

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Heinen at 5:00 p.m. The following City Council members were found to be present: Mayor Dave Heinen and Council Members Mike Fall, Ryan Hennen, Fran Ramler and Doug Schmitz. Absent: None. Others present: Kris Dockendorf, Jon Stueve, Jason Blum, Sam Butler, Tanja Goering, Garrett Decker, Darrin Hall, Brandon Kuechle, Aldair Olvera Meza, Glen Mueller and Joe Jelovnick.

### **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**

Tanja Goering introduced herself to the Council and public and explained that she is running as a republican for the Minnesota House of Representatives seat in district 13A. She stated that topics of importance to her are affordability issues, unfunded mandates, families, taxes and fraud.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes – January 28, 2026 Regular Meeting

B. Ducks Unlimited – Rich Spring Chapter – Application to Conduct a Raffle, Form LG220 – March 21, 2026, at 305 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S at The Great Blue Heron

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

### **APPROVAL TO HIRE FOUR FIREFIGHTERS**

Assistant Fire Chief Glen Mueller explained that the candidates had completed the agility tests successfully after their interviews. He stated the next steps would be the physical examination, then hiring, training and then a year probation period.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE FIREFIGHTER HIRING COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE GARRETT DECKER, DARRIN HALL, BRANDON KUECHLE, AND ALDAIR OLVERA MEZA, CONTINGENT UPON SUCCESSFUL PASSING OF THEIR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

### **FIRE STATION CHANGE ORDERS**

Dockendorf explained that two doors needed to be replaced and also painted and installed. She stated the cost for this was deducted from the supplier's contingency.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE THE LIST OF THREE CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION, DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2026, WITH A \$0 NET CHANGE. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT**

A. Water, Wastewater, and Pre-Treatment Building Rehab

Stueve stated that this project was discussed during the budget meeting. He explained that the lab space for water and wastewater has been outgrown with all of the employees, testing and equipment. The rehab project will remove a wall to merge two rooms into one, removing the walls for the laundry room to expand space for the golf carts and charging station, and add a fourth garage door on the east side of the building. He stated that he obtained two bids, and was recommending the low bid.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE WATER, WASTEWATER, AND PRE-TREATMENT REHAB PROJECT FROM STATZ CONSTRUCTION, INC. AT A COST OF \$17,380.00; TO BE SPLIT EQUALLY BETWEEN WATER, WASTEWATER, AND PRE-TREATMENT BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE, LINE ITEM #6411. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Updates

Stueve stated that he is finishing up the Capital Improvements Plan for the upcoming special meeting, he had met with the Christmas Decoration Committee for next years plans and will be working on measurements and cost estimates. He stated that the Hometown Pride Committee had inquired about access to power in Alexander Park, which is becoming a common request and that staff is discussing electric installation needs. Lastly, he said that there is a seminar being hosted in the new Fire Hall tomorrow and there may be excess vehicles parked in the Splash Pad area for it.

**C. Other**

Dockendorf stated that they have been discussing the temporary space for the Police and City Hall during the remodel project. She stated they have decided that both departments will be moving into the meeting room at the new Fire Hall. Stueve stated that cost estimates had been discussed for temporary walls and came to the conclusion that the most cost effective option would be for City staff to build the walls, with lumber supplied by Menards, which the materials could then be reused for other projects in the future. He stated that an area of 24 x 26 would still be available for Fire Hall meetings. Dockendorf added that staff is checking on using space at the Rocori DEF for the City Council meetings.

**CITY ENGINEER REPORT****A. Project Updates**

Butler stated that the Wastewater Treatment Facility 30% design is continuing with 15 design memos completed and one left to review. He stated that the preliminary drawings should be done by the end of February, after which cost estimates will be worked on so that it can all be compiled together for the presentation in April. He stated work continues on the site development for the City Hall and Police Remodel Project. He explained that the existing bronze statute memorial will need to be removed and reset due to the modifications planned for the east wall of the building. Stueve added that it will be taken down before construction and then relocated more to the southeast after construction is completed.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Police Chief Jason Blum presented the calls for service report for the month of January. He stated that the department will need to upgrade of their radios to encrypted channels by 2027. He stated that four of the squad radios will need to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$5,500 each. Discussion was had about the shotgun and rifle hunting restriction changes for deer hunting in 2026.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT****A. Approve MNX Properties Consent to Collateral Assignment and Development Agreement**

Dockendorf explained that the Granite Landing Apartments property is going through a refinancing and requested approval of the documents presented. She stated that there are no changes to the property or risk to the City and that the documents had been reviewed by the City Attorney.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT TO COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT OF THE MNX PROPERTIES LLC TIF NOTE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, CONTINGENT ON REVIEW OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

**B. Updates**

Dockendorf stated that staff is working on closing out the Fire Hall contracts.

**LIST OF BILLS**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$345,583.51 PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO ADJOURN AT 5:30 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

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Dave Heinen, Mayor

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Kris Dockendorf, City Administrator