

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting is officially called to order at 5:30 pm on June 2, 2026. This meeting is being presided over by Mayor Mike Lorenson.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Don Sollom (Fern Drive) voiced his concerns regarding taxes, the proposed costs to update City Hall and hiring a secondary legal firm when the city already has a legal advisor. He requested the council to "think outside the box" when it comes to these projects and questioned why the council is spending more money.

### **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

Council member Scott Pream motioned being seconded by Councilmember Julie Bolduc to approve the agenda with the addition of addendum item 8.4.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 06.108.26: Approval of May 19 City Council Proceedings**

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Steve Narverud introduced RESOLUTION 06.108.26, being seconded by Councilmember Michele McCraw, that:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by The City Council, to approve the May 19, 2026 Council Proceedings.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 06.109.26: City of Thief River Falls Bills, Disbursements and Council Per Diems**

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Steve Narverud introduced RESOLUTION 06.109.26, 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 \$752,686.65 and Council Per Diems in the total

amount of 717.50. A printout of the approved payments and disbursements are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

On vote being taken, the resolution passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 06.110.26: LaFave Beach Bash**

Following discussion, Councilmember Scott Pream introduced Resolution 06.110.26, being seconded by Councilmember Steve Narverud, that:

WHEREAS, This is a free annual community event sponsored by the Chamber.

WHEREAS, Broadway Station will provide/cater the 3.2 malt liquor (no strong beer, wine or intoxicating liquor).

The food trucks will require 50cc electrical access.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve the Beer in the Park Permit and allow for up to three (3) food truck for the Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce *LaFave Beach Bash* Thursday, June 25, 2026 from 5pm-9pm at LaFave Park ("The Beach").

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 06.111.26: River Fest 2026**

Following discussion, Councilmember Michele McCraw introduced Resolution 06.111.26, being seconded by Councilmember Kelly Langness , that:

WHEREAS, The Chamber of Commerce has submitted a Temporary Intoxicating Liquor License application for their music festival - River Fest 2026. The feasting will be at Hartz Park July 31 & August 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, The request for food trucks include 2 smaller units for snocones/lemonade, they do not include kitchens/grills.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve the Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce Temp Intoxicating Liquor License application and allow up to five (5) food trucks for River Fest 2026 at Hartz Park.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 06.112.26: Water Treatment Plant Reroof Bids**

Following discussion, Councilmember Scott Pream introduced Resolution 06.112.26, being seconded by Councilmember Julie Bolduc, that:

WHEREAS, The City of Thief River Falls Water Systems Department advertised for

bids to reroof the Water Treatment Plant. The existing roof has outlasted the 25 year estimated lifespan and is in need of reroofing.

WHEREAS, Currently, the roofing material is dry cracking and starting to leak around the roof drains. The rubber is pulling away at the edges. The insulation under the rubber roofing is deteriorated and needs to be replaced.

Widseth recommends acceptance of Alternate No. 1 to provide new metal coping in the amount of \$20,204.29 if the current material cannot be salvaged.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve Widseth Engineering recommendation to accept the low bid from Huot Construction Services to reroof the Water Treatment Plant.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 06.113.26: American Legion Parking Lot Band**

Following discussion, Councilmember Kelly Langness introduced Resolution 06.113.26, being seconded by Councilmember Steve Narverud, that:

WHEREAS, The Legion has an annual parking lot band during the fair with an outdoor bar.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve the American Legion Temp Intoxicating Liquor License application for their parking lot band July 17-18, 2026.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS**

Steve Narverud reminded residents its garbage bag pickup week at the Public Works facility building on Atlantic Ave. After this week, they can be picked up at Utility Billing at City Hall.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- June 3 - Planning & Zoning Commission at 5 pm in Council Chambers
- June 8 - Public Utilities Committee at 7 am in Room 101
- June 8 - Public Safety Committee at 4:30 pm in Room 101
- June 9 - Administrative Committee at 4:30 pm in Room 101
- June 10 - Public Works Committee at 4:30 pm in Room 101
- June 16 - City Council Meeting at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Garbage bag pick up is this week (June 1-5) from 7am-5pm at the Public Works Facility

- Government buildings will be closed Friday, June 19 for Juneteenth. There will be no garbage pickup.
- Mayoral Update
  - Mike requested the handout for ebike/motorized devices from the State Statute be given to Public Safety Committee to review.
  - Mike requested round-about information and safe-driving habits be added to the City website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Scott Pream motioned being seconded by Councilmember Kelly Langness to adjourn at 5:53 pm. On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried.

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Mayor Mike Lorenson

Attest: Angela Philipp, City Administrator \_\_\_\_\_