Warner. The motion carried with all in favor.

Liquor Report. Dey reported a couple items needing maintenance. THC drinks, bartenders do not want to serve over the bar. Council discussed THC drinks for on/off sale. Will have one bartender out for a short period of time. *There was a motion to approve the liquor report by Warner. Second by Oehlerking. The motion carried with all in favor.*

Fire/EMS. No one present.

Maintenance Report. Baird reported that the fridge in the upstairs kitchen went out over the weekend, discussed replacing and cost. Campground in need of rock for ADA compliance, discussed cost and how much needed. *There was a motion to approve the Maintenance report by Oehlerking. Second by Sursely. The motion carried with all in favor.*

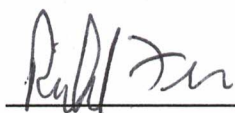
Campground Phase III Discussion. Lengthy discussion regarding phase III walk through. Clerk contacted SEH regarding changes to the grant.

Preliminary Budget Discussion/Adopt Resolution 2025-07. Resolution 2025-07, A Resolution Adopting a Preliminary General Fund Budget for 2026 and setting the Tax Levy Collectible in 2026. Council reviewed and discussed the budget. *There was a motion to accept Resolution 2025-07 Adopting the Preliminary General Fund Budget for 2026 and setting the Tax Levy collectible in 2026, by Sursely. Second by Oehlerking. The motion carried with all in favor.*

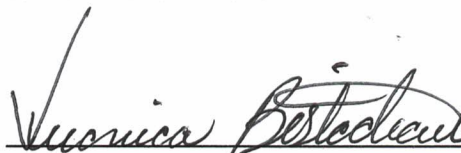
Clerk's Report. Clerk reported that the MN Dept of Health 2025; MN Legislature passed a law that amends MN Statute 144.3831 to increase the safe drinking water service connection fee, effective January 1, 2026 the fee will be \$15.22 per water service connection per year, from \$9.72. Clerk discussed some signs needing new paint etc. Council discussed springtime for sign updates. Clerk also discussed receiving pictures from weddings that have happened in the building and at the pavilion to utilize images for promoting our venues, and in turn give a free rental of her choice for the images. *There was a motion to approve the Clerks report by Warner. Second by Sursely. The motion carried with all in favor.*

The next regular meeting is set for Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

There was a motion to adjourn by Oehlerking. The motion carried with all in favor.



Dick Ferguson, Mayor



Veronica Bistodeau, City Clerk