

**City of Red Lake Falls
City Council Meeting
June 9, 2025
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 June, 2025.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kathy Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Jane Thibert, Mitch Bernstein, John Kleven

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. John Kleven addressed the council with his interest in the Council Member At Large open position.

Administrator Schmitz reported that Red Lake County received a \$34,000 Local Affordable Housing Aid Grant for new development and will be giving \$10,000 to the two new homes being built by NorthStar Neighbors to help reduce the cost

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Thibert, to approve the amended agenda. Item 6.04 changed to include the hiring of pool employees, and the addition of Item 6.08 Planning & Zoning - Lindbergh & Evergreen Improvements

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

5.01 Approval of May 28, 2025 Council Minutes

5.02 Approval of the Bills and.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve Resolution #06-01-2025 Resolution to ratify prior actions of the Mayor and City Clerk related to certain real property.

For: Kalbakdalen, Knaack, Matzke, Thibert, Bertilrud. Absent: None.

Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Knaack to accept the application of John Kleven as the new Council Member At Large with term expiring on December 31, 2026.

For: Kalbakdalen, Knaack, Matzke, Bertilrud. Absent: None.

Against: Thibert Absent: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Mr. John Kleven was sworn into the oath of the office by Attorney Sparby.

Thibert moved, seconded by Knaack to approve the Swimming Pool pricing as it is listed in the current 2025 Fee Chart.

On vote being taken, the motion was passed.

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Thibert proposed to hire Sebastian Groo for the Park & Rec position at starting wage of \$22.75, with six-month probation and training.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Thibert moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve the hiring of 11 lifeguards for the 2025 season.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Knaack moved, seconded by Matzke to accept the quote of \$24,525.00 from H & S Construction of TRF, Inc. for the curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs for homeowners and the City of Red Lake Falls.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Knaack moved, seconded by Matzke to approve Resolution # 06-02-2024 ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans of proposed improvement on Evergreen Ave & Lindbergh Drive.

For: Kalbakdalen, Knaack, Matzke, Kleven, Bertilrud. Absent: None.

Against: Thibert Absent: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED WITH SUPER MAJORITY

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Bertilrud, Mayor

Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator

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