

City of Red Lake Falls
February 9, 2026
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 9th day of February 2026.

Members Present: Allen Bertilrud, Joyce Kalbakdalen, Neil Knaack, Cheryl Matzke, Kyle Thibert

Member Present through interactive technology: John Kleven

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kathy Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Jane Thibert, Zach Thoma

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Table Item 6.05 Dilapidated Building & Item 6.07 Personnel Manual, add Item 6.05 Aerial Spraying, add 6.07 Res #02-02-2026 Final Assessment Hearing
Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve the amended agenda.

For: Kalbakdalen, Kleven, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud

Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve the Consent Agenda.

5.01 Approval of January 26, 2026 Minutes

5.02 Approval of the Bills and Disbursements

5.03 Authorize City Administrator to pay bills through the next council meeting.

For: Kalbakdalen, Kleven, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud

Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Kleven, to amend December 8, 2025, minutes to read; accept the contract amendment with Eckstein's Enterprises LLC dba Sanitary Service & Recycling increasing the cost \$10.00 per ton, from \$50.00 to \$60.00 effective January 1, 2026.

For: Kalbakdalen, Kleven, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud

Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED.

Thibert moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen to accept the Engagement of Northland Securities as underwriter and receipt of related disclosures.

For: Kalbakdalen, Kleven, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud

Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED.

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Matzke, to have the first reading of the amended Ordinance 118.

For: Kalbakdalen, Kleven, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud

Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED.

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Knaack, to waive the second reading of the amended Ordinance 118, and to approve amended Ordinance 118.

For: Kalbakdalen, Kleven, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud

Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED.

Matzke moved, seconded by Thibert to approve Resolution #02-01-2026 receiving the feasibility report from Moore Engineering with an estimated cost of \$10,431,350.00. A public hearing on improvement and assessment of abutting properties will be held March 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

For: Kalbakdalen, Kleven, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud

Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Knaack moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen, to approve aerial mosquito spraying up to two times during the summer of 2026 if deemed necessary.

For: Kalbakdalen, Kleven, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud

Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Knaack moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen to approve Res #02-02-26 Calling Hearing on Final Assessment for the Kankel Addition on March 2, 2026, following the scheduled Hearing on Improvement at 6:00 p.m.

For: Kalbakdalen, Kleven, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud

Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Matzke moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen, to a closed meeting to discuss attorney client legal information at 6:40 p.m.

For: Kalbakdalen, Kleven, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud

Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Members Present at closed meeting: Allen Bertilrud, Kyle Thibert, Neil Knaack, Joyce Kalbakdalen, Cheryl Matzke

Member Present Using Interactive Technology: John Kleven

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kathy Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Jane Thibert

Others Present By Speaker Phone: Joel Paulsen

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Matzke to adjourn the closed meeting, and reopen the public meeting at 7:06 p.m.

For: Kalbakdalen, Kleven, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud

Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Council member Kleven may be attending council meetings using interactive technology during the months of February and March. Meeting was adjourned to the public hearing in the Council Chambers at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 2, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Bertilrud, Mayor
Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator

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