



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Blackledge, Parisian, Wagner, Greenberg (Remote)
Absent: Sutton
Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Matt Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager; Richard McCoy, City Engineer/Public Works Director; Rachel Leen, Communications Coordinator

MICROPHONE CHECK

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ben Hansen, 3927 Noble Ave. N., noted his suggestion for the renaming of Sanborn Park and expressed concern about the comments on the City's Facebook page around the renaming. He also asked about open meeting law and when changes to the agenda can happen.

Jonathan Hansen, 3927 Noble Ave. N., asked the Council to be inclusive when listening to residents. He also provided his feedback on the proposed code of conduct for commission members and noted he doesn't think the Council should adopt this policy and that it could violate free speech protections and limit communication between commission members.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, MEETING AGENDA

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to approve the September 2, 2025, City Council agenda as submitted. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Wagner, to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- A. Approve City Council meeting minutes from August 19, 2025
- B. Scheduling Public Hearing on October 7, 2025, to Certify the Assessment Roll for Unpaid Administrative Penalties
- C. Scheduling Public Hearing on October 7, 2025, to Certify the Assessment Roll for Delinquent Utilities
- D. Scheduling Public Hearing on October 7, 2025, to Certify the Assessment Roll for Emergency Water, Sewer, and Sump Pump Repairs
- E. Scheduling Public Hearing on October 7, 2025, to Certify the Assessment Roll for Forced Tree

Removals

- F. Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' Monthly Financial Statements
- G. Deputy Registrar's Monthly Financial Statements
- H. Resolution Awarding Contract for Purchase of an Aerial Apparatus (Ladder Fire Truck)
- I. Receive Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2025
- J. Receive Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission Minutes from June
- K. Consider Approval of Retail Licenses for Tobacco Product Shop and THC Products by RB Tobacco, Inc. at 4066 Lakeland Ave N

PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2025 Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

City Manager Sandvik introduced the Proclamation written by the Staff DEI Committee.

Member Parisian noted her support of the Proclamation and encouraged residents to learn about Hispanic Heritage by attending the Latino art exhibit in St. Paul.

Member Wagner thanked Staff and the DEI Committee for putting the Proclamation together and noted the importance of being a welcoming and inclusive community.

Member Greenberg stated his support of this Proclamation and wants the Hispanic community to feel the support of this City.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge commented that he is proud to live in a City that celebrates others and celebrates their contributions to the community.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Wagner, to approve the 2025 Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Award Bid - Chowen Avenue Trunk Storm Sewer Line

City Engineer/Public Works Director McCoy provided an overview of the item by detailing the plan for pipe reconstruction, culverts, and detailed connections, and discussed bid amounts.

Member Parisian asked if the construction will be completed this fall or after the winter months. McCoy stated it would be completed this fall.

Member Wagner asked if McCoy could provide a high-level overview for residents' understanding. McCoy noted that the City replaced pipes near Lake Chowen because the pipes couldn't handle heavy rainfall, but that issue has now moved downstream, and the City needs to mitigate it.

Member Wagner asked if McCoy could see the current water infrastructure being impacted by a more efficient thoroughfare for stormwater. McCoy stated he does not because it would be difficult in the area being discussed.

Member Wagner asked if one bidder was anticipated or surprising. McCoy stated they were very surprised. Member Wagner stated it is reassuring, given that the City has used the Company in the past and that they have a good reputation.

Member Greenberg asked why there was only one bidder. McCoy stated that it may be the time of year and the short time span to complete the project.

Member Greenberg asked if this new trunk would impact homes on Drew that experience water. McCoy doesn't think it will. McCoy commented that in order to tackle that issue, the City needs to address water coming in from Minneapolis through the 38th Avenue pipe.

Will Benson, 4322 Toledo Ave North, voiced concern over the short timeline of the bidding process and asked if this is a typical bidding period. Benson asked what drove the difference between the bid and engineering's estimate. Benson asked where the \$2,850,000 allocated in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) came from. Lastly, Benson asked how the City Council justifies a half-million dollar increase from the estimate to bid and asked the City Council for further consideration before adoption.

Member Parisian asked to hear further comments from the Staff regarding the bidding timeline and line item 18.

Member Wagner echoed Member Parisian's sentiments and thanked Mr. Benson for his questions.

Sandvik stated there is a bid process the City is required to adhere to by Statute and noted Staff does not approach these projects lightly.

McCoy stated the bid had been on the market for three weeks before the bid opening on August 28, 2025. McCoy noted the lack of experience in estimating structure costs as the reason for line item 18 cost differences, but stated he would not have an issue rejecting bids if they were unreasonable. McCoy commented that the CIP is a broad estimate.

Member Wagner asked about the bid process. McCoy stated that contractors normally submit their bids at the last minute.

Member Wagner explained why he supports the project cost.

Member Greenberg asked if there are scenarios where there are lots of bids but the low bid is still higher than what was estimated, and asked if the project price could increase if the City waited. McCoy stated yes, out of COVID due to material prices, and stated rebidding would likely not make a difference.

Member Parisian stated she is confident in the engineering team's ability and believes it is important to move forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge noted the more thorough discussions that occur in work sessions and encouraged residents to attend.

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Wagner, to waive the reading and order the adoption of the attached resolution awarding a contract for the Chowen Avenue Trunk Storm Sewer Line, City Project 73225, to S.M. Hentges and Sons Inc., of Jordan, MN. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Voucher Requests Pending Approval for Disbursement

Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to approve voucher disbursement requests for the period ending September 2, 2025. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

B. Schedule Special Work Session meeting for October 2, 2025

Sandvik provided an overview of the item and detailed the plan for the bus tour related to the Blue Line Extension Project.

Member Greenberg MOVED, seconded by Parisian, to approve scheduling a Special Work Session from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2025. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Sandvik reminded residents of PRISMPALOOZA, upcoming community meetings, parks nearing completion, fall tree sale, Sanborn Park renaming, and other upcoming events.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Parisian acknowledged families going back to school, given the recent school shooting, and extended her condolences.

Member Wagner offered his condolences and love to affected families.

Member Wagner asked for the number of renaming submissions received. Sandvik stated that it has been over one hundred submissions.

Member Wagner asked if the Council could adjust agendas. Sandvik stated that it is correct, and they have flexibility.

Member Wagner asked the Staff to have language prepared regarding the Commissioner Policy.

Member Wagner acknowledged Labor Day and what the Holiday means.

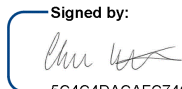
Member Greenberg echoed Member Parisian's sentiments and thanked the Staff for their work in setting up the remote meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Blackledge commented on the need for change in legislation, highlighted the upcoming Meet and Greet, and thanked Council Members, Staff, and Residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Parisian MOVED, seconded by Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

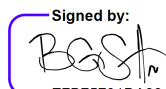
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Bradley Sutton, Mayor