

THIEF RIVER FALLS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL – 405 3RD STREET EAST
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

___ Mayor Mike Lorenson	___ Ward 1, Megan Arlt	___ Ward 2, Julie Bolduc
___ Ward 3, Kelly Langness	___ Ward 4, Michele McCraw	___ Ward 5, Scott Pream
___ At-Large, Jason Aarestad	___ At-Large, Steve Narverud	

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4.1. Tax Abatement Hearing (4)

5. PUBLIC FORUM - *Individuals may address the City Council about any item not included on the regular agenda. A maximum of 5 minutes is allotted for the public forum. The City Council will not take official action on items discussed at this time, with the exception of referral to staff or a committee, board or commission for a future report.*

6. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. APPROVE AGENDA - *Council members may add items to the agenda for discussion purposes or staff direction. The Council will not normally take official action on items added to the agenda.*

8. CONSENT AGENDA - *These items are considered routine in nature and are approved with one motion without discussion/debate. The Mayor will ask if any Council member wishes to remove an item and place it on the regular agenda for discussion and consideration. If no items are to be removed, the Mayor will then ask for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.*

8.1. Approval of December 2, 2025 Council Proceedings (5-11)

8.2. City of Thief River Falls Bills and Disbursements (12-52)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Adopt the City of Thief River Falls Final 2026 Budget (53)

9.2. Approval of 2026 Tax Levy (54)

9.3. Restricted Fund Balance Reserve (55)

- 9.4. Approve the Northland Securities resolution calling for the redemption of the outstanding Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2018A. (56-62)
- 9.5. Approval of electric rate increase (63-74)
- 9.6. Approve year-end accounts payable through December 31, 2025 (75)
- 9.7. Approve Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling - TRFAHA (76-77)
- 9.8. Approve Uncollectible Utility Account Write-offs. (78-82)
- 9.9. Approval to Designate the Ralph Englestad Arena as the City of Thief River Falls polling place for all 2026 precinct elections (83)
- 9.10. Approval Tobacco Ordinance Update - First Reading (84-90)
- 9.11. Approve Tobacco Ordinance Chapter 112 update (91-97)
- 9.12. Approval of the Joint Powers Agreement for the Pine to Prairie Drug and Violent Crime Task Force (98-125)
- 9.13. 2026 Water Treatment Plant Chemical Bids (126-128)
- 9.14. 2026 Building Permit and Inspection Fee Schedule (129-133)
- 9.15. Approval of Single Family Residential Tax Abatement (134-135)
- 9.16. MPCA Local Climate Action Grant (136-143)
- 9.17. Approval of Certification of Unpaid Grass Mowing/Weed Trimming Charges to Property Owners' 2026 Property Tax (144-145)
- 9.18. Engineering Services (146)

10. COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS - *Not all boards or commissions will have met prior to the Council meeting. These reports are intended to keep the other council members informed of actions or proposed actions taken by these boards and commissions. Only those with something to report would be on the agenda.*

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- City Council 1/6/2026 at 5:30 pm
- Public Utilities Committee 1/12/2026 at 7 am
- Public Safety Committee 1/12/2026 at 4:30 pm
- Administrative Committee 1/13/2025 at 4:30 pm
- Public Works Committee 1/14/2025 at 4:30 pm
- City Council 1/20/2025 at 5:30 pm

12. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Investment Summary (147-148)
- Holiday Hours: City Offices will closed 12/25/2025 for Christmas and 1/1/2026 for New Years. There will be no garbage pickup.
- The Municipal City Liquor Store will close at 4:30 pm on Christmas Eve and will be closed on 12/25 for Christmas. It will be open normal business hours (8am - 9pm) on New Year's Eve 12/31/2025 and closed New Year's Day 1/1/2026.

13. ADJOURNMENT

City of Thief River Falls complies with the ADA. Individuals with disabilities requiring special aids should contact the City Administrator, 405 Third Street East, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, 218-681-2943, 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.