

**Regular Council Meeting
July 6, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Tom Kloss.

Roll Call: Jason Ekern-Present, Elaine Conrad-Present, Wayne Palkowski-Present, Cleo Skroch-Present, Pat “Shorty” Kotlarz-Present, and Randy “Bushy” Symicek- Present. 6 Present.

Others Present: Mayor Tom Kloss, David Walter, Kayla Mathson, Street Superintendent Eric Theisen, Atty Rick Schaumberg, Chief Jim Waniorek, and City Clerk Dawn Smieja.

Proof of Public Notice: Mayor Kloss verified proof that public notice was given.

Approval of Agenda: Conrad motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Kotlarz. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Minutes –June 1st, 2026 and June 22nd, 2026

Motion to approve minutes from June 1st, 2026 meeting by Symicek, seconded by Conrad. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Motion to approve minutes from June 22nd, 2026 meeting by Skroch, seconded by Kotlarz. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Public Comments: None

Licenses and Permits:

Alcohol License- El Molinito Bar & Grill- Class “B” Beer and Class “C” Wine Only- Motioned by Symicek to approve, seconded by Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Cigarette Licenses- Cantina Cruz- Motioned by Skroch to approve, seconded by Palkowski. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Operator License:

Ariel Koxlien (Sylvers Bar)- Motioned by Symicek to approve, seconded by Conrad. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Building Permits:

Robert Vizcarra- Motioned by Jason to table, seconded by Kotlarz. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Luis Cruz- Motioned by Palkowski to approve, seconded by Kotlarz. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Greg Gamroth- Motioned by Kotlarz to approve, seconded by Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Maria Fernanda Tepole Itehua- Motioned by Palkowski to approve, seconded by Kotlarz. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Jeffrey Cooper- Motioned by Ekern to approve, seconded by Kotlarz. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

Street Superintendent Report: Eric provide an update on projects around the city. Eric also provided an update on the Blue Mower needing to be fixed.

Police Department Report:

IT- Chief Jim provide a quote from Tim Robertson County IT Director for \$750. This will be tabled.

K-9 Drug Dog- Chief Jim provided information to council for K-9, funds and asking to start fundraising. Officer Zareczny would be our handler for the K-9. Currently have money in a savings account that is just for a drug dog. Motioned by Symicek to move forward on the K-9 project, seconded by Ekern. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve.

New Business

Jessica Schue (Running for Clerk of Courts)- Jessica Schue introduced herself and provided a background.

Kent Johnson (Running for Trempealeau County Sheriff)- Kent Johnson introduced himself and provided a background.

Erica Koxlien (Running for Trempealeau County Sheriff)- Erica Koxlien introduced herself and provided a background.

Sidewalk between Klimek's Station and the Bridge- Mayor Kloss provided an update on the sidewalk and the gap it has. Eric and Mayor have a game plan of possibly having Trempealeau County come and fill the gap with asphalt and using the rest of the cement from the dam. At the mean time to tape off or paint to warn pedestrians.

Old Business

Humane Society-Land Purchase-Realtor Brandi Berg received an offer for parcel 241-00006-0001. Appraised for \$18,500 and purchase offer is \$17,500. Closings to be on contract is August 7, 2026, but title company can get it done in a few weeks. Earnest money of \$1,000 to be paid within 5 days and this is a cash offer from Humane Society. Motion by Skroch to accept the purchase offer for parcel 241-00006-0001; Amended by Skroch for Mayor Tom Kloss and Clerk Dawn Smieja authorized by council to enter into the offer to purchase and any subsequent documents to finalize the transaction , seconded by Palkowski. Roll Call Vote: Ekern-Yes, Conrad-Yes, Palkowski-Yes, Skroch-Yes, Kotlarz-Yes, Symicek-Yes. 6-0 yes, motion carried. Motion by Palkowski to authorize Mayor Kloss and Clerk Smieja to sign waiver to hold from the MLS, seconded by Skroch. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve. Mayor Kloss did advise Rita from the Humane Society that once grass is planted it is their responsibility to maintain the property.

Library Update- Kayla provided an update on construction.

Lake Dredge Pile- Symicek provided an update.

New Library Tenant- Mayor Kloss advised this is just a reminder to keep thinking.

Committee Reports:

Ordinance- Swimming Pools- Conrad provided a copy of ordinance. Some council members and Attorney had questions on the ordinance. Mayor advised committee members to meet and revise it to be clearer.

LEP- Justin and Abby's reviews. Justin is off probation August 16th. Abby is off probation.

Water/Sewer- Ekern provided an update new Water/Sewer truck has been purchased, and old Water/Sewer truck will be going up for sale.

Correspondence: None

Approval of Invoices and Payments:

Motioned by Symicek to approve; seconded by Ekern. Roll Call vote: Conrad-Yes, Palkowski-Yes, Skroch-Yes, Kotlarz-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern. 6-0 yes, motion Carried.

Future Agenda:

- Robert Vizcarra-Building Permit
- Sidewalk between Klimek's and Bridge
- Humane Society-Land Purchase
- Library Community Center
- Lake Dredge Pile/Seeding
- New Tenant in Library Space

Future Meeting Dates:

Council Meeting August 3rd, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

Closed Session

Motion to go into closed session by Ekern, seconded by Skroch. Roll Call Vote: Palkowski-Yes, Skroch-Yes, Kotlarz-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Yes, Conrad-Yes. 6-0 Yes, Motion carried. Approve at 7:12pm.

Motion to go into open session by Skroch, seconded by Kotlarz. Motion carried unanimously by vote of acclamation to approve at 7:57pm.

Motioned by Ekern to accept an amendment to Pavement Consulting Services, LLC original bid and in closed session we found to be a misunderstanding whether it was between different software misinterpretations or something not added in, but instead of rebidding this council is willing to waive those formalities because even the settled amount/negotiated amount \$68, 863.26 is still half the other competitor bidders that if we don't accept that the city would be put at a disadvantage of essentially all future bids coming in at double of what this is, seconded by Kotlarz. Roll Call Vote: Skroch-Yes, Kotlarz-Yes, Symicek-Yes, Ekern-Yes, Conrad-Yes, Palkowski-Yes. 6-0 Yes, motion carried.

After having completed all matters before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Dawn Smieja, City Clerk