

Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Monday, December 1, 2025
5:45 p.m. – Regular City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m. – Truth In Taxation Public Budget Meeting
AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order *Additional information on agenda item is attached or at City Hall
2. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Bills: Checks #29629-29654, 1602E-1618E (1-6)
 - b. Payroll: Checks #69174 – 69211
 - c. Approve October 14 Library Board Minutes, Report, & Expenditures (7-9)
 - d. Approve November 13 Utilities Commission Minutes (10-11)
 - e. Approve November 17 & 19 City Council Minutes (12-14)
 - f. Approve November Street Department Report (15)
 - g. Approve 2026 Tobacco and Liquor Licenses (16)
 - h. Hire Ken Classen, Jean Haberman & Cheryl Hiebert, Ice Rink & Warming House Attendant, effective 12/1/25
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. 6:00PM – Public Meeting (TNT) to Discuss 2026 Budget & Levy
 - a. Review – Preliminary 2026 Summary Budget and Tax Levy (17)
 - b. Review – Local Government Aid*
 - c. Review – 2026 Capital Improvement Plan (18-19)
 - d. Review – 2026 Budget Packet*
5. Discussion/Action – Approve Resolution #22-25 - 2026 Final Levy & 2026 Budget (20-21)
6. City Administrator
 - a. Review – Meeting Dates for 2026 (22)
 - b. Discussion/Action – Employment Contract
7. 2026 Items
 - a. Discussion/Action – Approve 2026 Wages, Salaries, & Step Changes*
8. Roundtable
 - a. Discussion – Board/Commission Appointments for 2026 (23-27)
9. Adjourn

MOUNTAIN LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
October 14th, 2025

Members Present: Rachel B., Loida G.Q, Rick H., Carol L., Rochelle M.,

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Daniel Mick

Others Present: Michael Mueller

Others Absent: Andy Ysker

Reports: Carol L./ Rochelle M. approved the September 19th, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

Daniel M. presented the September reports indicating 2534 total circulation. The expenses for September was \$3,225.33 M/S Rick H./Carol L. to accept the September report as given and to approve the September expenditures, Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Daniel M. shared his experience at the Minnesota Library Association Conference from October 8th – 11th. He first shared his book purchases for the library and explained the thinking behind each purchase, except two as they were gifts. The board looked through the books and approved of the additions, Carol L. also spotted a section of vulgar words that would move the book to the Teen section before there is an area specifically for Juveniles, that is away from the children's section.

Lastly Daniel M. shared the panels that really gave him ideas for Mountain Lake's library. The two topics shared were Genre-fication (the act of using a genre based shelving system instead of just by author) specifically for Juvenile section to help children to find specific types of book they want instead of looking all over to collect what they would like. Second was a movement to end the Dewey Decimal system, Adult Non-Fiction has always been a tricky spot in general and in our library as it is not organized by what actual Dewey standards but in a way to make thing less spread apart. Daniel M. described the process as "clumping" or Generifying the section. For example, this would mean we put all books about a specific person together, including memoirs, biographies and personal creations. This would have the same benefit that the genre-fication of the juvenile section. Giving patrons of all ages direct access to topics instead of running back and forth to collect the books they need. To test this method Daniel M. will use the children's non-fiction as a test to see what they will need and help develop the process better.

In New Business: Daniel M. shared his project titled "Shake the Dust Loose – 2026. This is an effort to revitalize the Friends of the Library. To ensure that it is controlled by a full board and give them the ability to assist the library. Over the years' donors and participants have dwindled and need a drastic face lift. Daniel M. will be working with Carol L. and Jean Hobberman to insure these changes do not just follow the guidelines that all Friends group follows, but one that leads the Friends of the Library into the future.

Director Check In: Daniel M. reported that progress of in-house projects are starting off well and after school started again it has become a bit quieter at the library.

Materials Suggested: NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Mick

October LIBRARY EXPENDITURES			
Expenditure	Description	Budget #	Total
A&B	Monthly Print Bill	200	\$83.38
Demco	Labels, laminate, Book Jackets	200	\$311.55
Indoff	Office Supplies	200	\$131.23
Amazon	Calender-5285848	200	\$15.99
Amazon	Markers-7329844	200	\$47.49
Amazon	Pipe Cleaners-0855456	200	\$5.99
Plum Creek Library	Email License	309	\$96.00
Daniel Mick	Reinbursment for travel MLA	331	\$116.96
Best Western Stay	MLA Stay	331	\$595.39
Britos Burritos	Food during MLA	331	\$12.67
Old Bricke House	Food during MLA	331	\$65.27
Culvers	Food During MLA	331	\$10.32
City of Mt. Lake	Utlilites	380	\$429.40
Mn Energy	Gas Bill	383	\$19.24
Indoff	Papertowels	400	\$28.85
Indoff	Spray Scents, trashbags	400	\$101.67
Modern Marketing	Halloween Bookmarks	430	\$268.50
Hy-Vee	Story Time Pumpkins	430	\$18.00
Pet Supplies	Worms and new Substrate	430	\$45.77
Amazon	1000 Books Prizes	430	\$23.46
Amazon	Barnes & Noble Gift Card-1519448	430	\$50.00
Amazon	Shirt-6711465	430	\$14.99
Amazon	1000 Books Prizes	430	\$23.95
Ingram	Books	590	\$843.48
Michael Frederick	2 Books	590	\$50.00
Esty Painting & Design	Books	590	\$13.00
Books Revisted	Books	590	\$16.16
Granite City	Books & Graphic Novels	590	\$168.40
Books Revisted	Books	590	\$47.46
Amazon	Book-7733824	590	\$26.60
The Worthington Glob	Renewal	591	\$194.29
Citizen	Renewal	591	\$94.00
Amazon	Movie-6057806	592	\$13.99
Amazon	Movie-4297002	592	\$5.00
Amazon	Movie-4436266	592	\$10.62
Amazon	Movie-9924219	592	\$19.49
Sub-Total:			\$4,018.56

Mountain Lake Public Library - October 2025 Report

Children	
Audio	14
Books	1173
DVDs	116
Non Print	5
Multi Media	7
Periodicals	5
ADULT	
Audio	36
Books	485
DVDs	130
Non Print	10
Multi Media	0
Periodicals	13
Other Physical Media	0
SUBTOTAL:	1994
Ebooks	67
Downloadable Audio	105
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	2806
ILLN(MNLlink)	52
Interlibrary Loan Sent	287
Interlibrary Loan Received	301

REVENUE	
Cash Income	
County Revenue	
Donations (Monetary)	
Fines	95.44
Misc. Revenue	119.24
Meeting Room Rental	-
Sale of supplies	-
TOTAL REVENUE	214.68
EXPENDITURES	
Books	1,165.10
Periodicals	288.29
Audio/Visual	49.10
Gas Utilities	19.24
City Utilities	429.40
Janitorial Supplies	130.52
Office Supplies	214.61
Library Supplies	381.02
Postage	-
Project Expense	-
Repairs & Maintenance Building	-
Repairs & Maint-Materials	-
Tech/Automation Expense	96.00
Telephone	-
Training, Instruction & Milage	800.61
MISC.	444.67
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,018.56

**Mountain Lake Utilities Commission Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Thursday, November 13, 2025
7 AM**

Members Present: David Savage; Todd Johnson; Dean Janzen; Mark Langland; City Council Liaison Jeff Jack

Members Absent: Sue Garloff

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

Others Present: Leann Swanson; DVHHS; Myxay Nog

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 AM.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

Motion by Janzen, seconded by Johnson, to approve October 23rd Minutes and Check Numbers 24481 - 24511 (800E-809E). Motion carried.

DVHHS/Vulnerable Adult

Leann Swanson with Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services was present to assist Myxay Nog. He moved into a rental house on March 1, 2025. Since his move-in date, only one payment of \$200 was received, and services were disconnected on 9/15/2025 due to an unpaid balance of \$ 1,054.75. Only the water services were disconnected, as the electric meter is inside the garage, and there is no way to gain access. The balance as of today is \$1,237.16. The water services were reconnected on 11/5/2025 with an ACH payment of \$250. Swanson requested to have some of the balance waived. As an elderly, vulnerable adult who understands little English, DVHHS would like to help him get caught up, but does not have funding to cover the entire bill. There are other issues with the house that they are covering costs for as well. The homeowner was deported, the furnace is not working properly, and someone has been dumping trash in the backyard, so she is trying to get him into Laker Apartments. **A motion was made by Langland to submit the water and sewer charges to the county to be assessed to property taxes. The motion was seconded by Janzen.**

Electric Department

The power plant project has begun. However, after digging started, it was found that the soil had been contaminated. Previously, a Texaco station was located on the property, and fuel from the station, as well as excess fuel from the power plant, has contaminated the soil. They are currently excavating six feet and then an additional two feet for the footings. Mueller wanted to discuss the consultation fees for Barr. With the current contamination issues, Barr Engineering is needed at the job site. Once the contamination is managed, Mueller feels they should only be on location once or twice a month. Both CMPAS and Journey have mentioned concerns, and the goal is to

keep consultations fees to a minimum. Watkins stated that the Boxelder underground project will now be completed since Mediacom has removed the last of the overhead. He also mentioned that the power to the hotel has also been pulled through and is ready for connection next week.

Water/Wastewater

On Wednesday evening, a water main broke on Tenth Street. Leak Detector will be out today to help locate the issue. Nickel Construction is also on standby to assist with the repairs. Deanne with the League of Minnesota met this week to discuss the sewer backup earlier in the month. Only one house was affected and appears to have minimal damage. The backup was caused by a battery failure. Nesmoe is looking at quotes to change out all of the batteries. Instead of having a variety of brands and models, switch them out annually, and then they will all be the same. Nesmoe received a quote from Flexible Pipe for a 2022 vac truck for purchase at \$340,000. There are roughly five hundred hours of driving time on it. Nesmoe still needs to reach out to Macqueen Equipment for a price comparison. Castle Drive lift station repairs have been completed. The new pumps are installed, and everything is running as expected. Nesmoe is still waiting to hear back from the second representative from Automatic Systems for the VFD for Well #7.

City Administrator

Three proposals were presented from CMPAS for the 2026 member/non-member rates. The proposals range from \$78,000-\$95,000 and will be voted on by the eleven members. Proposal #2 is the cheapest option and the most appealing. The fees are increasing due to the lower amount for the Attachment O, and engineering fees are non-recoverable. There is a new GIS mapping system that will cost around \$75,000 to cover the entire community. Nesmoe wanted to know if this way would be available for water and sewer as well. With the holiday season coming up, the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 25th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The second meeting in December will take place on Tuesday, December 23rd for Christmas.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jill Falk, Utilities Office Manager

**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 Bargen, 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 Bargen, 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 Bargen, 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

**City of Mountain Lake
Special City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
5:45 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: Jeff Jack

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator

Others Present: Tammy Omdal, Northland Securities

Call to Order

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

Motion by Ysker, seconded by Kruser to approve Resolution #20-25 Approve Issuance of CIP Bonds and Adopt Capital Improvement Plan for 2026A Bonds -Fire & Ambulance Hall. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Tammy Omdal of Northland Securities briefed the City Council on the sale, yields, and insurance related to the 2025B Electric Revenue Bonds for construction of the new power plant. She reported that the sale went well and that the true interest cost was 4.9%

Motion by Bargaen, seconded by Ysker to approve Resolution #21-25 Issuance and Sale of \$15,655,000 Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2025B. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

November Street Department Report

- Put out flags on 3rd Avenue for Veteran's Day
- Trim shrubs at city hall
- Service #20, wash, and clean interior
- Install new edging to landscape on west side of street shop
- Clean up leaves: city hall, library, parks, and campground
- Maintain burn site and clean up ash pile
- Clean ditches at Dollar General, Prince Street, 3rd Ave. off Cty Rd 44
- Mow parks and campground, and clean up leaves, and stock wood pile
- Maintenance on #11, wash, clean interior, attach plow and wing
- Clean up south side of street shop
- Cold patch pot holes
- Replace street signs that were faded, damaged, etc.
- Sweep streets
- Clean shop
- Prep and tar 10th Street North/Prince Street



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Approval of 2026 On-Sale Liquor, Sunday Liquor, Off-Sale Liquor, Off-Sale 3.2%, & Tobacco Licenses

The following businesses have applied for the following licenses, completed the necessary documentation, and paid their fees.

The Den: \$100 – Off Sale Liquor
 The Den: \$400 – On Sale Liquor
 The Den: \$100 – Sunday On Sale Liquor
 Casey's General Store: \$25 – Tobacco
 Casey's General Store: \$30 – Off Sale 3.2%
 Uncle B's Liquor: \$100 – Off Sale Liquor
 Uncle B's Liquor: \$25 – Tobacco
 Botanist: \$400 – On Sale Liquor
 Dollar General: \$25 – Tobacco

All listed licenses should be approved by the City Council contingent on completion of all forms, submittal of checks, and approval by the State of Minnesota.

Local approval with contingencies enables a continuous process that ensures that State approval is received by December 31.

PRELIM - 2026 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN LAKE

GENERAL FUND	2026 BUDGET	2026 LGA	REVENUE	STATE/COUNTY AID	CASH	2026 LEVY	2025 LEVY
General Fund (101)	\$1,905,399.46	\$921,888.24	\$238,505.00	\$63,000.00		\$682,006.22	\$647,275.07
Library Fund (211)	\$224,783.54	\$20,261.28	\$5,250.00	\$30,000.00		\$169,272.26	\$168,032.29
Fire Fund (221)	\$153,095.29	\$40,522.56	\$67,530.00	\$30,000.00		\$15,042.73	\$21,464.20
Ambulance Fund (231)	\$249,655.00	\$30,391.92	\$143,870.00	\$45,000.00		\$30,393.08	\$22,287.14
Emergency Services (422)	\$145,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		\$140,000.00	\$85,000.00
Lake Commission (507)	\$17,966.94	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,466.94	\$7,450.00
Tree Commission (509)	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,702,400.23	\$1,013,064.00	\$462,155.00	\$168,000.00		\$1,049,181.23	\$956,508.70
BOND FUNDS	2026 Budget		CASH	OTHER AID	ASSESSMENTS	2026 LEVY	2025 LEVY
City Wide Project (312)	\$131,400.00		\$21,900.00		\$109,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Commerical Park Development - Land Portion (320-47300)	\$30,252.50		\$23,000.00			\$7,252.50	\$10,815.00
Commercial Park Development - Infrastructure Portion (385)	\$141,625.00		\$35,000.00		\$44,875.00	\$61,750.00	\$69,925.00
Street Lights (385)	\$26,125.00		\$22,000.00			\$4,125.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$329,402.50		\$101,900.00	\$0.00	\$154,375.00	\$73,127.50	\$90,740.00
SUBTOTAL	\$3,031,802.73		REVENUE			\$1,122,308.73	\$1,047,248.70
EDA	\$172,692.55		\$110,592.55			\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00
GRAND TOTAL W/ EDA	\$3,204,495.28					\$1,145,808.73	\$1,070,748.70
						Increase	\$75,060.03
							7.01%

	<-----Water & Sewer Re Water Meters (W) \$10,000			Water & Sewer Replacement - 10th Street North (WWW)	West end of Prince St. (WWW, ST, S) \$1,000,000 est.
	<-----New Well----->				Alley Btwn 10th & 11th St. Block 7 (WWW) \$150,000 - \$200,000
Public Works					
	Asphalt Grinder & Packer			Replace Chevy 3/4 Ton Crew Cab \$50,000	
		Replace Payloader \$80,000			West end of Prince St. (WWW, ST, S) \$1,500,000 est.
	<-----4th Ave. / Mt. Lake Apt. Storm Sewer Upgrades (SS)----->				Replace Street Sweeper \$150,000
	Replace 2 Lawn Mowers (ST) \$12,000			Replace 2 Lawn Mowers (ST) \$12,000	Replace 2 Lawn Mowers (ST) \$12,000
	<-----Possible street, storm sewer, and water/wastewater project - city hall block alleys; 6th St. 15th St. btw 3rd and 6th Ave., gravel alley, 4th Ave near school, alleyways----->				
	<-----Overlay Golf Course Road \$100,000----->				
City Hall					
	<-----Comprehensive/Strategic Plan (CH) \$10,000----->				
	<-----Office Computers as needed and Technology Upgrades----->				
EDA	Safety Items (CH)	Safety Items (CH)		Safety Items (CH)	Safety Items (CH)
	<-----Southside Commercial Lot----->				
	<-----Lakeview Estates (Phase II)----->				
	<-----Downtown Lot, TIF # 8 Revelopment (EDA)----->				
Lake Commission	Conveyor \$25,000 (L)				

Resolution #22-25
Resolution Adopting Final Property Tax Levy
City of Mountain Lake, MN

Be it resolved by the council of the City of Mountain Lake, County of Cottonwood, Minnesota, that the following sum of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2026 upon taxable property in the City of Mountain Lake:

Total Levy: \$ 1,145,808.73

The Clerk/Administrator is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the county auditor of Cottonwood County, Minnesota.

Motion by Member:

Seconded by Member:

Voting Aye:

Voting Nay:

Absent: None

Whereupon, said Resolution is hereby declared passed.

Adopted by the City Council on December 1, 2025.

Mike Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, City Administrator

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD
CITY OF MOUNTAIN LAKE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Administrator/Clerk of the City of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the City Council, duly called and held on the date therein indicated, insofar as such minutes relate to adopting a maximum amount to be levied in 2026.

WITNESS my hand on December 1, 2025.

City Administrator

2026 Meeting Dates

City Council – 5:45PM

Monday, January 5
 Tuesday, January 20 (due to MLK Holiday)
 Monday, February 2
 Tuesday, February 17 (due to Pres. Day)
 Monday, March 2
 Monday, March 16
 Monday, April 6
 Monday, April 20
 Monday, May 4
 Monday, May 18
 Monday, June 1
 Wednesday, June 15 – (due to Pow Wow)
 Monday, July 6
 Monday, July 20
 Monday, August 3
 Monday, August 17
 Tuesday, September 8 (due to Labor Day)
 Monday, September 21
 Monday, October 5
 Monday, October 19
 Monday, November 2
 Monday, November 16
 Monday, December 7
 Monday, December 21

EDA Board – 12:00PM

Tuesday, January 20 (due to MLK Holiday)
 Tuesday, February 17 (due to Pres. Day)
 Monday, March 16
 Monday, April 20
 Monday, May 18
 Monday, June 8 (due to Pow Wow)
 Monday, July 20
 Monday, August 17
 Monday, September 21
 Monday, October 19
 Monday, November 16
 Monday, December 14 (moved up 1 week)

Police Commission – 7:00PM

Tuesday, January 26
 Tuesday, March 24
 Tuesday, July 28
 Tuesday, October 27

Utilities Commission – 7:00AM

Thursday, January 8
 Thursday, January 22
 Thursday, February 12
 Thursday, February 26
 Thursday, March 12
 Thursday, March 26
 Thursday, April 9
 Thursday, April 23
 Thursday, May 14
 Thursday, May 28
 Thursday, June 11
 Thursday, June 25
 Thursday, July 9
 Thursday, July 23
 Thursday, August 13
 Thursday, August 27
 Thursday, September 10
 Thursday, September 24
 Thursday, October 8
 Thursday, October 22
 Thursday, November 12
 Wednesday, November 25 (due to Thanksgiving)
 Thursday, December 10
 Wednesday, December 23 (due to Christmas)

Lake & Tree Commission – 6:30PM

Monday, January 12 (Tree Commission following)
 Monday, February 9
 Monday, March 9 (Tree Commission following)
 Monday, April 13
 Monday, May 11
 Monday, June 8
 Monday, July 13 (Tree Commission following)
 Monday, August 10
 Monday, September 14
 Tuesday, October 13 (Tree Commission following)
 Monday, November 9
 Monday, December 14

Library Board (at Library) 4:30PM

Tuesday, January 13
 Tuesday, February 10
 Tuesday, March 10
 Tuesday, April 14
 Tuesday, May 12
 Tuesday, June 9
 Tuesday, July 14
 Tuesday, September 8
 Tuesday, October 13
 Tuesday, November 10
 Tuesday, December 8

2026 Designations and Appointments as

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Mike Nelson	Term ends 12/31/26
Council Member Andrew Ysker	Term ends 12/31/26
Council Member Bryan Barga	Term ends 12/31/26
Council Member Darla Kruser	Term ends 12/31/28
Council Member Jeff Jack	Term ends 12/31/28

ANNUAL DESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Acting Mayor	*Andy Ysker
Street Department	*Daron Friesen
Official Legal Publication	*Observer/Advocate
City Attorney	*Campbell Knutson
City Forester and Weed Inspector	*Daron Friesen
Emergency Management Director	**Louis Norell
Fire Chief	*Tim Coners
Ambulance Corps Director	*Emily Adrain
Water License Holder	**Taylor Nesmoe
Wastewater License Holder	*Taylor Nesmoe
HIPAA Privacy Officer	*Michael Mueller
Data Practices Compliance Officer	*Michael Mueller
City Assessor	*Cottonwood County
Salary Negotiations	*Council
Official City Depository	*United Prairie Bank
	*Northland Securities
	*LMC 4M Fund

SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATORS

Police Department Facebook & Nixle	*Louis Norell
	*Jordan Ellis
	*Adam Watkins
	*Ben McHenry
City Facebook	*Tabitha Garloff
	*Michael Mueller

*Reappointment | ** New Appointment

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Library Board - 5 members, 3 year term

*Loida Garcia Quiroga	1/1/25 - 12/31/28
*Rick Herrig	1/1/25 - 12/31/28
**Rachel Bucklin	1/1/23– 12/31/26
**VACANT	1/1/26 - 12/31/28
**Rochelle Maxwell	1/1/23 - 12/31/25
*Andrew Ysker, City Council Liaison	

Utilities Commission – 5 members, 3 year term

*David Savage	1/1/24– 12/31/26
*Mark Langland	1/1/24 - 12/31/26
*Susan Garloff	1/1/25 - 12/31/27
*Todd Johnson	1/1/25 - 12/31/27
*Dean Janzen	1/1/25 - 12/31/27
*Jeff Jack, City Council Liaison	

Planning and Zoning Commission – 7 members, 3 year term

*Hugh Simon	1/1/26– 12/31/28
*Andy Ysker, Council	1/1/24 - 12/31/26
*Nik Strom	1/1/24 - 12/31/26
*Travis Smith	1/1/25 - 12/31/27
*Douglas Regehr	1/1/25 - 12/31/27
*Dean Janzen	1/1/25 - 12/31/27
Bryan Bargen, Council	1/1/26– 12/31/28
*Steve Carson, Building Inspector	

*Reappointment

** New Appointment

Economic Development Authority – 7 members; appointed members, 3 year term; council representatives, 2 year term

*Darla Kruser, Council	1/1/25 - 12/31/26
*Mike Nelson, Council	1/1/25 - 12/31/26
**Travis Smith	1/1/24 - 12/31/26
*Steve Syverson	1/1/25– 12/31/27
**Eileen Augustin	1/1/23 - 12/31/25
**Kyle Smith	1/1/25 - 12/31/27
**Phil Skow	1/1/23 - 12/31/25
*Vern Peterson, Advisory	
*Clara Johnson, Advisory	

Lake Commission – 7 members, 3 year term

*VACANT	1/1/26– 12/31/28
*Randy Loewen	1/1/23– 12/31/25
*Stan Bennet	1/1/24 - 12/31/26
*Chad Klassen	1/1/24 - 12/31/26
*Jon Beyer	1/1/25 - 12/31/27
*Janell Bargaen	1/1/25 - 12/31/27
*David Bucklin	1/1/25 - 12/31/27
*Tim Klassen, Advisory	
*Christine Bennett, Advisory	
*Mike Nelson, City Council Liaison	

Police Commission - 5 members, 3 year term

**Jason Kruser	1/1/23– 12/31/25
*Jamie Boldt-Smith	1/1/23– 12/31/25
*Jason Flanagan	1/1/24 - 12/31/26
**Kristopher Thompson	1/1/25 - 12/31/27
**Jacob Samdal	1/1/25 - 12/31/27
**Darla Kruser, City Council Liaison	

*Reappointment

** New Appointment

Tree Commission, 5 members, 3 year term

**Daron Friesen 1/1/25– 12/31/27
 **Nathan Harder 1/1/23– 12/31/25
 *David Bucklin 1/1/24 - 12/31/26
 *Jerry Logue 1/1/24 - 12/31/26
 **Chad Klassen 1/1/23 - 12/31/25
 *Mike Nelson, City Council Liaison
 *Daron Friesen, Advisory

Pow Wow Board

Mike Nelson, Council
 Darla Kruser, Council
 Tabitha Garloff, Secretary/Treasurer

Ambulance Service

*Emily Adrian, Captain
 **Melissa Henry, Assistant Captain
 *Natalie Karschnik, Secretary
 *Darla Kruser, Training Officer
 **Kris Thompson, Training Officer
 *Andrew Ysker, Maintenance
 *Scott Pankratz, Maintenance

Fire Department

*Tim Coners	Chief
*Andrew Ysker	Asst. Chief
*Taylor Nesmoe	President
* Scott Pankratz	Treasurer
* Mark Pankratz	Secretary
*Trey Hopwood	Air Pack Maintenance
*Joey Morey	Air Pack Maintenance
* Dylan Oeltjenbruns	Training Officer
* Richard Barnett	Training Officer

*Reappointment
 ** New Appointment

* Jacob Karschnik	“Grass Rigs” Maintenance
* Scott Pankratz	Pumper Unit 18 Maintenance
*Dylan Oeltjenbruns	Rescue Unit 17 Pumper Unit 02 Vehicle Maintenance
*John Turner	Rescue Unit 17 Pumper Unit 02 Vehicle Maintenance
*John Carrison	Rescue Unit 17 Pumper Unit 02 Vehicle Maintenance
*Alex Schultz	Tanker Maintenance

Relief Association (separate)

*President – Dylan Oeltjenbruns
 *Vice President – Daniel Oeltjenbruns
 *Secretary – John Carrison
 *Treasurer – Alex Schultz

Gambling (separate)

Steve Peters
 Jacob Karschnik
 Trey Hopwood

*Reappointment
 ** New Appointment