

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 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, Hansen and Rikimoto

Absent: None Also present: Administrator Olson, Utility Billing Clerk Olson

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

Fire Chief Rick Davis- Dept. Updates

Fire Chief Rick Davis provided the council with a list of items the Wheaton Fire Relief had purchased from their funds and asked the council to take ownership of all items on the list. This is per State Of Minnesota Audit requirements. Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Wohlenhaus, motion carried to approve the list.

Davis requested permission to purchase three new valves for the new fire truck. Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Rikimoto, motion carried to purchase valves with the funds to come out of the small tools budget.

Davis said the flooring in the fire hall kitchen is in need of replacement. Davis presented the council with the replacement costs and stated the firemen will do the installation. Upon motion from Hansen, seconded by Churchill, motion approved to purchase and install the flooring with the funds coming out of the buildings and structures budget.

Jessica Becker- Pineview Tenant Association

Jessica Becker is the elected President for the newly established Tenant Association at Pineview Apartments. Becker provided the council with photos and information showing the building issues at the Pineview apartments. A discussion was had along with Rental Inspector Anthony Frisch and Attorney Matthew Franzese. Inspector Frisch will conduct another inspection of the buildings. The City will formally recognize the association by resolution at a later meeting.

Sale of Confiscated Property

The City of Wheaton had removed nine vehicles and 11 misc. ATV's and motorcycles from the property at 902 3rd Ave n in July of 2024 due to an abatement of Ordinance 655.04. The owner of the confiscated property Seth Bryant requested to buy back a Ford Focus, four-wheeler and a go-kart. Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Churchill, motion carried to sell the vehicle for \$588.00 and the ATV and four-wheeler \$388.00 each. This will cover the labor, towing and impound fees.

Temporary Liquor License- Trav. Cty Ag Assn

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Churchill, motion carried unanimously?? to approve the temporary liquor license for Traverse County Ag Assn for August 21st- 24th.

Ground Lease for West Central Ag Air

Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Hansen, motion carried unanimously?? to approve the ground lease at the Wheaton Municipal Airport with Ryan Lubben and West Central Ag Air.

Resolution 2025-07 Filling a Vacancy in the Office of Wheaton City Council

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Churchill, motion carried unanimously?? to approve the resolution appointing Amber Hansen to serve out the portion of Councilman Cally Findlay's unexpired term until a special election can be held at the next regular city election.

New Business

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Churchill, motion carried unanimously?? to approve hiring Paul Lande to trap problem beavers by the river that are destroying trees at a cost of \$50.00 per beaver trapped.

Legal Update with Matthew Franzese

Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Rikimoto, motion carried unanimously?? to close the meeting at 6:22 p.m. to discuss threatened litigation made by Dave Lewis and possible settlement offer.

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Hansen, motion carried unanimously?? to open the meeting at 6:29 p.m. The result of the closed meeting was to reject making an offer of settlement.

Upon motion from Rikimoto, seconded by Churchill, motion carried unanimously?? to approve a deed to Todd Schmitz to complete the sale of real property he purchased from the City located at 204 1st Avenue South.

Administrator & Public Works Update

Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Hansen, motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a band saw as presented from Public Works.

Upon motion from Wohlenhaus, seconded by Rikimoto, motion carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a power rake from Quick Attach.

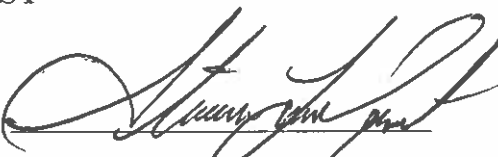
The council discussed the need to move forward with replacement of the old sewer line replacements in town.

Adjourned at 6:21 pm CDT

ATTEST:



Amy Olson, City Administrator



Steven Lundquist, Mayor