



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2026

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brad Spencer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Spencer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Spencer, Fisher, Grotting, McCoy, Betts (virtual)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Administrative Services Director Simon, Administrator Kaltsas, Public Works Director Lehman, Planning Commission Chair Gardner

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 May 19, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch #1 - Checks No. 24392-24408).
- c. Gambling Permit – Lyndale Lutheran Church
- d. Non-City Assembly Permit Requests:
  - Wedding Reception: 5675 Kochs Crossing – July 11, 2026
  - Motor Condos Grand Opening – June 12, 2026
  - **Legacy Baptist Church Picnic – June 7, 2026 (Pioneer Creek Park)**  
– added to agenda

One correction was made to the Motor Condos Grand Opening changing the date from June 12<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion by Fisher, seconded by Grotting to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Spencer, Fisher, Grotting, McCoy, Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 5-0**

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

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

- None

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

- Gary Kroell's father's funeral
- West Suburban deputy chief interviews

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

- None

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

- None

**Mayor Spencer Attended the following meeting:**

- Kroell's Service
- Lewis Cemetery on Memorial Day
- WBIF meeting

**Amber Simon Attended the following meeting:**

- None

**Mark Kaltsas Attended the following meeting:**

- None

6. Consider approval of Resolution Authorizing Maple Plain to Install Entrance Sign in City of Independence (within MnDOT ROW).

a. **RESOLUTION No. 26-0602-01 - Approving the Resolution.**

City Administrator Kaltsas provided background on this item, explaining that the City of Maple Plain had previously requested and received approval from the City of Independence to replace their existing entrance monument sign with a new monument sign located within the MnDOT right-of-way — not on city-owned property. When that prior approval was forwarded to MnDOT, the agency indicated that a formal resolution was required. The resolution before the Council therefore reflects and formalizes the approval already granted, authorizing the City of Maple Plain to locate their sign within the City of Independence's jurisdiction, with MnDOT retaining permitting authority.

**Motion by McCoy, seconded by Fisher to approve RESOLUTION 26-0602-01 Approving Maple Plain to install their City Sign in Independence. Ayes: Spencer, Fisher, Grotting, McCoy, Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 5-0**

7. **(PUBLIC HEARING)** Consideration of the 2026 Gravel Road Project and Approving Plans and Authorizing Staff to Bid the Project.

a. **RESOLUTION No. 26-0602-02** - Approving the 2026 Gravel Road Plans and Authorizing Staff to Bid the Project.

City Administrator Kaltsas introduced this item, noting that while a public hearing is not statutorily required — as no assessments are planned for this project — it is the city's practice to hold one as a matter of good governance. He requested that the Council open the public hearing and continue it to the June 16th City Council meeting, at which time a completed plan set would be presented for approval and authorization to bid.

Kaltsas provided a high-level overview of the 2026 Gravel Road Project, which is part of the city's five-year capital road plan. The project covers approximately two miles and includes work on County Line, Valley, Dean Lane, Turner Road, and Maple Ponds Trail. Estimated costs are just under \$300,000, funded entirely from previously budgeted 2026 road project funds, with no assessments to property owners. Mayor Spencer confirmed with Kaltsas that three years remain in the five-year plan following this project.

Brief discussion was held regarding the performance of a different aggregate (granite) that had been introduced in 2025. Public Works staff noted that while the material contains more rock and grades differently — potentially better suited to dragging than blading — overall performance has been favorable, and dust generation appears to be slightly reduced. Staff indicated that dry conditions this year have contributed to some surface looseness.

The public hearing was opened. No members of the public came forward to speak.

**Motion by Betts, seconded by Fisher to continue the public hearing to June 16, 2026 City Council Meeting. Ayes: Spencer, Fisher, Grotting, McCoy, Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 5-0**

*The public hearing on the 2026 Gravel Road Project is continued to June 16, 2026.*

8. Open/Misc.

The Mayor opened the floor for miscellaneous discussion. Councilmember Betts inquired about the "Legacy Group" which is referred elsewhere on the agenda. City Administrator Kaltsas clarified that Legacy Baptist Church is the organization occupying the old church building adjacent to the former city hall. No further items were raised by Council members or members of the public.

9. Adjourn.

**Motion by Betts, seconded by Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 6:47PM. Ayes: Spencer, Fisher, Grotting, McCoy, Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 5-0**