

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, November 17, 2025
5:45 p.m.**

Members Present: Bryan Bargaen, Andrew Ysker, Darla Kruser, Jeff Jack, Mike Nelson

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator

Others Present: Deanna Anderson, Doug Regehr

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 5:45 p.m.

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Kruser to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks #29595 - 29628, 1588e – 1601e

Payroll: Checks #69125 - 69173

Approve October 14 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve October 20 EDA Minutes

Approve October 23 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve November 3 City Council Minutes

Approve October Street Department Report

Hire Noel Rodriguez & Brandon Shultz, Fire Department

Public

No comment

Data Center

A conditional use permit application for a data center, located at 2203 3rd Avenue, Mountain Lake, MN was discussed. Public input was received, and questions were addressed during the meeting. Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Ysker, to approve Resolution #19-25, approving the Conditional Use Permit application to allow a data center in the industrial district. Motion carried 5 – 0.

City Administrator

The City's bond rating was reviewed, and the current rating remains at A+. S&P is already aware of the planned bonding for the fire and ambulance hall. The City Administrator cautioned the City Council that each time the City issues general obligation bonds, S&P reevaluates the City's creditworthiness. Taking on additional debt before existing bonds are paid off could potentially impact the City's bond rating.

Non-union wage scale for the next three years was discussed. Motion by Ysker, seconded by Jack, to approve the non-union wage increase, 4% in 2026, 3% in 2027, and 3% in 2028. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Roundtable

An update was given to the council regarding board and commission meetings.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

Special City Council Meeting – 5:45PM, Wednesday November 19th

Regular City Council Meeting – 5:45PM, Monday December 1st

Truth-In-Taxation Meeting 6:00PM, Monday, December 1st