

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 27th, 2025

A regular council meeting of the City of Wheaton, MN was held in the Wheaton Community Library with the following members present: Lundquist, Wohlenhaus, Churchill, and Rikimoto

Absent: None Also present: Administrator Olson, Attorney Matt Franzese, Sheriff Trevor Wright

Mayor Lundquist called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Churchill, and unanimously carried, the board approved the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus, and motion carried, the council approved the minutes of regular meeting on February 13th, 2025. Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Churchill and carried unanimously, the council approved the claims of Feb. 27th 2025 as presented.

Traverse County Sheriff Trevor Wright

Sheriff Wright reviewed with the council the police activity for 2024. The calls for service for the City of Wheaton decreased from 1,288 in 2023 to 1,082 in 2024. The number of cases increased from the previous year with 2023 having 560 and 2024 had 754.

Public Hearing on Request for Variance

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Churchill, motion carried to close the regular council meeting at 5:33 pm to convene the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

Planning & Zoning Public Hearing

Mayor Lundquist opened the meeting to public comment. There were no comments from the public. Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus, motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2025-06 Adopting Findings of Fact and Reasons for Granting the Variance Application of Nancy Rinke to put a fence across a property line. Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Churchill, motion approved to adjourn meeting at 5:40pm. Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus, motion carried to reopen the regular council meeting at 5:40pm.

Legal Update- Matthew Franzese

The council reviewed the proposed Ordinance 803 dealing with filling a vacancy on the Wheaton City Council.

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Churchill, motion carried to approve the ordinance as amended.

Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Rikimoto, motion carried to approve the Summary Ordinance for publication.

The council reviewed and discussed the proposed set of Council interview questions. Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Churchill, motion carried to approve the list as presented.

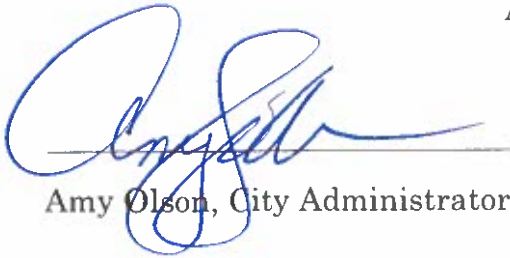
Franzese update the council on three properties in town whose structures are damaged and presented the inspector report and recommendations for each property. Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Rikimoto, motion carried to give Franzese the authority to pursue litigation if the property owners fail to comply with the initial requests.

Administrator & Public Works Update

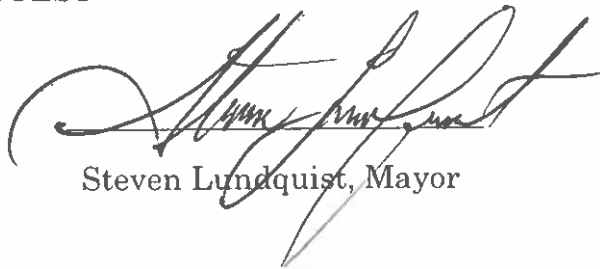
Olson updated the council on the skating rink and pool. New Funbrellas and new pool cover were ordered for the pool. New picnic tables with umbrellas were ordered and assembled for the pool. Public works built a serving bar on wheels and painted it for City Park. Public works also removed the boards off the bleachers at the baseball field, painted them and reinstalled them. Applications for pool manager will be accepted until 4:30 pm on March 6th.

Adjourned at 6:19 pm CDT

ATTEST:



Amy Olson, City Administrator



Steven Lundquist, Mayor