

Minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of New Auburn in the County of Sibley and State of Minnesota including all accounts audited by said Council.

Regular Meeting
September 8, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mandy Grack at 7:00 p.m. at the city office.

Members present: Wayne Schultz, Pam Horton, John Wangen, Michael Cotterman and Mandy Grack

Members absent: Joey Schuft

Staff present: Roberta Zaske, and Fire Chief Busse

Additions or Corrections to the agenda :

Open Public Forum:

Approval of minutes: A motion by John Wangen, seconded by Pam Horton to accept the minutes for August meeting, motions carried.

Reports given:

1. Fire Department – Chief Busse gave his report, 3 calls (2 medical, 1 fire -mutual aid). A motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve the Fire Mutual Aid Agreement, motion carried. Filled out a grant with Compeer for a new camera. Open house at the fire hall on Sunday, October 5th from 10 am -12 noon.
2. Treasurer report – Report was given and approved.
3. Park/streets/buildings- Bobbi gave the report. Working on street repair. Talked about plow and used pick up.
4. Sheriff Report –

Resolutions, Ordinances and Policy:

Resolutions: 20250908A Adopting Proposed Tax Levy A motion by Wayne Schutlz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve the presented tax levy for 2026, motion carried.

Ordinances: Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchants and Food Venders After some discussion , council would like to have a workshop to change some of the ordinance to better serve New Auburn before approving it. Tabled until next meeting.

Policy: Business Subsidy Policy –tabled until next month.

Unfinished business:

1. STREAMS –No action taken. Zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 17th at 1 pm
2. SEH - No action taken. RD is working on our application
3. State of MN – Lead and copper – No action taken SEH, Gus is working on all our unknowns
4. MuniBilling – My manager, Kelsey no longer works for MuniBilling, seems like credit card issue is now working.
5. JD5 Ditch They are going to televise the line through New Auburn this fall

New Business:

1. Health Insurance – Didn't get the new rates yet.
2. Truck Committee- Still looking for a truck. Need to find out how much Darryl Chaplin wants for his plow and sander.
3. Person interested in land the city owns – no show
4. New Auburn Lions Club - Asked to put a sign on our city sign, they talked to MN State and they said no permit was require but just an ok from the city. Motion by John Wangen, seconded by Pam Horton to allow the Lions to attach a Lions sign to our sign, motion carried.

Additional items discussed:

1. Clerks Report - no report
2. Curt Reetz – no report
3. Open discussion - Xcel Energy rates are going up, in 2025 9.6% and 2026 is 3.6%.

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Motion by John Wangen, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve paying claims #70059-70079 in the amount of \$21,541.68 plus any other normal monthly bills, motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays
Claims paid in August were claims 70032-70055 for \$37,542.28 and additional claims 70056-70058 \$1,246.68 Payroll - CK 24887-24889 \$3,767.43 PERA \$608.84 Payroll CK 24854-24856 \$3,636.16 PERA \$608.84 Federal taxes for August \$2,107.26. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays

Motion by Michael Cotterman, second by Wayne Schultz to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Motion carried.

Roberta Zaske, City Clerk-Treasurer