

**City of Red Lake Falls
City Council Meeting
November 13, 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 13th day of November, 2024.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kathy Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Jane Thibert, Joel Paulson, Kyle Thibert

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Ingraham, to approve the amended agenda as follows: Item 6.08 City Hall, 6.09 Lobbyist, 6.10 Closed Session – Legal Issue, 6.11 Reconvene to Open Session.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ingraham moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve the amended Consent Agenda

Approval of October 28, 2024 Minutes

Approval of the Bills and Disbursements

For: Ingraham, Knaack, Matzke, Bertilrud. Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: Kalbakdalen, Kenfield. MOTION CARRIED

Kalbakdalen & Kenfield abstained as they were being paid for election judge/services rendered.

NEW BUSINESS

Kenfield moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen, to approve delinquent services to be certified to taxes.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Kenfield moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen to approve Resolution #11-01-24, Canvassing Election & Declaring Results of the 2024 General Election.

**For: Ingraham, Kalbakdalen, Kenfield, Knaack, Matzke, Bertilrud.
Absent: None. Against: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED**

Ingraham moved, seconded by Matzke to have the first reading of the amended ordinance §52.04 Water Rates (B) Service Charge.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Attorney Sparby announced that we would have the first reading to amend city code ordinance §52.04 Water Rates (B) Service Charge. To state that the service charge will be designated in the city's annual fee chart.

Ingraham moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen, to approve the amended ordinance as read by Attorney Sparby and approved to publish it in the paper.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

3rd Quarter Financials were reviewed. There were no questions.

Kenfield moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve paying \$15,000 for lobbyist Marty Siefert for the 2025 session.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Matzke moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen, to move into closed session at 6:39 pm for limited attorney/client privilege for discussion of proposed or possible litigation and litigation strategy.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

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

Member Absent: None

Other Present: Kathleen Schmitz, Attorney Delray Sparby, Jane Thibert, Joel Paulson

Mayor Bertilrud called the closed meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Knaack moved, seconded by Ingraham to adjourn the closed meeting, and reopen the public meeting at 7:25 pm.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

At 7:25 the public meeting was reopened.

Knaack moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen to refer the matter to a construction litigation firm for review and recommendation.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

8.01 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing Tuesday, December 17, 2024 6:00 pm

8.02 Public Hearing City Hall Tuesday, December 17, 2024 following TNT.

8.03 Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 17, 2024 following Public Hearing

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Bertilrud, Mayor

Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator