

Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Monday, November 3, 2025
5:45 p.m.
AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order *Additional information on agenda item is attached or at City Hall
2. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda
 - a. Bills: Checks #29567-29594, 1577e-1587e (1-7)
 - b. Payroll: Checks # 69124-69140
 - c. Approve October 9 Utilities Commission Minutes (8-9)
 - d. Approve October 20 City Council Minutes (10-11)
 - e. Approve \$71,958.68 Transfer from Police Savings to General Fund
 - f. Approve \$71,033.37 Transfer to Street Department Savings
 - g. Accept Emily Bentson Resignation, EMT
3. Public – A total of ten (10) minutes is allotted for individuals to briefly discuss a topic of concern or provide comments to the Council.
4. Power Sales Agreement - For a Purchase of Wind Energy
5. City Administrator Review
6. Roundtable
 - a. Discussion – Commissions/Boards Update
7. Adjourn

**Mountain Lake Utilities Commission Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Thursday, October 9, 2025
7 AM**

Members Present: David Savage; Todd Johnson; Sue Garloff; Dean Janzen

Members Absent: Mark Langland; City Council Liaison Jeff Jack

Staff Present: Michael Mueller; City Administrator; Jill Falk; Utility Office Manager;
Dave Watkins; Electric Superintendent; Steve Peters; Lineman; Taylor
Nesmoe; Water/Wastewater Foreman; Scott Pankratz; Water/Wastewater

Others Present: Adam Sayles, Brian Bargaen

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 AM.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Garloff, to approve September 25th Minutes and Check Numbers 24449 - 24467 (778E-785E). Motion carried.

Electric Department

Brian Bargaen and Adam Sayles presented their case requesting the utilities to cover a larger portion of the invoice to move the guidewire. As Sayles' POA, Bargaen stated the price was originally estimated to be up to \$10,000. He also pointed out that there was damage to the pole, and it would need to be replaced in the near future. Both Bargaen and Sayles left for the commission to discuss. Watkins pointed out that the pole tested well with no concerns, but damage was noticed when the repairs started. There is no way of knowing how long the pole would have lasted if the request had not been made. Originally, they were quoted \$10,000-\$20,000 for a laminate pole, but Highline upgraded to a wooden pole instead. It is a sturdier pole and would be a cheaper option. Even though the pole does serve other members of the community, it was decided to leave the invoice as it is. The pole and guidewire would not have required any changes without the original request to move.

The switchgear for the new power plant and substation transformation are set to be delivered today and will be placed in the Lohrenze building. The transformer for the power plant is scheduled to be delivered tomorrow. Journey Construction will also be stopping by this afternoon to discuss the project. There is a fiber line on the jobsite that will need to be moved. It currently runs to the substation but would be under the new building.

Water/Wastewater

Nesmoe mentioned that the continued focus lately has been on sewer cleaning. Additionally, they have been helping the street department with the installation of the spray misters and laying concrete in the park. The water portion of the misters should be completed. Nesmoe also stated that the pumps for the Castle Drive lift stations are ready for installation once Electric Pump is

available. He is still waiting to hear back from Automatic Solutions regarding Well #7 and will follow up.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jill Falk, Utilities Office Manager

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, October 20, 2025
5:45 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator

Others Present: 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 Bargen, seconded by Kruser to add power sales agreement to the agenda. Motion carried 5 – 0. Motion by Ysker, seconded by Bargen to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks #29538-29566, 1560E – 1576E

Payroll: Checks #69088 – 69123

Approve September 16 Library Board Minutes & Expenditures

Approve September 22 EDA Minutes

Approve September 25 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve October 6 City Council Minutes

Public

No comment

Planning & Zoning Public Hearings

Data centers were discussed, following the previous Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. No public comments were received. A new Planning and Zoning public hearing regarding data centers is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 6th, at 5:45 p.m. To allow City Council to review future proposals, the City is proposing to add data centers as a Conditional Use within the Industrial District in the City Zoning Code, ensuring each project can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Motion by Ysker, seconded by Bargen to approve Ordinance 2-25 Data Centers. Motion carried 5 – 0. Data Center Conditional Use Permit was reviewed, more information is needed, item was tabled.

A public hearing was held regarding the proposed allowance of tiny homes within the City of Mountain Lake. No public comments were received. The City is reviewing a proposed amendment to City Code to allow tiny homes as a permitted use, with a minimum lot size of 3,500 square feet, standard residential setbacks, and compliance with the Minnesota State Building Code. No action was taken.

City Administrator

Motion by Barga, seconded by Jack to approve Resolution #17-25 Unpaid Utility Bills. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Ysker to approve Resolution #18-25 Call for Public Hearing Regarding Bonding. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Power Sales Agreement was reviewed. Item was tabled.

Roundtable

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk