



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2025

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brad Spencer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:30 PM

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Spencer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Spencer, Betts, Grotting, Fisher

ABSENT: McCoy

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Administrative Services Director Simon, PW  
Supervisor Ben Lehman

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 the City Council Minutes from the November 4, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch #1 - Checks No. 24038-24057).
- c. Approval to not waive the monetary limits on Tort Liability established by MN Statues, to the extent of the limits of liability coverage obtained from the LMCIT.

**Motion by Fisher, seconded by Grotting to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Spencer, Betts, Grotting, Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 4-0**

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

**Council member Fisher Attended the following meeting:**

- LMCC – noted that they moved into the new facility in Long Lake and are closing on the old building on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim is officially retiring after 25 years.

**Council member Betts Attended the following meeting:**

- None

**Council member Grotting Attended the following meeting:**

- None

**Acting Mayor McCoy Attended the following meeting:**

- NW League of Municipalities
- Numerous Fire consolidation meetings and phone calls with Chief Leuer

**City Administrator Mark Kaltsas Attended the following meeting:**

- Fire Meetings
- Hwy 12 Bonding Tour, which was successful

**Administrative Services Director Amber Simon Attended the following meeting:**

- Hwy 12 Tour

6. West Hennepin Public Safety – Director Matthew DuRose: Presentation of the October 2025 Activity Reports.

Director DuRose presented the monthly activity report for West Hennepin Public Safety for October 2025. He noted there was approximately a 19 percent increase month over month from last year, with about an 18 percent increase in incidents year-to-date compared to last year.

Director DuRose highlighted that traffic enforcement was up, with four DWI arrests made during the month. He also referenced a gun pointing incident that occurred during a road rage incident, noting they hadn't identified suspects but had a good vehicle description. He mentioned that similar incidents were becoming more common in the area, with approximately one incident per week being reported.

Additional highlights included:

- Receiving a grant award from the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Foundation for the "Cops and Bobbers" program
- Meeting a local citizen named Bill at the West Hennepin chamber meeting who wants to help with the Cops and Bobbers event
- New officer Mason starting in uniform and field training after two weeks in the office
- Upcoming View Santa event on December 6th (45th annual)
- Toys for Tots Collection boxes set up in the lobby area and will be delivered on December 12th

7. Certification of Delinquent Sewer Service Charges as Special Assessments.

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-1118-01** – Resolution certifying delinquent sewer service charges.

Mayor Spencer explained this is an annual procedure where unpaid sewer bills are certified to be added to the tax bills of those who have failed to pay. There were eight accounts on the list for this year.

**Motion by Betts, seconded by Grotting to approve RESOLUTION 25-1118-01 approving Certification of Delinquent Sewer Service Charges as Special Assessments for 2026. Ayes: Spencer, Betts, Fisher, Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 4-0**

8. Approval of the Legislative Services Agreement between The City of Independence and Lockridge Grindal Nauen PPLP (LGN). LGN will be lobbying on behalf of the cities of Independence, Delano and Maple Plain for Highway 12 funding.

City Administrator Kaltsas explained that this was the official approval of the contract with Lockridge Grindal Nauen, who will be lobbying on behalf of the cities of Independence, Delano, and Maple Plain for Highway 12 funding.

Kaltsas noted that he had consulted with the city attorney, who reviewed the agreement and had only one minor comment regarding the 60-day out clause, suggesting that ideally a 30-day out clause would be preferable for a one-year contract, but it wasn't a concern.

Mayor Spencer mentioned that this firm might be worth considering for other opportunities after the Highway 12 funding project, possibly for water-related issues or other needs.

City Administrator Kaltsas mentioned that while they would be collecting funds from Delano and Maple Point for this effort, those formal agreements weren't yet finalized.

**Motion by Fisher, seconded by Grotting to authorize the Mayor to execute the legislative services agreement on behalf of the city. Ayes: Spencer, Betts, Grotting, Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 4-0**

9. Open/Misc.

Kenton Anderson, a resident on County Road 92 south of Mark Morehouse's property, expressed concerns about dump trucks and construction activity that has been occurring on the neighboring property for approximately five years. He described constant backup noises and dump trucks "clanging" on weekends and during the day. Mayor Spencer advised that this matter would be more appropriate to address during the Planning Commission's public hearing rather than during the City Council meeting.

Council members briefly discussed upcoming fire meetings, noting they would provide an update at the workshop scheduled for Thursday at 7 AM.

10. Adjourn.

**Motion by Betts, seconded by Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm. Ayes: Fisher, Betts, Spencer, Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 4-0**