

**City of Red Lake Falls
City Council Meeting
December 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 December 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, Zach Thoma, Taylor Amiot, Mitch Bernstein, Cal Eckstein, Paul Eckstein, Holly Eckstein

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Thibert, to approve the amended agenda with the addition of Item 6.10 Eckstein Sanitary Services, 6.11 Rescind Ord 117, 6.12 Fire Dept Rescue Rig

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Administrator Schmitz requested that the November 17th minutes be amended as follows:

- \$30,000.00 for the Fire Department Rescue Rig will come from the Fire Department Equipment Reserves, as they have exceeded their capital outlay for 2025.
- Homeowners are responsible for 100% of the cost, due to negligence of the grinders, not 50%. A rebuilt grinder was used for this particular resident, which was approximately 50% of the cost of a new grinder.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of November 17, 2025 Public Hearing Minutes

Approval of November 17, 2025 Amended Minutes

Approval of the Bills and Disbursements

Resolution #12-01-25 2026 Cigarette License

Resolution #12-02-25 2026 Club License

Resolution #12-03-25 2026 Dance License

Resolution #12-04-25 2026 Off-Sale Liquor License

Resolution #12-05-25 2026 On-Sale Liquor License

Resolution #12-06-25 2026 Sunday On-Sale Liquor License

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Knaack moved, seconded by Thibert to add Item 6.12 Fire Department Rescue Rig to the agenda.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Kleven to approve the 2026 Final Levy Certification in the amount of \$943,396.

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

Against: None. Abstain: None.

MOTION WAS PASSED

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Thibert to approve that the employer and employees will each pay .33% of the 0.66% rate for the Minnesota Family Leave.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Thibert the Minnesota Paid Leave will be concurrent with the Family Medical Leave Act.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Kalbakdalen moved seconded by Kleven to approve the amended 2026 Fee Schedule.

- ATV/Golf Cart/Snowmobile Licenses \$20.00 annually
- Fire Department Minimum Charge \$500.00 per hour/Minimum 1 hour charge
- Transient Merchants, Hawkers, Peddlers & Solicitor License Fee shall be for each person, not per business.
- Remove Edible Cannabinoid Product License Fee
- Minimum Utility Charge for empty houses/business is a set fee, the fee will be reviewed each year.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Knaack moved, seconded by Thibert to rescind Res #11-03-2025 Supporting the pursuit of 2025 LRIP funding passed on 11-17-25.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Knaack moved, seconded by Kalbakdalen to extend the expiration date of the Grinder Ordinance #56 until January 31, 2026.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Kleven to accept the contract amendment with Eckstein’s Enterprises LLC dba Sanitary Service & Recycling effective January 1, 2026, increasing the cost \$10.00 per ton, which for the consumer will be approximately 4% increase effective January 1st.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Thibert moved, seconded by Kleven to repeal City Code Chapter 117 entitled Sale of Edible Cannabinoid Products, as the State of Minnesota will be in charge of licensure and regulation.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Kalbakdalen moved, seconded by Thibert to rescind the motion from November 17, 2025, for the 2026 Fire Department Rescue Rig with \$15,000 from this year's equipment budget and the other \$15,000 from the Fire Department Reserves. New motion \$30,000 for the 2026 Fire Department Rescue Rig will come from the Fire Department Reserve Fund.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Bertilrud, Mayor
Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator

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