

**City of Red Lake Falls  
City Council Meeting  
November 27, 2017  
Minutes**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County, Minnesota was duly held in the Council Chambers of said City on the 13<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2017.

Members Present: Allen Bertilrud, Kevin Brevik, Sara Kenfield, Justin Carriere, Neil Knaack

Members Absent: Matzke

Others Present: Kathy Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Carol Seeger, Barry Glienke, Mitch Bernstein, Deb Derouin

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Brevik moved, seconded by Carriere, to approve the Agenda as presented.  
*On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

Kenfield moved, seconded by Knaack, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Approval of the November 13, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes

Approval of the November 13, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes – Rapid Response Vehicle

Approval of the November 13, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes – Assessment for 2018 Project

Approval of the Bills and Disbursements Finance Checks #040361 - #040379 + Payroll E Checks 1 – 6

*On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

Knaack moved, seconded by Carriere, to approve the second reading by Attorney Sparby of the Vacant Property Ordinance.

*On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

Knaack moved, seconded by Brevik, to approve the second reading of the Sump Pump Ordinance with the fee dollar amount to be included in the Fee Chart.

*On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

Kenfield moved, seconded by Brevik, to approve Resolutions #11-05-2017 through Resolution #11-11-2017. Approval of liquor licenses is contingent that all provide proof of liquor liability and Worker's Compensation for 2018. *For: Brevik, Carriere, Kenfield, Knaack, Bertilrud. Absent: Matzke. Against: none. Motion Passed*

Kenfield moved, seconded by Knaack, to approve Resolution #11-12-2017 – Authorization to Pay Bills in December after the December 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting. *For: Brevik, Carriere, Kenfield, Knaack, Bertilrud. Absent: Matzke. Against: none. Motion Passed*

The council discussed the Tax Abatement Policy for new home construction. Tax abatement is based on value of construction costs and is currently not valid for homes with construction costs over \$275,000. Some council members feel the abatement should be based on assessed value rather than construction costs. No action was taken at this time concerning the two homeowners looking into a tax abatement and the policy was referred back to the Finance Committee.

Attorney Sparby explained the Nuisance Ordinance criteria and how it pertains to violators already turned over to the Sheriff's Department and how the appeal process works. According to city ordinance, the appeal process can only happen after the city sends out nuisance letters and someone wants to appeal their nuisance status. Once nuisance yards are turned over to the Sheriff's department, the city appeal process is no longer an option as it belongs to the county court. The Sheriff's department must deal with a nuisance yard at this point and Sheriff Bernstein noted that they do work towards compliance without a fine and court proceeding, if possible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allen Bertilrud, Mayor

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Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator