

**City of Red Lake Falls
City Council Meeting
September 8, 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 8th day of September, 2025.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kathy Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Jane Thibert, Matt Swendra, Mitch Bernstein, John Thibert, Cal Eckstein, Paul Eckstein, Holly Eckstein

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve the agenda with the following changes. Table Item 6.14 Closed Meeting – Legal Issue, Add Item 6.15 Res #09-03-25. *On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of August 18, 2025 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 approve the proposed 3% water & sewer rate increase to be effective January 1, 2026.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Thibert to approve a 3% increase for the 2026 preliminary budget, in the amount of \$943,182.33 for the proposed levy.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Knaack moved, seconded by Matzke to approve Resolution #09-01-2025 Maintenance & Operations Grant Agreement with MNDOT for the airport, paying 75% of our expenses up to \$13,004.00 or two-year total of \$26,909.00.

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

Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Matzke moved, seconded by Kleven to approve Resolution #09-02-2025 approving the entering into of an agreement for the conveyance of certain real property owned by the City of Red Lake Falls. which includes 2 parcels of land in the total amount of \$90.2557 including the temporary easements.

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

Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Kleven moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen to approve the first reading of proposed Ordinance Section 72.04 "Careless Operation" amending City Code Chapter 72 Bicycles, Skateboards, Recreational Vehicles and adopting penalty provisions.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 72.04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED LAKE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 72 ENTITLED "BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES" BY ADDING ORDINANCE SECTION 72.04, "CARELESS OPERATION", AND BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE PENALTY PROVISIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF RED LAKE FALLS ORDAINS:

Section 1. The City Ordinance Code Chapter 72 is hereby amended to add City Ordinance section 72.04., which shall read as follows:

72.04. CARELESS OPERATION. No person shall operate or halt any personal wheeled vehicle, whether self-propelled or powered by some other means, carelessly or heedlessly in disregard of the rights of others, or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any property or any person, including other operators of personal wheeled vehicles, pedestrians, or motor vehicles. For purposes of this ordinance, "personal wheeled vehicles" include, but are not limited to, bicycles, electric assisted bicycles, golf carts, all terrain vehicles, off-highway vehicles, off-road vehicles, off highway motorcycles, electric or self-powered scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, or any other device containing wheels and capable of transporting a person.

Section 2. City Code references to Penalty and Violations as set forth in section 72.99 are hereby adopted in their entirety, by reference, as though repeated verbatim herein.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication.

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Knaack to approve Resolution #09-03-2025 entering into an agreement for the conveyance of a temporary construction easement over certain real property owned by the City of Red Lake Falls which expires one year after the project is completed which includes an additional easement and expires one year after the project is completed.

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

Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Bertilrud, Mayor
Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator

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