

**City of Red Lake Falls
City Council Meeting
July 14, 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 14th day of July, 2025.

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

Members Absent: None

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Thibert, to approve the amended agenda with the addition of Item 6.13 Res #07-04-25 Ordering Improvement & Preparation of Plans
On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of June 9, 2025 Public Hearing Minutes

Approval of June 9, 2025 Council Minutes

Approval of June 16, 2025 Special Council Minutes

Approval of the Bills and Disbursements

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Kleven moved, seconded by Thibert to accept the bid of \$6,750.00 from Kargel Brothers Construction to shingle the library, with the shingles being purchased by the City from Falls Building Center.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Thibert, for the approval of Attorney Delray Sparby sending a letter of consent to Olson Property C/O Joshua Olson for the dilapidated property on 101 Main Ave S.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Matzke moved, seconded by Knaack to permanently close the swimming pool due to it not being financially feasible to make required repairs as per the recommendation of Aqua Logic, Inc.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Knaack move, seconded by Matzke to work with the present pool committee on planning future summer aquatic facilities and location.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Matzke moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen to accept Resolution #07-01-2025 accepting \$2,200.00 in donations to the City of Red Lake Falls for City Flower Planters.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Thibert moved, seconded by Knaack accept Resolution #07-02-2025 accepting \$100.00 in donations from RLF Hardware Hank to the City of Red Lake Falls for Red Lake Falls Volunteer Fire Department Pumper Truck.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Off Site Special Licenses to sell liquor off premises for Sparkey's 218 & The Spot July 25th & 26th for SummerFest between the hours of 11:00 am & 1:00 am, with the requirement of the use of wristbands to control underage drinking.

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

Against: None Absent: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Thibert to accept Resolution #07-06-2025 resolution to ratify prior actions of the mayor and city clerk related to certain real property.

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

Against: None Absent: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Knaack moved, seconded by Matzke to approve Resolution #07-04-25 Ordering Improvement & Preparation of Plans.

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

Against: Thibert Absent: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Matzke moved, seconded by Kleven to approve Resolution #07-05-2025, accepting low bid in the amount of \$78,949.10 by RJ Zavoral & Sons Inc. for the improvement project on Evergreen Ave. & Lindbergh Drive.

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

Against: None Absent: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Electric scooters cannot be driven on sidewalks. Children under 12 cannot ride with 2 people on a scooter, under 18 must wear headgear, and they must ride on the right-hand curb or edge of roadway.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Bertilrud, Mayor
Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator

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