



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Brad Spencer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 02, 2025, at 6:30 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Spencer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Spencer, McCoy, Betts, Fisher, Grotting

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Administrative Services Director Simon,
Public Works Supervisor Ben Lehman, WHPS Chief DuRose

VISITORS: See Sign in Sheet

4. ****Consent Agenda****

Mayor Spencer stated that the consent agenda items would be considered routine and acted on by one motion unless someone would like to remove an item for discussion. The consent agenda

a. Approval of City Council Minutes from the July 30, 2025, City Council Workshop.

b. Approval of City Council Minutes from the August 19, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting and Public hearing on Lake Independence.

c. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch #1 - Checks No. 23884-23904).

d. Large Assembly Permit: 2026 Copeland Road – Private Wedding – September 13, 2025.

5. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.

6. Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission – 2026 Approved Budget. The 2026 Budget is presented for information only.

Mayor Spencer (Administration)

entertain a motion for approval of the consent agenda? So Move to approve. Alright. Well, we'll move by McCoy, seconded by Betts. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye.

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Mayor Spencer (Administration)

Now let's do boards and committee meetings, reports of meetings. Brad?

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Mayor Spencer (Administration)

I just have the joint meeting with Maple Plain. I was unable to watch the golf ball tournament, unfortunately. Oh. Yeah. You missed that. I really nailed it. I yeah. I'm not tell you how it ended. I saw the big Well, if you left at the end of the fifth inning, the firefighters would have won at 20 to 10, but they didn't. What was the ump bias? The ump was an ex chief, and the West African public safety triumphed 22 to 20 in a big comeback. Wow. Yeah. So, it was very exciting. Was there a good was enjoyed by all. Did the police have a good picture?

You know, he was pretty good, but you know what he really did is he flipped the last out to first base. That was a big play right there for the for the big w. You know? The police pitcher was given some feedback by his teammates for next year. Oh, okay. Well, it's good to know. I would say that Encouragement. Right? Yeah. The police pitcher was probably at a little bit less wild loft than the fire pitcher. I would say that. He had a little altitude problem sometimes. Believe that was How about you, Lynn? Any meetings? I did the joint council meeting with Maple Plain. Alright.

Council member McCoy (Administration)

Joint council with Maple Plain and attended the West Suburban Fire family fun night up in Hamel. That was a good time. Nice. Yeah. That is a fun event. Alright.

Mayor Spencer (Administration)

Council member Grotting. Joint council meeting. Okay.

Uh, my meetings, I went to, uh, the memorial service for Larry Bartels, who passed away. He's a former council member and a longtime servant in Delmonel.

Mayor Spencer (Administration)

The joint council meeting on the fire district merger on the 20 first. I did, of course, attend the first responder softball game on the 20 fifth. And then I had the I had the honor to be a witness of the reading to the children by the chief-by-chief DuRose and chief Dennison, which was absolutely stunning. So, we had a good turnout, lots of kids. It was fun. I I I am amazed the turnout on that. It was great. It was very good. You guys did a fabulous job. Thank you. Thank you. We're representing. Is that the main plain library? Oh, it was, uh, like, a Friday or something at lunchtime or Thursday or something. Wednesday story time. Yeah. There're quite a few kids there. So, we've got pictures, so we can document them. Amber?

Mayor Spencer (Administration)

Any meetings? No. Mark?

Council member McCoy (Administration)

I had 2 meetings other than the ones that were mentioned. 1 with a lobbyist group that we're talking to for that Highway 12 project, and we're gonna meet with some groups on Thursday

after the coalition meeting to kind a talk through and see if there's something that we can do. So that was actually a really good meeting. And today, met with the kind a Maple Plain fire team and the and the attorney who's gonna help us do the transition docs and the new contract for Maple Plain Fire. So getting that ready. So just a couple of things with that. I think we're in good shape. Scott, the attorney on that? It is. It's Scott. Yep.

Mayor Spencer (Administration)

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Mayor Spencer (Administration)

Okay. Well, thank you, everybody. Anyone have anything they want to add to the agenda for tonight?

Mayor Spencer (Administration)

Alright. So, uh, Lake Minnetonka Communications or Cable Commission, uh, budget. Brad, you're the representative. You want to give us the bullet points on this thing? Yeah. I won't read you through all the numbers, but if you look at the chart that Jim prepared,

Council member Fisher (Administration)

we did 2 different columns for 26, and that was obviously if the sale went through on the existing building versus if it did not. At this point, we just had an update. I got an update from Jim today that the purchase agreement should now be finally accepted, and they have a nonrefundable earnest money attached to that as of the final acceptance date. So, it should go forward and close within 90 days. So it'll be close to the end of the year, obviously.

They are already preparing the Long Lake facility to move into it as far as some I know there were some demo and different things they had to do to get it set up. The primary difference here, and I don't know if you guys are aware, but Jim Lundberg will be retiring at the end of the year. And so that's biggest thing is Tyler will be taking over. So when you'll see the salary differences, when it says franchise salaries, if you look below it under peg, that's where the salary now falls. Okay. And peg, and that's where we Jim put them for this.

Otherwise, it's just basically showing you the 2 different costs and obviously getting out of the current facility, you're not gonna have things like utilities because they're all included with the rent, refuse and recycling, all that's covered within the existing rent. So that's why the 1 column on the far right is less in cost in some way, but now you have rent, which is 25000 dollars Right. A year based on the rent there, which is pretty reasonable. Yeah.

Yeah. So overall, it looks like the budget will be positive for next year without having to use additional funds. And then the revenue from the sale of the building, which they own, will be just put off to the side to cover different costs. And there will be about estimate of about a hundred and 20000 dollars to move between the 2 facilities. So that will come out of the proceeds from that sale. Okay. And Jim's still gonna retire even though the sale of the building occurred? Yeah. I had spoken to him 1 on 1 after the last meeting and he still wishes to think that's the best for the group that he should step away. Know? It's been a long time that he's been He's done yeah. The little bit of time that I've been exposed, you guys have been exposed much longer. I mean, what a professional. What a great gentleman and very organized and everything else. But if you notice franchise franchise fees, excuse me, keep dropping. Oh, like you said. And so that's the challenge with it is that it's and that's what Jim's point is, is that as it goes forward, we're gonna see less and less revenue unless something changes with being able to charge peg fees on

Internet, which you can't do. Correct. So, you know, what a lot of people don't understand is that the fees that we receive from Mediacom are based only on the cable subscribers, not the Internet access subscribers. So that people could continue to use Mediacom for their Internet sources and just drop off the cable, which is what's happening, cable cord cutting, and revenues just keep going. So yep. There's really not much they can do about it. You know, Mediacom, even when I disconnected the other day, they argued that they're really not in the cable business anymore. Right. Right. Um, it's a interesting challenge. It's sad to see Jim go. Okay.

Mayor Spencer (Administration)
Alright.

Mayor Spencer (Administration)
Alright. So you wanted a motion to approve this budget? Sure. Why not? Go ahead. I'll make a motion to approve that. Alright. Motion by Fisher. Is there a second? Second. Seconded by Betts. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Opposed same sign. Motion carried.

Mayor Spencer (Administration)
Anything from the chief? I have nothing tonight, Mr. Mayor. Well, there is being no further items on the agenda. I take entertain a motion to adjourn. So moved. Moved by McCoy. Seconded. Seconded by Grotting. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Opposed same sign. Motion is adjourned.

included the following items:

Motion by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Betts, to approve the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion carried. 5-0

5. Adjourn.

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