

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Waite Park City Council was held on Monday, February 2, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members present were Mayor Schmitt, Members Blackburn, Schulz, and Starling

MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Theisen

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

City Representatives present or on the call were City Clerk Brenny, Finance Director Virnig, Police Chief Reznicek, Chief Aleshire, and City Engineer Blommel.

OTHERS PRESENT**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****3. PROCLAMATION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF EDWARD A. BAUER**

Mayor Schmitt read aloud the proclamation.

4. PUBLIC INPUT**5. COUNCIL AGENDA**

Member Schulz moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Starling. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.A. Approve 12/15/25 Council Meeting Minutes
- 6.B. Approve Massage Enterprise License for Revive Holistic Therapy
- 6.C. Approve Temporary Gambling Application for St. Joseph Volunteer Fire Dept Relief Association
- 6.D. Approve Temporary Gambling Permit Application for Rotaract Club of St. Cloud
- 6.E. Approve 1-Day Temporary Liquor Application for Society of Pius X St. Cloud (St. Robert Bellarmine)
- 6.F. Approve Resolution Accepting Grant Navigator Funding
- 6.G. Approve Fire Chief Job Description Amendments
- 6.H. Approve Part-Time, Year-Round Public Works Worker

Member Starling asked to pull item 6.G. Approve Fire Chief Job Description Amendments.

Member Schulz moved to approve all other items, except 6.G. Approve Fire Chief Job Description Amendments, seconded by Member Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Starling stated she pulled G. Approve Fire Chief Job Description Amendments, because she doesn't believe it should have changed from an associate's degree to a bachelor's degree and wants to vote against it.

Member Schulz moved to approve G. Approve Fire Chief Job Description Amendments as written.

Member Blackburn said he was fine with it being an associates degree.

Motion died due to a lack of a second.

6. CONSENT AGENDA (cont.)

Member Starling moved to approve the job description with the change of requiring an associates degree, seconded by Member Blackburn. Member Schulz thought they were missing out on an opportunity as it is a very technical job. Motion tied 2-2. Mayor Schmitt recommended that the item come back to the next Council meeting when all members are present.

7. REGULAR AGENDA

7.A. 2026 SUNDIAL DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

As part of the Statute 429 assessment process the City engineer must complete a study to evaluate the feasibility of construction of municipal improvements. This study has been completed and is included in the council packet. The study evaluates the cost and proposed assessments associated with the City's assessment policy and past precedence. In accordance with that precedence the city proposes to specially assess new improvements to the properties who benefit on the roadways served by the project.

Member Starling moved to approve the resolution and set public hearing for February 17th at 6:30pm as presented, seconded by Member Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

7.B. 2026 23RD AVENUE SOUTH AND 12TH STREET SOUTH IMPROVEMENTS

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8. COUNCIL/MAYOR

8.A. APPROVE BILLS; OTHER BUSINESS

Member Starling moved to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Member Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Schmitt read aloud a thank- you from the Central MN Mental Health Center for the donation from charitable gambling.

9. ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Clerk Brenny said the next Council meeting will be on February 17th with a work session to be determined.

Adjournment

Member Blackburn moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Starling. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Schmitt adjourned the meeting at 6:44pm.

Kenneth Schmitt
Mayor

Adrianna Brenny
City Clerk