

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, Sandy Neu-Dwyer, Kathy Robbins, Steve Schlangen, Kevin Brink, Jim Kraemer, Cliff Johnson, and Joe Jelovnick.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Cliff Johnson from the Cold Spring Area Historical Society discussed an upcoming program being hosted in March on four Minnesota women authors. He also presented several artifacts from the museum and explained their historical relevance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – February 25, 2026 Regular Meeting

B. Saints Peter & Paul Church, Form LG220 Application to Conduct Bingo and a Raffle on November 7, 2026 at The Great Blue Heron – 305 5th Ave S

C. Resolution No. 2026-09, a Resolution Approving St. Boniface Parish Events for 2026

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

PROCLAMATION FOR LET THE SUN SHINE RUN

Councilor Schmitz requested that Mayor Heinen read the proclamation and then also recognized the supporters of the event that were present, including Kathy Robbins, Sandy Dwyer and Steve Schlangen.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 19-25, 2026 AS LET THE SUN SHINE RUN WEEK IN THE CITY OF COLD SPRING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Purchase Exmark Lawnmower

Stueve explained that the purchase price is from the state bid and that the mower being traded in was purchased in 2019.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW EXMARK LAWNMOWER FROM POWERHOUSE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT, INC. AT THE STATE CONTRACT PRICE OF \$11,359.00, LESS THE TRADE-IN OF \$4,000, FOR A TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF \$7,359.00; FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID FROM PARKS EQUIPMENT, LINE ITEM #6311. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Purchase Seven Picnic Tables

Stueve explained that the Lions Club will be reimbursing the City for the cost of two of the tables that will be put at Lions Park and have a donation plate affixed to them.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN PICNIC TABLES FROM N.O.F. INC. AT A PRICE OF \$1,095.00 PER TABLE, FOR A TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF \$7,665.00; FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID FROM PARKS EQUIPMENT, LINE ITEM #6311. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

C. Updates

Stueve stated the last of the cold patch is being used to fill potholes and that a large portion of it was used on 3rd Ave Southeast. Stueve stated that he is obtaining a second quote for the connection of 2nd Avenue Southeast and Fireside Road. Stueve also stated that staff has had success breaking apart the clumps of salt from the last delivery from Cargill.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Updates

Chief Blum provided a report on the calls for service in February.

B. Purchase ATS-3 Speed Trailer

Chief Blum stated that the speed truck is over 20 years old and will be replaced with the speed trailer as discussed during the budget process. Chief Blum stated the truck is no longer needed as part of the police fleet and is being considered for use by the Parks Department.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN ATS-3 SPEED TRAILER FROM ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS FOR A COST OF \$11,685.60; FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID FROM THE GAMBLING FUND, LINE ITEM #6311. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

PROPOSAL FOR RENT OF TEMPORARY LIBRARY SPACE

Kevin Brink and Jim Kraemer presented the proposal for renting temporary space for the library. Brink explained that the next step would be to draft a lease agreement. Kraemer explained that the build-out of the space would take two to three weeks.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dockendorf stated that she has been in contact with the Rocori School District to rent space at the District Education Facility for council, commission, and board meetings. She stated that there are two meeting rooms that can be reserved at a rate of \$5.50 per hour. She added that the commons area is a larger space that would be sufficient for election use, which has a higher rental rate of \$27.00 per hour. Dockendorf added that the audit will begin on Monday. Mayor Heinen stated he agreed with an email request from Chuck Krebsbach, as did the rest of the Council, and directed staff put the American flags up the light poles throughout the downtown area.

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 \$362,852.57 PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Schmitz stated that he had gone to the Wakefield Township Board meeting. He stated their board indicated that they are applying for a grant for road improvements to 3rd Ave SE. The grant program would announce their awarding of funds in 2028. The Council agreed that 3rd Ave SE needs improvement much before then and Dockendorf stated she would set up a meeting to discuss the roadway with the Township Clerk. Several members of the Council mentioned orderly annexation as a potential option they would consider but also understood that annexation is a lengthy process too.

CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER OFFERS OR COUNTER OFFERS FOR THE CITY’S PURCHASE OR SALE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR INTERESTS THEREIN UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 13D.05, SUBDIVISION 3(C)

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY FALL, TO CLOSE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:34 P.M. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

REOPEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO OPEN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:49 P.M. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM

Mayor Heinen stated that no action was taken.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY FALL, TO ADJOURN AT 5:50 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.