

Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall
Monday, September 15, 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 #29472-29495, 1514E-1528E (1-8)
 - b. Payroll: Checks #69018-69067
 - c. Approve August 11 Lake Commission Minutes (9-10)
 - d. Approve August 25 EDA Minutes (11-12)
 - e. Approve September 2 City Council Minutes (13-14)
 - f. Approve Resolution #16-25 \$15,000 Fire Relief Donation (15)
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. Planning & Zoning
 - a. Discussion/Action – Adam Sayles Variance Request – Resolution #13-25 (16-22)
5. Land Offer
6. 2026 Budget
 - a. Discussion/Action – Approve 2026 Capital Improvement Plan (23-25)
 - b. Discussion/Action – 2026 Budget* (26)
 - c. Discussion/Action – Resolution #15-25 - 2026 Preliminary Levy (27-28)
7. City Administrator
 - a. Discussion– Union Negotiations – 6:15pm on October 6th
8. Roundtable
 - a. Discussion – Commissions/Boards Update
9. Adjourn

Lake Commission Meeting

Monday, August 11, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Randy Loewen, Chad Klassen, Dave Bucklin, Stan Bennett, Jean Haberman, Jon Beyer, Janell Borgen

Guests Present: Michael Mueller, Mike Nelson, Vern Peterson, Rachel Yoder

Chair Loewen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. M/S/P Bucklin/Klassen to approve the agenda and minutes of the July 14, 2025 meeting.

Treasurer's Report (8/8/2025)

Weed Harvester Income/Expense:

Beginning Balance:	\$31,643.90
Weed Harvester Payroll	<u>(135.64)</u>
Ending Balance:	31,508.26

Trail Income/Expense:

Beginning Balance:	\$13,628.03
Bench donation in memory of Jim Peterson	100.00
Interest Earnings (May 2025)	<u>148.30</u>
Ending Balance:	13,876.33

M/S/P Klassen/Borgen to approve the Treasurer's Report

Lake Projects:

- **Harvesting:** The harvester needs 8 new tires @ \$200 - \$300 per tire. M/S/P Bucklin/Bennett to have Randy purchase the tires.
- **Beach:** Dave Bucklin looked into the cost of a raft. A raft would cost around \$4000 - \$5000 and would include a ladder and 2 anchors There are 600 lb. and 1,200 lb. options.

Trail Projects:

- **Chip Sealing:** The city is going to try filling the cracks with Mastic and then do chip sealing on half the trail this fall.
- **Trail Safety:** The word "SLOW" will be painted on the trail by the fishing pier corner.
- **No. 1 Scenic Marker:** Dave will paint a triangle with No. 1 on the trail identifying the Island as the first scenic location.

- **Mowing up to bench:** Mayor Nelson will meet with Brian Nyborg to discuss mowing the trail up the hill to the bench on the north side of the trail. There is already a gravel base leading up to the bench. The trail would allow easy access to control the Black Locust invasive plant.
- **MnDOT Active Transportation Planning Assistance Grant:** The bike and walk audits will be Wednesday, Aug. 12. The public is invited to give their ideas and recommendations for safe biking and walking in Mountain Lake.
- **Wild Parsnip:** Alex Schultz is applying for a permit to allow the city to spray the wild parsnip on the north side of the trail with SiteVue VM.
- **Memorial Bench:** Discussion was held concerning a memorial bench in honor of Jim Peterson. Vern is going to look into types of benches that could be put around the fire pit near the beach. A cement pad would be poured with an imbedded plaque.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Haberman, Secretary

Economic Development Authority
Monday, August 25, 2025
Mt. Lake City Hall
Council Chambers

PRESENT: Darla Kruser, Kyle Smith, Mike Nelson, Eileen Augustin, Steve Syverson and Travis Smith

ABSENT: Phil Skow

STAFF: Rod Hamilton and Tabitha Garloff

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Michael Mueller

GUESTS: Kris and Jessica Thompson, Mountain Lake Floral & Design

1. CALL ORDER. President Syverson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda
Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of July 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills. Motion made by Darla to approve the consent agenda with one additional bill. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.
3. EDA Loan requests:
 - a. Just Us Fitness. Travis gave an overview of the loan request for the purchase of a piece of equipment for the fitness center along with an overview of how the business is operating. Motion made by Mike to approve the loan request for \$14,200 for 8 years at 4% interest. Seconded by Kyle. Motion carried. Travis abstained from the vote.
 - b. Mountain Lake Floral & Design. Jessica and Kris gave an overview of the loan request for a replacement printer for Mountain Lake Floral & Design's shirt printing business. Jessica also gave an update on the number of shirts they have printed this year. Motion made by Eileen to approve the loan request for \$18,861 for 8 years at 4% interest. Seconded by Darla. Motion carried.
4. Hotel Update. Rod stated that he talked to the developer and soil boring is scheduled to begin August 26th. The developer reported to Rod that the franchise has been secured and a press release is being put together, all agreements have been signed with the investors, architectural design in completed and civil engineering is under contract. The project is moving forward.
5. Potential workforce housing. Rod stated he is working with a business and private party on locating properties for potential businesses. Discussion continued and more information will be reported at the September board meeting.
6. Privately owned lots for interested businesses & new home construction. Rod and Tabitha have identified and made a spreadsheet of vacant lots in Mountain Lake. Rod has been in discussion with Barga's on how to construct new construction and keep the cost down.

7. Rod update on his position with SWRDC. Rod reported that he was elected to the SWRDC board and he believes being a part of the board is a good relationship as it will help the EDA learn more about what programs and services are available to Mountain Lake.
8. GENERAL DISCUSSION:
 - a. Next Regular Board Meeting is September 1, 2025
 - b. Other Business.
9. ADJOURN. President Syverson adjourned the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

**City of Mountain Lake
Regular City Council Meeting
Mountain Lake City Hall – 930 Third Ave
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
5:45 p.m.**

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

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Mueller City Administrator; Ben McHenry Police Officer

Others Present: Doug Regehr, Deanna Anderson

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 Ysker to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks # 29422-29471, 1483E-1513E

Payroll: Checks #69002-69017

Approve July 14 Lake Commission Minutes

Approve July 21 EDA Minutes

Approve July 24 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve August 12 City Council Minutes

Approve August 14 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve August 27 Special City Council Minutes

Accept Breanna Wagner Resignation, EMT

Approve hiring contingent on completion of criminal history check and driving records check, for Temporary/Seasonal Part Time Police Officers: Nick Naxay, Jordan Allen, Brandon Thongvivong Jacob Samdal, Daniel Gardiner

Public

No comment

Power Plant Bid Opening

Received 5 bids to build the Mountain Lake Power Plant: Journey Construction: \$12,013,199.00; Sentry: \$12,125,319.37; Donlar Construction Company: \$12,727,700.00; Corval Constructors, Inc.: \$14,016,380.00; and WEB Construction, Inc.: \$12,134,661.00. The item was tabled until engineering was able to evaluate each bid.

2026 Budget

The 2026 budget was reviewed. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Barga to keep the \$5,000 donation for summer recreation and remove the road race donation from the budget. Motion carried 2 – 3. Motion failed. Motion by Ysker, seconded by Kruser to approve a \$10,000 donation to summer recreation for this year and pay for the installation of the pickleball courts, with the understanding the going forward the City will donate \$5,000 annually to summer recreation and remove the road race donation from the budget. Motion carried 5 – 0. Discussion ensued and the 2026 budget was tabled.

City Administrator

Street project plans for chip sealing in 2026 and 2027 were presented to the City Council. Furthermore, the Council agreed that no changes will be made to the community center and that no kitchen surplus will be declared, preferring instead to maintain a working kitchen for community use.

The meeting was closed due to union negotiations, per MN Statute 13D.03.

Roundtable

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

RESOLUTION #16-25**CITY OF MOUNTAIN LAKE, MINNESOTA****RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$15,000 GIFT FROM
THE MOUNTAIN LAKE FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION**

Whereas, the Mountain Lake Fire Relief Association has a valid license to conduct lawful gambling at “The Den” located in the City of Mountain Lake; and

Whereas, money raised from lawful gambling can be used for ‘lawful purposes’; and

Whereas, a contribution to the City of Mountain Lake is a ‘lawful purpose’ in accordance with MN Statute 349.12, Subd. 25; and

Whereas the Mountain Lake Fire Relief Association has stated its intent to assist the City of Mountain Lake by gifting funds for Mountain Lake’s Fire Hall Building Fund.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mountain Lake City Council accept the gift of \$15,000 from the Mountain Lake Fire Relief Association; and

Be it further resolved that said funds of \$15,000 be reserved for future development of Mountain Lake’s Fire Hall Building; and

Be it further resolved that the Mountain Lake City Council thanks the Mountain Lake Fire Relief Association for their gift.

Adopted this 15th day of September, 2025.

Mike Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Administrator/Clerk

CITY OF MOUNTAIN LAKE
VARIANCE APPLICATION

A. Applicant's Name:

PARBEN, INC

Telephone 57-427-2924

Home: _____

Work/Cell: 57-391-2816

B. Address (Street, City State, ZIP):

606 County Road 1 ML 56159

C. Property Owner's Name (If different from above): Telephone:

Adam Saylor

Home: _____

Work/Cell: 507-822-9766 822-6720

D. Location of Project:

812 5th Street

E. Legal Description:

Parcel ID: 225201611

F. Description of Proposed Project:

ADD 16'x38' Garage on to the existing 2 Car Garage which is attached to the house! (See Attached Site Plan)

G. Specify the section of the ordinance from which a variance is sought:

Ordinance requiring no more than 35% of a lot to be impermeable

H. Explain how you wish to vary from the applicable provision of the ordinance:

Would like to add the garage even though we are over the 35% impermeable require ment

I. Please attach a site plan or accurate survey.

J. Please answer the following questions as they relate to your specific variance request:

1. In your opinion, is the variance in harmony with the purposes and intent of the ordinance?
Yes ☒ No () Why or why not?

Because it will keep cars off the street. This neighborhood has higher percentages of impermeable coverage already due to relatively small lots.

2. In your opinion, is the variance consistent with the comprehensive plan?
Yes ☒ No () Why or why not?

We would be willing to remove both storage alleyway buildings from the property if this garage is approved!

3. In your opinion, does the proposal put property to use in a reasonable manner?
Yes ☒ No () Why or why not?

Keeps cars off street.

4. In your opinion, are there circumstances unique to the property?
Yes ☒ No () Why or why not?

Yes. The size of the lot is relatively small.

5. In your opinion, will the variance maintain the essential character of the locality?
Yes ☒ No () Why or why not?

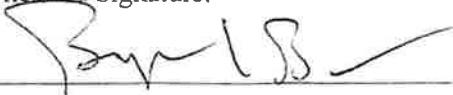
Especially since this garage is with the existing fence alley. The house will still appear as it does now from 8th Street with green space around it.

The Planning Commission must make an affirmative finding on all of the five criteria listed above in order to grant a variance. The application for a variance has the burden of proof to show that all of the criteria listed above have been satisfied.

The undersigned certifies that they are familiar with the application fees and other associated costs, and also with the procedural requirements of the City Code and other applicable ordinances.

Applicant's Signature:

Date: 7/10/25



Fee Owner's Signature:

Date:

Section 9.70 Subd. 2 Board of Adjustment. See Ordinance #11-09

- A. *Creation. The functions of the Board of Adjustment are very specific. Variances and appeals from decisions made by administrative officers are the two areas in which the Board has authority. The Board has no role in conditional use permits or amendments to the Zoning Chapter. The Council shall serve as the Board of Adjustment.*
- B. *Variances See Ordinance #5-12*
 - 1. A variance is a modification of variation of the provisions of this zoning code as applied to a specific piece of property.
 - 2. Variances shall only be permitted (i.) when they are in general harmony with the general purposes and intent of the ordinance and (ii.) when the variances are consistent with the comprehensive plan.
 - 3. Variances may be granted when the applicant for the variance established that there are practical difficulties in complying with the zoning ordinance.
- A. 'Practical difficulties' as used in the connection with the granting of a variance, means that
 - 1. the property owner proposed to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the zoning ordinance;
 - 2. the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner; and
 - 3. the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.
 - 4. Economic considerations alone do not constitute practical difficulties. Practical difficulties include, but are not limited to, inadequate access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems.
- D. *Variance Filed. Variance petitions to the Board of Adjustment shall be filed with the Zoning Administrator, who shall determine completeness. The application shall be accompanied by a fee as listed on the Fee Schedule. The Zoning Administrator shall refer said petition along with all related information to the Planning Commission for consideration and a report and recommendation to the Board of Adjustment at their next regular meeting. The Zoning Administrator shall schedule a public hearing before the Board of Adjustment to hear such petition. The Administrator shall cause notice of such hearing to be published in the legal newspaper for the City, not more than twenty (20) days or less than ten (10) days before the time of such hearing. The Zoning Administrator shall send similar notices to the Board of Adjustment and by mail to individual properties within five hundred (500) of the property to which the*

permit application relates. The Board shall decide the matter and file such decision with the Zoning Administrator. At any such hearing, any party may appear in person, or by agent, or by attorney. The Zoning Administrator shall notify the originator of the variance petition of the Board of Adjustment's decision in writing.

- E. Minutes and Recording of the Voting. The Board of Adjustment shall keep minutes of its proceedings showing the vote of each member upon each question, or if absent or failing to vote indicating such fact and shall keep the records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall be a public record and be immediately filed in the office of the Clerk.*
- F. Basis of Actions. The Board of Adjustment shall always act with due considerations to promoting the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare, assure that the proposal is consistent with the intent and purpose of this Chapter, will insure a density of land use no higher than otherwise required in this Chapter for the zoning district the premises lie within, will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding property for uses predominant in the area, and that the location and character of the proposed development is consistent with the desirable pattern of development for the locality in general and the zoning district more particularly.*
- G. Appeal. The decision of the Board of Adjustment and decisions made by administrative officers shall not be final. Any person having an interest affected by this Chapter or any decision made relating to it shall have the right to appeal to the Council within ninety (90) days of when the decision of the Board of Adjustment is filed with the Zoning Administrator. The decision of the Council shall not be final. Any person having an interest affected by this Chapter or any decision relating to it shall have the right of appeal to the District Court on questions of law and fact within ninety (90) days of the date of such Council action.*

[illegible]

1. 19" Difference between top of north curb and natural grade at intersection of south property lines
2. At recommendation of Andy Nickel, the Swale will begin at the south property line and will fall one inch in every 10' until the final 25' on north end of the property where the grade falls off naturally to the curb.
3. All downspouts on the east and north side of the house will be drained to 5th Avenue
4. All downspouts on the west and south side of the house will be drained to the alley
5. The Swale is shown in the highlighted area with amount of fall in the swale from surrounding natural grade, and the height of above the curb both described

- Lot Size: 5,400 sq ft
- Street Easement Size - 1,434 sq ft
- Total Lot Area 6,834 sq ft
- House, Porch, Garage and Additions as permitted - 2,427 sq ft - 36.5%
- With Proposed Garage - 2,990 sq ft - 45%

**FINDINGS OF FACT
ADAM SAYLES
PIN 22.520.1611
LOT 9, BLOCK 19
MT LAKE – ORIG TWNST**

Bargen Inc. submitted a variance application for the property owner, Adam Sayles, as required in Section 9.70, Subd. 2, Letter D, (Ordinance #11-09), the petition is requesting an increase in the maximum ground coverage, exceeding the total lot area limit for all impervious surfaces on his property.

Adam Sayles wants to construct a 16 foot wide by 38 feet long attached garage.

The structure would meet accessory structure uses requirements as found in Section 9.11 Subd. 4 of City Code and does meet other accessory structure standards as found in Section 9.11 Subd. 4.5 of City Code.

The petition was scheduled for consideration before a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at 5:15 p.m. Monday, July 28, 2025 as required in Section 9.70 Subd. 2 Letter D (Ordinance #11-09). A public hearing before the City Council, sitting as the Board of Adjustment, was scheduled for 5:45 p.m. Monday, July 28, 2025 as required by Section 9.70 Subd. 2, Letter D (Ordinance #11-09).

A notice of hearing was published in the Butterfield Observer/Mountain Lake Advocate on July 16, 2025 in accordance with Section 9.70 Subd. 2, Letter D (Ordinance #11-09). Individual property owners within 500 feet of the property were notified by mail as required by Section 9.70 Subd. 2, Letter D (Ordinance #11-09).

The Planning & Zoning Commission met at 5:15PM on Monday, July 28, 2025 to consider Variance Petition 22.520.1611. Public Comments were made during the hearing from Bill Strom, Martha Dukes, and Janice Stadlander. The item was tabled and would reconvene in 30 days. During this time, the applicant was required to obtain a property survey and submit a plan to address the groundwater issue.

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 5:45PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The item was tabled until Planning & Zoning makes a recommendation to the City Council.

The Planning & Zoning Commission met at 5:45PM on Monday, August 25, 2025 to consider Variance Petition 22.520.1611. A motion was made to approve the variance application permit, with the condition that no additional structures be allowed if they would increase the impervious surface limit of 44%.

The City Council met on 5:45PM on September 15, 2025 in the Council Chambers. The City Council reviewed the recommendation of approval made by the Planning & Zoning Commission and voted to approve/deny such variance unanimously in Resolution #13-25. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #13-25

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A VARIANCE FROM RESIDENTIAL MAXIMUM GROUND COVERAGE (SECTION 9.11 SUBDIVISION 7) CITY OF MOUNTAIN LAKE, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Mountain Lake considered a request for a variance from Residential District (R) Accessory Structure Standards and Maximum Ground Coverage for Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 22.520.1611, described as W54' ALLEY BTW LOTS 7,8 EX S2' OF E5' OF W54'; W54' LOTS 6,7; W49' LOT 8; W49' OF N13' LOT 9 BLK 19, MT LAKE -ORIG TWNST,, in the City of Mountain Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the application and accompanying documents at a scheduled meeting on July 28, 2025, reconvened on August 25, 2025, and passed a motion recommending the approval of the variance with the conditions that the maximum ground coverage for impervious surfaces shall not exceed 44%; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acting as the Board of Adjustment shall always act with due consideration to promote the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare, and the assurance that the proposal is consistent with the intent and purpose of Chapter 9 of City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acting as the Board of Adjustment has reviewed and accepted the findings of fact and conditions for the variance from accessory structure standards on PIN 22.520.1611

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain Lake, Minnesota that the variance from Residential District (R) Maximum Ground Coverage for Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 22.520.1611, described as W54' ALLEY BTW LOTS 7,8 EX S2' OF E5' OF W54'; W54' LOTS 6,7; W49' LOT 8; W49' OF N13' LOT 9 BLK 19, MT LAKE - ORIG TWNST, in the City of Mountain Lake is hereby **approved/denied with no further conditions** and the Mayor and City Administrator/Clerk are authorized to sign.

Adopted this 15th day of September, 2025.

Mike Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, Clerk/Administrator

2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030+
<u>Electric</u>					
	<-----Mini Excavator \$70,000----->				
	Upgrades Driven by Business (EL) \$30,000	Upgrades Driven by Business (EL) \$30,000	Upgrades Driven by Business (EL) \$30,000	Upgrades Driven by Business (EL) \$30,000	
	Pole Line Replacement \$40,000 (EL)	Pole Line Replacement \$40,000 (EL)	Pole Line Replacement \$40,000 (EL)	Pole Line Replacement \$40,000 (EL)	
				Breaker and Relay testing in switch gear rooms \$18,000	
	Digger Truck \$278,000				
	Underground Project (EL) \$30,000	Underground Project (EL) \$30,000	Underground Project (EL) \$30,000	Underground Project (EL) \$30,000	
	Engine Maintenance (EL) \$15,000	Engine Maintenance (EL) \$15,000			
<u>Library</u>					
		Inner Timber Maintenance - \$1500 (est.)			
	Exterior Brick Face maintenance - \$4,500.00 (est.)				
	<-----Plumbing Repair & Survey - \$10,000 (est.)----->				
<u>Ambulance</u>					
		Replace 2000 Pumper (F)			New Rig
<u>Fire</u>					
	<-----Fire/Ambulance Hall Roof/Repairs or New Building (F&A)----->				
	3 sets of turn-out gear, \$2,500 per set (F)	3 sets of turn-out gear, \$2,500 per set (F)	3 sets of turn-out gear, \$2,500 per set (F)	3 sets of turn-out gear, \$2,500 per set (F)	
	Lease Payment for SCBA Equipment (F) \$12,000	Lease Payment for SCBA Equipment (F) \$12,000	Lease Payment for SCBA Equipment (F) \$12,000	Lease Payment for SCBA Equipment (F) \$12,000	
	<-----New Fire Pumper Loan Payment 12,000 - 15,000 (F)----->				
<u>Radios</u>					
	<-----\$120/ unit set-aside for future replacement of ARMER Radios and Pagers for PD, Ambulance, Fire, Public Works and Utilities----->				
<u>Police</u>					
	Shields \$5,500	Shields \$5,500	\$55,000 DES Encrypted Radios	Less Lethal \$5,500	
	#2 Squad Car (P) \$79,000	Office Refurbish, desks/ cabinets, Computer, Radar, Mobile Radio	Interview room \$7,000		
	Squad Rifles \$5,800	Evidence Printer and Scanner \$2,000 Rifle Rated Body Armor \$2,000			
	<-----Replace portable radios (P) \$5,500 x 7----->				
<u>Water/Wastewater</u>					
	Jet-Rodder (WWW) \$400,000 - \$500,000	Water Meters (W) \$10,000		Water Meters (W) \$10,000	
	Lawn Mower \$6000	Lift Station Update			

	<-----Water & Sewer	Water Meters (W) \$10,000			West end of Prince St. (WWW, ST, S) \$1,000,000 est.		
	<-----New Well----->				Water & Sewer Replacement - 10th Street North (WWW) 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. Replace Street Sweeper \$150,000		
	<-----4th Ave. / Mt. Lake Apt. Storm Sewer Upgrades (SS)----->						
	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. Btwn 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----->			City Hall Upgrades, Renovations, Repairs			
	<-----Office Computers as needed and Technology Upgrades----->						
EDA							
	Safety Items (CH)	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)						

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)	\$110,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		\$105,000.00	\$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	\$2,667,400.23	\$1,013,064.00	\$462,155.00	\$168,000.00		\$1,014,181.23	\$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
Commercial 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	\$2,996,802.73		REVENUE			\$1,087,308.73	\$1,047,248.70
EDA	\$172,692.55		\$110,592.55			\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00
GRAND TOTAL W/ EDA	\$3,169,495.28					\$1,110,808.73	\$1,070,748.70

**City of Mountain Lake
Mountain Lake City Council
Resolution #15-25**

Resolution Adopting Proposed Preliminary Property Tax Levy

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: \$1,110,808.73

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

And setting the date for the Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 1, 2025, at 5:45 pm at City Hall, 903 3rd Avenue.

Motion by Member:

Seconded by Member:

Voting Aye: Andrew Ysker, Darla Kruser, Jeff Jack, Bryan Bargaen, Mike Nelson

Voting Nay:

Absent:

Whereupon, said Resolution is hereby declared passed.

Adopted by the City Council on September 15, 2025

Mayor Mike Nelson

ATTEST:

Michael Mueller, City Administrator/Clerk

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 September 15, 2025

Administrator-Clerk