

Minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of New Auburn in the County of Sibley and State of Minnesota including all accounts audited by said Council.

Regular Meeting
August 11, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mandy Grack at 7:01 p.m. at the city office.

Members present: Wayne Schultz, Pam Horton, John Wangen, Michael Cotterman (via voice) and Mandy Grack

Members absent: Joey Schuft

Staff present: Roberta Zaske, Randy Bussler and Fire Chief Busse

Additions or Corrections to the agenda :

Open Public Forum:

Approval of minutes: A motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Pam Horton to accept the minutes for July meeting, motions carried.

Reports given:

1. Fire Department – Chief Busse gave his report, 5 calls (3 medical, 1 fire and 1 down wire). National night out was a success.
2. Treasurer report – Report was given and approved.
3. Park/streets/buildings- Randy gave the report. Working on street lighting for Christmas lighting. Complaints about grass clipping on the road. Complaints about trees on city property need to be cut down.
4. Sheriff Report – Eric Johnson gave his report, 2024 7,560 calls in Sibley County, 240 calls in New Auburn, so far in 2025 New Auburn has 122 calls.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Policy:

Resolutions: 20250811A Approving State of MN Joint Powers Agreement with City on behalf of City Attorney, Court Data service subscriber amendment to CJDN subscriber agreement and State of MN Joint Powers Agreement, Motion by John Wangen and seconded by Pam Horton, motion carried.

Ordinances:

Policy: Business Subsidy Policy –tabled until next month.

Unfinished business:

1. STREAMS –No action taken.
2. SEH - No action taken.
3. State of MN – Lead and copper – No action taken
4. MuniBilling update – Program is going well, still having problems with credit cards

New Business:

1. A person was interested in buying city property at 7451 7th Ave. person did not show up.
2. JD 5 Ditch – Wayne, Pam and Bobbi went to Olivia for the meeting. We missed the June 10th meeting where we could discuss our concerns. Bobbi spoke at the public comment, if the city put in a new storm sewer through the city, the city can go back to Sibley County ditch authority and ask for a “removal of benefits – partial abandonment”. After the redetermination of benefits, The City of New Auburn is responsible for approximately 20% responsibility.
3. Sibley County routine agreement for CSAH 29 - A motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by John Wangen to approve the agreement for \$7,771.98 for the maintenance of CSAH 29, motion carried.
4. RS Fiber update – read the letter from Mark Erickson, no action taken.
5. New Poll Pads for next election - A motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve a poll pad for \$430 and New Auburn Township will buy the seconded one, motion carried.
6. MN Paid Family Leave - We will set up a workshop to discuss family leave and decide if we should go with State or private insurance company.
7. Truck Committee- Truck that we wanted sold. We have to pay sales tax on the truck but make sure we ask for “tax exempt plates” Mandy or Bobbi needs to go to sign all the paperwork for the truck.

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8. Budget for 2026 - Work shop on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 pm. Will discuss budget, MN paid leave and health insurance.
9. Sibley County letter to spray parsnip – We don't see any parsnip in our ditches, so we will just continue to watch for it.
10. Martin LaGrow had a water leak - Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Pam Horton to give him credit on sewer only, motion carried.

Additional items discussed:

1. Clerks Report - no report
2. Curt Reetz – no report
3. Open discussion -

Motion by John Wangen, seconded by Pam Horton to approve paying claims #70032-70055 in the amount of \$37,542.28 plus any other normal monthly bills, motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays

Claims paid in July were claims 70005-70029 for \$32,908.52 and additional claims

Payroll - CK 24824-24826 \$3,577.04 PERA \$608.84 Payroll CK 24854-24856 \$3,636.16 PERA \$608.84

Federal taxes for July \$2,064.42. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays

Motion by John Wangen, second by Wayne Schultz to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Motion carried.

Roberta Zaske, City Clerk-Treasurer