

**City of Red Lake Falls
City Council Meeting
September 23, 2024
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 23rd day of September, 2024.

Members Present: Allen Bertilrud, Sara Kenfield, Neil Knaack, Briana Ingraham, Joyce Kalbakdalen, Cheryl Matzke

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kathy Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Mitch Bernstein, Cal Eckstein, Paul Eckstein, Karl Kleven, Lacie Hovland, Logan Hovland

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Knaack, to approve the amended Agenda with changing item 6.11 to Moving City Avenue.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of September 9, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes

Approval of September 9, 2024 Council Minutes

Approval of the Bills and Disbursements

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ingraham moved, seconded by Matzke to approve the proposed 3-year contract with Sanitary Service & Recycling Inc. October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2027 with a 3.2% rate increase.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Ingraham moved, seconded by Knaack to move the Blue Lines request to the Park & Recreation Committee to draw up a written agreement.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Ingraham moved, seconded by Matzke to approve Resolution #09-01-2024, Election Judge Appointments.

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

Against: None. Abstain: Kalbakdalen, Kenfield. MOTION CARRIED

Knaack moved, seconded by Matzke to not allow city owned picnic tables, chairs and tables to go out of city limits.

On vote being taken, Ingraham abstained, Kenfield opposed, the motion was passed.

Kenfield moved, seconded by Ingraham to table Agenda Item 6.05 Building Inspector Fees Schedule and not act on or move forward with the building inspector at this time.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Ingraham moved, seconded by Kenfield to get cost estimates for running a 30-day ad in Grand Forks Herald, Fargo Forum or Minneapolis Star Tribune and Planning & Zoning will find the cost of using a realtor before the next council meeting.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

2025 Tentative Budget was increased to 5% as per the council’s request at the last meeting. Mayor Bertilrud reminded the council that we cannot go higher, but we can go down. \$10,000 was added to City Hall, \$8,000 added to Parks, with a new line item named Bridge & Trail.

Ingraham moved, seconded by Kenfield, to approve Resolution #09-02-2024 the adoption of the 2025 proposed budget and levy certification with a 5% increase.

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED

Knaack moved, seconded by Matzke to increase the 2025 utility rates by 3%.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Kenfield moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen to approve Resolution #09-03-2024 Authorization to Execute Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition.

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED

Ingraham moved, seconded by Knaack to propose a vacation and variance hearing of Parcel A with the advertising expense be that of Robert & Marlys Schmitz.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

8.02 Council Meeting, Monday, October 28, 2024 6:00 pm

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Bertilrud, Mayor

Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator