

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 24th, 2026

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

Absent: None

Also present: Administrator Ayres, Interim Administrator McCabe, Admin Assistant Olson, PW, City Attorney Franzese, Jim Smoger, Sean Witte, Jon Pauna, Lexa Krenz, Adam Wilson, Jerrel Olson, Eric Rikimoto

Mayor Lundquist called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion from Mr. Rikimoto, seconded by Ms. Churchill, and unanimously carried, the board approved the agenda, the minutes of 8/10/2026, special meeting minutes of 8/17/2026, and the claims of 8/24/2026.

Public Comment

No public comment made.

Resolution 26-29: Amending Enabling Resolution of The Wheaton Economic Development Authority

This resolution will set the membership of the Economic Development Authority to five members.

Upon motion from Mr. Rikimoto, seconded by Ms. Churchill, motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 26-29.

Jon Pauna/Moore Engineering – Project Updates

Jon discussed the finalization of the LRIP project including the walkthrough that had occurred and the final fixes to be made.

Upon motion from Ms. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Churchill, motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 26-28 to accept the bid of \$179,305.09 by Ti-Zach Concrete LLC for the Active Transportation project.

Upon motion from Mr. Rikimoto, seconded by Mr. Wohlenhaus, motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 26-27 accepting the grant agreement of the Active Transportation Program.

Upon motion from Ms. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Churchill, motion carried unanimously to approve the Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services.

Upon motion from Mr. Rikimoto, seconded by Ms. Hansen, motion carried unanimously to approve the Independent Testing Technologies quote of \$8,060 for Geotechnical Services.

Parks Board Quotes for City Parks

Ms. Hansen presented recommendations from the Parks Board for work to be done on the city parks and softball field.

Upon motion from Mr. Rikimoto, seconded by Ms. Churchill, motion carried unanimously to approve the replacement of the bridge and balance beam at Falk Park for \$3,300.

Upon motion from Ms. Churchill, seconded by Ms. Hansen, motion carried unanimously to approve the sandblasting and painting of railing for City Park for \$3,029.92.

Upon motion from Ms. Churchill, seconded by Mr. Rikimoto, motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase of materials to tin the bathrooms at the softball field for \$1,500.

Sewer Waiver for Ismael Reyes

Ismael Reyes requested a waiver for additional sewer charges caused by a leak in his water heater.

Upon motion from Ms. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Rikimoto, carried unanimously to approve the waiver of \$48.08 to adjust the bill to a monthly average.

Discussion on Tim Everding Shed

Mr. Wohlenhaus introduced discussion on Tim Everding's shed which had an approved Land-Use Permit previously, however, it appears that the placement of the shed encroaching on the property line and in an unimproved alley.

The Council decided on looking into the possibility of vacating the alley.

Reconnect Fee Waiver for Lexa Krenz

Lexa Krenz requested a waiver for the reconnection fee for utilities on the grounds that the water was never shutoff and that there was not enough notice time for shutoff to occur.

Upon motion from Ms. Churchill, seconded by Ms. Hansen, motion carried to approve the waiver of the disconnect fee.

Legal Update – Matt Franzese

City Attorney Franzese introduced the additional amendments to Ordinance No. 271 Regulating the Use of Special Vehicles.

Upon motion by Ms. Churchill, seconded by Mr. Wohlenhaus, motion carried unanimously to approve the Amendment to Ordinance No. 271.

Upon motion by Mr. Rikimoto, seconded by Ms. Hansen, motion carried unanimously to approve the Amendment Summary of Ordinance No 271.

Land Use Permits

James Ostendorf applied for a Land Use Permit to have a shipping container put on his property along Front St. S. The Council decided to table the application until it could be determined whether the land was zoned commercial or residential.

Adam Wilson presented an application for a Land Use Permit for a storage building along Front St. S.

Upon motion from Mr. Wohlenhaus, seconded by Mr. Rikimoto, motion carried unanimously to approve the Land Use Permit of Adam Wilson.

Administrator/Public Works Update

Adam Wilson inquired about the City's willingness to split the cost of road work he had done on 10th St.

Electrical work is being undertaken at the baseball field to move the overhead powerlines underground, the amount requested from the city for a portion of this work was \$2,950.

Upon motion from Mr. Rikimoto, seconded by Ms. Churchill, motion carried to approve the funding of the project.

Sean Witte presented a quote from Dakota Pump Control for the replacement of two air release valves for \$18,920.

Upon motion from Mr. Wohlenhaus, seconded by Mr. Rikimoto, motion carried to approve the replacement of these valves.

The quote from Buttweiler's Do-All for \$66,320 to replace the roof of the Arrival and Departure building at the airport was presented.

Upon motion from Mr. Rikimoto, seconded by Ms. Churchill, motion carried to approve the lowest quote for this project upon the attempted solicitation of another quote.

The Council reviewed estimates from Jerrel Olson Electric and Kevin Ballhagen Electric for work to be done on the city lift stations.

Upon motion from Ms. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Churchill, motion carried unanimously to approve the lower estimate of \$2,493.87 for the lift station work.

Administrator Ayres presented Resolution 2026-30 Authorizing Membership in the 4M Fund, a League of Minnesota Cities governed municipal money market fund that would allow access to competitive interest rates for city funds.

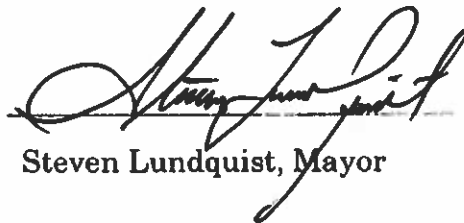
Upon motion from Mr. Rikimoto, seconded by Ms. Churchill, motion carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2026-30 Authorizing Membership in the 4M Fund.

Adjourned at 5:40 pm

ATTEST:



Ashton Ayres, City Administrator



Steven Lundquist, Mayor