

City Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 4, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is officially called to order at 5:30 pm on March 4, 2025. This meeting is being presided over by Mayor Mike Lorenson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following Council members were present: Aarestad, Pream, McCraw, Arlt, Lorenson, Narverud, Bolduc and Langness. Mayor Lorenson chaired the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclamation of March 2025 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month

Mike read aloud the proclamation and presented Miranda, Andrew and Kellen Sollom with a signed certificate. A photo was taken by April from The Times.

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Scott Pream motioned, being seconded by Councilmember Megan Arlt, to approve the agenda.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 03.48.25: Approval of February 18, 2025 Council Proceedings

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Jason Aarestad introduced RESOLUTION 03.48.25, being seconded by Councilmember Michele McCraw, that:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, to approve the February 18, 2025 Council Proceedings.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 03.49.25: City of Thief River Falls Bills, Disbursements and Council Per Diems

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Jason Aarestad introduced RESOLUTION 03.49.25, being seconded by Councilmember Michele McCraw, that:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, to authorize payment of bills and disbursements in the total amount of \$1,543,404.68 and Council per diems. in the total amount of \$1465.00. A printout of the approved payments and disbursements are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 03.50.25: Public Safety Aid Purchase

Following discussion, Councilmember Jason Aarestad introduced RESOLUTION 03.50.25, being seconded by Councilmember Megan Arlt, that:

WHEREAS, \$30,000 from the Public Safety Aid funds have been previously allocated to this project. \$13,101 has been used, leaving a balance of \$16,899.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve the estimate of \$10,481.60 from Code 4 Services to provide a lights and siren package for a 2025 Ford F350.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 03.51.25: Approval of the TRF Police Department to purchase 2025 Ford Police Interceptor

Following discussion, Councilmember Jason Aarestad introduced RESOLUTION 03.51.25, being seconded by Councilmember Scott Pream, that:

WHEREAS, This purchase request was submitted to the Public Safety Committee. This vehicle will be a regular use patrol vehicle replacing aging vehicles in our fleet. This vehicle is available now eliminating the need to order a vehicle.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approval of TRF Policy Department to purchase a 2025 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor on State bid through Nelson Auto (Fergus Falls, MN).

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Jason Aarestad requested that calendar parking to be removed early. Narverud noted further discussions regarding calendar parking in the future should be discussed in Public Works committee. After discussion, Mayor Lorensen canceled calendar parking effective immediately 3/5/2025.

Michele McCraw extended her appreciation and thank you's to the utility and public works departments for their hard work during the recent water main break.

Lorensen noted his recent Meet & Greet at the Heritage Center and provided his recap notes.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Public Utilities Committee Meeting - Monday, March 10 at 7:00 am in Council Chambers

Public Safety Committee Meeting - Monday, March 10 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

Administrative Services Committee Meeting - Tuesday, March 11 at 4:30 pm in Room 201, City Hall

Public Works Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 12 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

City Council Meeting - Tuesday, March 18 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Scott Pream being seconded by Councilmember Kelly Langeness to adjourn to the Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:48 pm. On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor, Mike Lorenson

City Administrator, Angela Philipp