

Mayor Kletscher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll showed Councilpersons Curvello, DeGross, Kraft, Lee, Olson and Stoner were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, Police Chief Klatt, PW Director Caress, Fire Chief Holden, Julie Lee, David Olson, Amanda Olson, Mike Barstad, Rick Keeley, Sam Dillow, Barb Dillow, Jamie Johnson and Carlton DeWitt.

DeGross moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried.

Olson moved and Curvello seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2025 Regular meeting. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Kraft moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve all presented disbursements. Roll call vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

In Public Comments, Amanda Olson spoke regarding the process of filing a complaint against the Police Chief and Mayor.

David Olson requested longer office hours in City Hall on Fridays and pointed out vehicles that appeared to be unregistered in the City.

Rick Keeley asked for No Parking signs to be installed on W Walnut Street.

Sam Dillow spoke in opposition to the proposed Ordinance 2025-02 prohibiting firearms in public buildings.

Jamie Johnson introduced himself as a candidate for St. Croix County Circuit Court Judge.

There was no Summer Rec report.

Library Director Karlson gave the Library report, commenting the annual report is complete, public works is working to fix issues with their door and the library will host Dr. Seuss birthday party on March 6th.

Director Caress gave the Public Works report. Caress informed the council about a service line repair that had been done on Elm Street and confirmed they had to shut down the main for a bit to repair the curbstop that had broken while trying to fix the lateral. Caress also confirmed that clean-up had been done with as little overtime as possible with the recent snowfall.

A written Police report was submitted. Chief Klatt also informed the council that the State DOT had contacted him regarding unpermitted signs on Maple St and that he and Caress are working take care of the issues.

Chief Holden gave the Fire Department report stating he has received a donation of a security camera system for the fire hall that is valued at approximately \$15,000 and he is currently looking for price estimates for installation. Holden also informed the council that he hard-wired the ambulance computer to the internet line to help alleviate their connection issues and the department is planning another UTV ride fundraiser in May.

Rosenow gave the Clerk-Treasurer's report stating the Spring Primary election is February 18th and that auditors have begun the annual audit this week and will be in-house on the 20th.

Kletscher gave the Mayor's report and stated he'd looked over the budget and there is no wiggle room to hire a third part-time police officer this year.

In Old Business, there was no update on the municipal building.

Hinman Park Project: The Community Action Club has formed a 501C3 to be able to collect donations for the project but things are still in the early stages at this point.

In New Business, discussion was held with Mike Barstad regarding the Conditional Use Permit application he had pending for his property, parcel 231-1063-10-500 on Misty Lane. Barstad indicated nothing has changed with the situation and wants the City to buy back the portion of land that Misty Lane is on for approximately \$14,000. Olson commented that the City doesn't have excess money in the budget to purchase the land. It was also pointed out that Misty Lane continues north of the property owned by Barstad and the council is waiting on guidance from the City attorney before proceeding further.

Chief Klatt presented an ordinance proposal which would prohibit firearms in City buildings that are accessible to the public. Discussion was held regarding pros and cons of restricting weapons in public buildings and Mayor Kletscher called three times for a motion to pass the ordinance. Hearing none, no action was taken on proposed Ordinance 2025-02 Prohibiting Firearms in Public Buildings.

Kraft moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve a change to the personnel policy for accrued PTO limits for employees hired after March 1, 2025. Voice vote carried.

DeGross moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve the pre-approved bill list for 2025. Voice vote carried.

Fire Chief Holden asked the council to declare SCBA units as surplus property and indicated the units were donated to GCFD about 4 years ago and he would be donating the units to two other departments that are currently in need. Olson moved and Lee seconded a motion to declare the units as surplus property. Voice vote carried.

At 8:18 p.m. DeGross moved and Stoner seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Rosenow/Clerk-Treasurer