

The regular monthly City Council meeting was held on November 3, 2025, with Mayor Jake Wentland, Council Member Jessy Lashinski, Council Member Terri Trettel, Council Member Travis Bartkowicz, City Clerk Jude Stodolka and Treasurer Molly Sobania present. Also in attendance were Joe Sobania, Fire Chief Brad Psyck, Jordie Stay and Sara Seelen.

Roll call was approved. A motion was made by Jessy Lashinski to approve roll call. Seconded by Terri Trettel.

The October minutes were approved. A motion was made by Jessy Lashinski to approve the minutes. Seconded by Travis Bartkowicz.

The bills to be paid were accepted. A motion was made by Jessy Lashinski to accept bills to be paid. Seconded by Travis Bartkowicz.

Molly Sobania, Treasurer noted that a total of \$137,659.50 was used to open a new fire fund CD, #51812 for 6 months at 3.8%. Also, a check was written to Spencer Fire Trucks for \$150,000 to be given to Fire Chief Brad Psyck. The amount of \$20,536.70 was received from the state for Fire Aid and the total will be sent, as a check, to American Funds for the Fire Fund Retirement account. The Treasurer's Report was approved. A motion was made by Terri Trettel to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Travis Bartkowicz.

#### DEPARTMENT UPDATES

**FIRE:** Fire Chief Brad Psyck informed the council the light for the American flag will be connected to the side of the Fire Hall/City Hall building. The battery in truck #2 blew up. No damage was reported to the Fire Hall.

**UTILITIES:** Utility Administrator Sara Seelen reported the special assessment (delinquent) report was sent to the County.

**WATER:** Water/Sewer Superintendent Joe Sobania reported the indicator light on the water tower is not working. Joe Sobania will contact Erickson Electric to repair the light.

**SEWER:** Joe Sobania will have Nelson Sanitation complete the fall cleaning of the lift stations. A motion was made by Terri Trettel to approve Nelson Sanitation to complete the fall lift cleaning. Seconded by Jessy Lashinski. A hydrant West of 120<sup>th</sup> Street is leaking. Rural Water will repair the hydrant.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Jordie Stay has received the new pamphlets for the Community Center. A mistake was noted on the pamphlet and new pamphlets will be printed. Jordie delivered \$300.00 from the Emdale 4H rental, \$2,510.00 for regular rentals and a \$10.00 tent rental. A number of fluorescent bulbs need to be replaced in

the community center hall. A 16 foot ladder will be purchased. A fire extinguisher will be mounted on the wall in the kitchen. Two window shades in the community center hall need to be replaced.

Jordie Stay, Community Center Coordinator, handed in her resignation. Jordie Stay's last day will be January 1, 2026.

Three signs will be purchased stating the change of rates charged for rental of the community center building for events. A motion was made by Terri Trettel to purchase new signs. Seconded by Travis Bartkowicz.

OLD BUSINESS: There are no grants open at this time for distribution. Joe Sobania will contact Moore Engineering to check on what grants are available in 2026. The possibility of grants available may be for a new pump house and/or a grant for water tower restoration in 2026. Another option is to apply for a rural development loan for these projects.

Paul Schultz made repairs to the Christmas lights. George Trettel will hang the lights before Thanksgiving.

A motion was made to remove the mosquito spray charge on the utility bills from January through April, 2026 by Jessy Lashinski. Seconded by Travis Bartkowicz.

Mayor Jake Wentland gave his resignation. Mayor Jake Wentland's last day will be January 1, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS: City Clerk Jude Stodolka gave her notice of resignation. Jude Stodolka will hand in her resignation letter on December 1, 2025 at the City Council meeting. Jude Stodolka's last day will be January 1, 2026.

Dorreen Loomis gave a verbal resignation notice for the custodial position.

Hiring ads for Mayor, City Clerk, Community Center Coordinator and Community Center City Hall/Fire Hall Custodial positions have been posted in the City of Bowlus, in the Morrison County Record and the city of Bowlus website.

A motion was made by Jessy Lashinski to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Travis Bartkowicz.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Jude Stodolka

City Clerk