

MINUTES
Special Meeting
August 31, 2026

A special 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:

Also present: Administrator Ayres, Interim Administrator McCabe, Admin Assistant Olson, Librarian Jacquie Peeples, Fire Chief Rick Davis

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

Whaley's Invoice for Juelich Building Demo

Upon motion from Ms. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Wohlenhaus, motion carried unanimously to approve the change order for \$3,350.

Upon motion from Mr. Wohlenhaus, seconded by Ms. Churchill, motion carried unanimously to approve the payment of the invoice for Whaley's Excavating & Concrete.

2027 Budget Discussion

Discussion was held on the city preliminary budget presented for 2027 in which there was a tentative tax levy proposal to not increase the rate. Additionally, it was noted that the wages and salaries of the individual funds had shifted. The explanation being that time dedicated by city staff had been reallocated to each fund to more accurately reflect the work being done by the staff. Another note of reorganization was the moving of capital projects out of each of the funds to establish a general capital projects account.

Fire Chief Davis and Librarian Peeples had the budgets of the fire department and library reviewed with little to no change in their budgetary structure aside from a missed line item for the fire department.

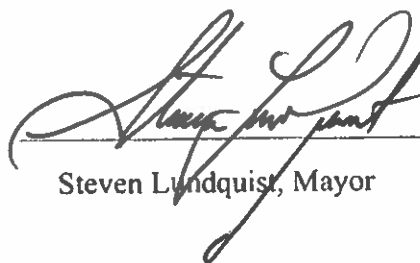
The EDA, Twin Homes, and Westfield Homes funds were then discussed with major points centered around the possible inclusion of a EDA Director to budget for, and the expenses of both the Twin and Westfield Homes having no documentation of historical budget. It was noted that the expenses for both Home funds are greater than the revenues taken in.

Adjourned at 5:53 pm

ATTEST:



Ashton Ayres, City Administrator



Steven Lundquist, Mayor