

July 2025

City Newsletter

City Council Briefs are Not Formally Approved by Council

Meeting Date: June 11, 2025

Council Present: Gruendemann, R. Kokesch, Schneider, Mumme & Lund.

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch, Menk.

Guests: D. Munsell

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 5/14/25

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$63,472.66; ten past due utility accounts; two zoning permits issued; a 8'x10' storage shed at 415 4th St. and a backyard fence at 430 1st St S. Zoning application to be sent to HRA housing for this shed being constructed on one of their properties.

1. D. Munsell addressed the council with a request to allow someone to live in their camper on his commercial property along highway 19 as he is trying to help this individual how he can. Council approved for 30 day increments through the summer months with regular updates.
2. Dept. Heads: Menk reported two recent fire department calls; one lift assist and one mutual aid to provide traffic control after a storm. Alex Air has recently completed compressor air maintenance. Franklin FD and Morton FD are talking about teaming up this fall for Fire Fighter 1 & 2 classes for those that need to complete it. K. Kokesch reported the drinking fountain for the park to be installed in next couple weeks. Wood chips will be ordered to add to the playground. Electric pump will be coming to do lift station maintenance and MNRWA will be doing flow testing. Radermacher reported recent emails regarding data requests; gutters have been installed on City Hall; Cedar Mountain FFA will be holding a kickball game June 23 at the Franklin Ball Field; Radermacher applied for and was awarded a SHIP grant to help pay for the drinking fountain, opening up more of the Kiss the Catfish funds for other improvements.
3. Approved purchase of 3 trees for Lion's park with the donated funds for new trees. Benches will be installed the week of July 4th.
4. Tree ordinance talk tabled.
5. No updates to community center painting; waiting for update from Cedar Mountain.
6. Locks will be placed on new power boxes outside city hall to ensure only the band can use for the street dances.
7. Approved temporary liquor license for Franklin Fire Relief for Catfish Days.
8. DNR requesting to add a sign for invasive carp at boat landing; approved to add sign to existing pole.
9. Bills were paid as follows:

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| Wages | Net | \$9,875.05 | Bolton and Menk | Engineering | \$1,179.50 | Winsted Solar | Solar | \$3,465.34 |
| PERA | Retirement | \$1,807.13 | Kerkhoff | Maint | \$1,258.50 | Standard Gazette | Printing | \$211.00 |
| MN Dept. of Rev. | Withholding | \$534.65 | Kibble | Supplies | \$72.38 | Anderson Larson | Legal | \$750.00 |
| IRS | Withholding | \$2,942.82 | Kevin Kokesch | Phone | \$75.13 | Clarke Mosquito | Streets | \$1,095.92 |
| SWWC | Insurance | \$4,353.20 | Claudia Kokesch | Cleaning | \$125.00 | MVTL | Lab | \$340.91 |
| Ren-Sibley Coop. | Energy | \$59.60 | Hawkins | Chemicals | \$1,536.52 | MN Valley Telephone | Phone | \$311.20 |
| Clobes Sanitation | Garbage | \$3,180.17 | All Phase Electric | Maint | \$324.62 | Wex Bank | Fuel | \$428.07 |
| Madison National | Insurance | \$24.10 | MillerSellner | Supplies | \$129.76 | Ren. Co. Public Works | Snow | \$362.50 |
| Marco | Printing | \$172.44 | Kenneday and Graven | Legal | \$412.00 | Trista Radermacher | Training | \$178.50 |
| Gopher State | Locates | \$6.75 | VISA | Supplies | \$4,592.97 | South Central Fire | Dues | \$50.00 |
| Kirvida Fire | Supplies | \$1,195.61 | Dan Menk | Training | \$190.40 | Jacob Olson | Training | \$140.00 |

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Community Calendar July 2025

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 14 Lions Club, 6 PM
- July 9 City Council Mtg, 6PM
- July 24 Fire/MRU monthly meetings
- July 25-27 Catfish Derby Days



July Curbside Recycling Days– 1, 15 & 29



Mosquito Spraying Schedule

(Subject to change due to weather conditions)
July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19, September 2

Thank You!

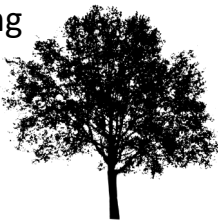
Special thank you to those that attended the memorial “pack the boat landing” weekend over the June 7th weekend. We heard many compliments on how clean the area was left! THANK YOU!!

McGowan Tree Service

mcgowantreeservice@gmail.com

Tree trimming, removal, and stump grinding

Call or text Dennis
507-430-7092



***REMINDER— DO NOT** mow your grass clippings onto the street! The clippings plug the storm sewer. Blowing your clipping into the street is a violation of City Ordinance!!



Open burning is regulated from April-October. You must have a permit to burn. Burning is allowed between the hours of 6:00PM-9:00PM. It is your responsibility to adhere to burning bans. There is no permit required for recreational (camp) fires.

2025 Catfish Derby Days

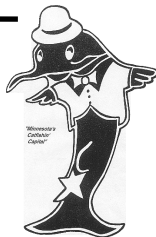
July 25-27

Fishing contest, Street Dances, Softball tournament, Volleyball tournament, Queen Contest, & variety show, bean bag tournament, bouncy houses, Fire & Rescue Bed races, Kiss the Catfish contest, Kids bike rodeo, Minn-e-rods, Chess tournament, Medallion Hunt, Car show, Kiddie and Grand parade, Kids pedal pull, Raffle, Food Stands, Beer Wagon and More!!

Needed for Catfish Days!

- * Volunteers needed! Volunteers are needed throughout the weekend for shifts at City Hall, selling raffle and other areas over the weekend. Call City Hall
- ♦ Kids to participate in the kiddie parade Sunday July 27th at 1PM. Line up at 12:45 at Cedar Heart Homes Parking Lot. Contact Jane Sullivan at 320-212-3407
- ♦ Looking for acts to perform for the variety show Friday July 25th. Children are encouraged to put on a skit, a dance, or sing along! All acts welcome!

Palmyra Insurance will be doing their annual kids give-a-way! Register to win at Palmyra, City Hall or other local businesses. Limit one entry per person. Drawing to be held July 28th and winner is responsible for pick up!



Thank you to everyone who came to donate blood on June 5th. Twenty Eight Units were collected. Special Thank you's to Myron Gehrke for table set up , and Donna Hanlon, Jane Sullivan, and Becky Deming for food donations, registering donors and serving lunch.

Renville/Redwood County Electronics and Appliance Recycling!

The First Wednesday, every other month April– October
2:00—6:00 PM

| <u>Ren. Co Fair Grounds</u> | <u>Redwood County Museum</u> |
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| May 7 | April 2 |
| July 2 | June 4 |
| September 3 | August 6 |
| | October 1 |

Cash or Check only

For a list of items accepted contact S.W. Recycling
www.swrecycling.com or 1-800-366-8665

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