

Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Tuesday, August 12, 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 # 29393-29421, 1462E-1482E (1-9)
 - b. Payroll: Checks # 68945-69001
 - c. Approve July 10 Utilities Commission Minutes (10)
 - d. Approve July 21 City Council Minutes (11-12)
 - e. Approve July 28 Special City Council Minutes (13)
 - f. Approve July Street Department Report (14)
 - g. Accept Samantha Spiker Resignation, Ambulance
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. Spec Building
5. City Administrator
 - a. Discussion/Action – Hotel
6. 2026 Budget
 - a. Update – 2026 LGA (15)
 - b. Discussion – 2026 Budget (at meeting)
7. Roundtable
 - a. Discussion/Action – Commissions/Boards Update
8. Adjourn

**Mountain Lake Utilities Commission Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Thursday, July 10, 2025
7 AM**

Members Present: David Savage; Todd Johnson; Mark Langland; Sue Garloff; City Council Liaison Jeff Jack

Members Absent: Dean Janzen

Staff Present: Michael Mueller; City Administrator; Jill Falk; Utility Office Manager; Dave Watkins, Electric Superintendent; Lane Anderson; Lineman; Others Present:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 AM.

Approval of Minutes and Bills

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Langland to approve the June 26th Minutes and Check Numbers 24298-24325 (700E-710E). Motion carried.

Electric Department

Hyline came out to replace the poles that tested negatively in the pole testing. Watkins stated that several of the poles that received errors seemed to be working properly with no issues. In the future, he would like to do testing of his own before we have Hyline come out and attempt to replace anything. Next, the new "welcome" sign is connected to power; however, the discussion was brought up regarding the charges. Currently, the Highway 60 signs for Heritage and the Chamber are not charged for their electric services. The LED stop signs provided by MNDOT are also not charged. The usage is tracked from each of the meters, but nothing is charged out. The question arose as to whether the EDA should be charged for the new sign. They were billed for the parts and labor. This item will be tabled for additional research to determine if there are contracts or previous agreements. Additionally, Barr Engineering submitted an appraisal of \$29,200 for anticipated additional fees due to the most recent change order for the power plant. This is due to the extra costs to cover the remaining engineering phase and bid support. At this time, there is no choice but to accept the costs with the changes to keep the project moving forward. The bids for the building should be open on July 23rd. Lastly, the wind turbine is still in the process of repairing the cracked coupling. It is believed that the part could be removed in pieces without the need of a crane; however, the crane will still be needed to lift the replacement back in place.

City Administrator

Midwest Power Partners is working with CMPAS for the final details for the new power contract. The new purchase will be necessary for additional REC and carbon-free credits.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jill Falk, Utilities Office Manager

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, July 21, 2025
5:45 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: Mike Nelson

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Louis Norell Police Chief; Taylor Nesmoe; Scott Pankratz

Others Present: Doug Regehr, Tim Conners, Deanna Anderson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council member Ysker 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 4 – 0.

Bills: Checks #29366 – 29392, 1443E – 1461E

Payroll: Checks #68909 - 68944

Approve March 10 Tree Commission Minutes

Approve June 10 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve June 26 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve June 26 & July 7 City Council Minutes

Approve Street Closure to sell liquor and food for National Night Out, 10th Street N, One-Way & 2nd AVE from 9th Street to 11th Street, August 5th, 3pm-9pm

Public

No comment

Spec Building

Robert Machacek provided a site plan to build a new spec building in Mountain Lake. Item was tabled.

Hotel – Tax Abatement Bonds

The tax abatement bonds for the hotel are scheduled to close on July 24th. These 20-year bonds will be repaid to the City by the hotel investors to help finance the project. A motion was made by Kruser, seconded by Jack, to set the monthly payments at \$16,527 over 228 months. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Police

Louis Norell Police Chief requested a proposal to hire seasonal part time peace officers. To address staffing shortages caused by multiple employees on FMLA leave and improve department stability, this program seeks to hire experienced police officers in part time roles, ensuring immediate operational support while retaining proven talent. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Bergen to approve the proposal and hire seasonal part time peace officers. Motion carried 4 – 0.

City Administrator

Michael Mueller, City Administrator, provided an update on the 2025 second quarter revenues and expenditures, noting that all departments are staying on budget and there are no concerns at this time. However, he highlighted three significant expenditures that will reduce cash reserves and/or savings from the EDA and General Fund: an EDA land purchase totaling \$377,260.25, a \$600,000 deferred loan for the hotel pool project, and a \$121,000 expense for City Hall HVAC and roof replacement. A \$39,000 grant was received to help offset a portion of the City Hall costs.

Roundtable

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

**City of Mountain Lake
Special City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Monday, July 28, 2025
5:45 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: Darla Kruser

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator

Others Present: Doug Regehr

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:03 p.m.

Motion by Ysker, seconded by Jack to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Variance Permit – Adam Sayles

The item was tabled; additional time was needed for Planning & Zoning to review the variance and make a recommendation for the City Council.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

July 2025 Street Dept. Report

- Mowing
- Burn site maintenance, cameras, etc.
- Roundup streets, alleys, plunge pool, trail
- Blade/drag/maintain gravel roads
- Trail commission list
- Dig and close grave (1)
- Community garden, fill water
- Sidewalk replacement
- Budgets
- Park misters site work, dirt & tar removal
- Fix lights at Community Center and food shelf
- Disc mow trail and Ysker property

CITY NAME	Certified 2026 LGA
TOTALS	\$644,398,012
MILACA	\$1,051,980
MILAN	\$137,362
MILLERVILLE	\$13,855
MILLVILLE	\$30,939
MILROY	\$74,746
MILTONA	\$96,942
MINNEAPOLIS	\$81,754,808
MINNEISKA	\$3,530
MINNEOTA	\$575,298
MINNESOTA CITY	\$44,915
MINNESOTA LAKE	\$225,830
MINNETONKA	\$0
MINNETONKA BEACH	\$0
MINNETRISTA	\$0
MIZPAH	\$13,378
MONTEVIDEO	\$2,696,060
MONTGOMERY	\$1,055,233
MONTICELLO	\$0
MONTROSE	\$736,712
MOORHEAD	\$8,323,628
MOOSE LAKE	\$1,125,987
MORA	\$1,235,071
MORGAN	\$394,174
MORRIS	\$2,700,292
MORRISTOWN	\$362,258
MORTON	\$158,490
MOTLEY	\$215,018
MOUND	\$0
MOUNDS VIEW	\$1,033,559
MOUNTAIN IRON	\$1,601,323
MOUNTAIN LAKE	\$1,219 increase \$1,013,064
MURDOCK	\$58,329
MYRTLE	\$10,195
NASHUA	\$0
NASHWAUK	\$362,287
NASSAU	\$13,222
NELSON	\$39,076