

City of Cleveland  
Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, February 2, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.  
205 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, MN 56017

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Don McCabe, Council Members present: Tonya Schummer, Sarah McCabe, Nancy Gens and Anne Hiller. City Staff present: City Clerk-Treasurer Charles Hodge, Public Works Director Casey Volk, Fire Chief Brady Hahn, and Head Bartender Julie O'Malley. Also present: County Commissioner Steve Roling. Absent: Police Chief Randy Tiegs

**Approval of Agenda** – A Motion has been made by Schummer and second by S. McCabe to approve the agenda with the addition. Voting: Yes – All.

**Approval of Minutes and Bills** – A Motion was made by S. McCabe and second by Hiller to approve the minutes and bills. Voting: Yes – All.

**Cleveland Fire Department (Chief Hahn)** – Chief Hahn reported the Fire Department responded to 124 ICRs and four weather-related calls in 2025. He stated the department is actively seeking volunteers and is exploring recruitment options. The department currently has 25 members; several with more than 20 years of service could retire at any time. Chief Hahn requested approval to use Capital Outlay funds to purchase a SAM Boost for the pumper truck. The device manages water flow, allowing pump operators to focus on fire ground operations and improving response when staffing is limited. The cost is \$13,500, and the equipment is available from a single manufacturer. A Motion by Hiller second by Gens to approve the purchase of the SAM Boost for \$13,500 from Capital Outlay funds.  
Vote: Yes – All.

**Public Comment** – No Comment.

**Reports:**

**Police Report** – January's police report was presented and approved. Council member's S. McCabe and Schummer gave an update on community safety and law enforcement services. Currently no workshop date has been planned.

**Cherry Creek Report (Sarah McCabe representing Committee)** – Sarah reported that Cherry Creek Days will be held August 7–9. Events will include a roll-in, street dance, Saturday night band, kids carnival Friday night Fire Department pork chop feed, Relay for Life, and a possible raffle. She also reported good volunteer turnout this year. Committee updates will be provided as plans become more concrete.

**Public Works Report** – Public Works Director Volk reported that lift station maintenance checks were completed and all systems are operating as expected; however, one pump at the main lift station remains down. He noted a backup pump is available. He also reported that two pond valves have been installed, reducing water leakage between ponds. Volk stated the dump truck/snow plow is currently in the shop for repairs. He noted the loader blade will require repairs due to worn bushings and leaking cylinders and hopes to have the blade rebuilt this summer. Volk presented a sewer line-cleaning proposal from Empire for informational purposes. He explained the City's equipment used to jet sewer lines is undersized and jetting the entire system would be time-consuming. The proposal is intended for future budget consideration.

**Liquor Report** – Head Bartender O'Malley reported acoustic music by Sohmer and Dale would be held on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. She also reported a chili cook-off is planned for March and that discussions are ongoing with Eric Koskinen about moving his concert to Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Building Official Report** – 1 permit for window(s) replacement.

**P&Z Report** – No report.

**EDA Report** – No report.

**Personnel Committee Report** – Councilmember Schummer reported employee reviews were conducted last week. She also reported interviews are scheduled for this week for nine candidates for the Public Works Helper position. Schummer requested scheduling a special meeting to approve a new hire and a closed meeting for the Personnel Committee to review employee evaluations with Council. A Motion was made by Schummer and second by Gens to schedule a special meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 5:30 pm. Voting: Yes - All

**Clerk Report** – City Clerk Hodge reported the 2025 annual audit has begun. Audit fieldwork is scheduled for April 2–3. Greg Burkhardt will present the audit at the May 4 regular council meeting. He also reported he would be attending the MCFOA Conference March 24–27. Hodge stated he has begun working with Northland Securities regarding bonding for upcoming city projects.

**Old Business:**

A Motion was made by Schummer and second S. McCabe to approve the city project workshop for Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Voting: Yes – All

**New Business:**

**Resolution 05-2026** - A Motion was made by Hiller and second by Schummer to approve an additional signer for the Muni account. Voting: Yes - All

**Resolution 06-2026** – A Motion was made by Schummer and second by S. McCabe to add Part-Time Police Officer, Martin Rosales to PERA. Voting: Yes - All

**Resolution 07-2026** - A Motion was made by S. McCabe and second by Gens to accept donations to the city. Voting: Yes - All

**Board Appeal and Equalization Hearing** - A Motion was made by Schummer and second by Gens to set the date for the 2026 Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearing for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Voting: Yes – All

**Cleveland Baseball & Softball Association One Time Gambling Application Permit** – A Motion was made by Gens and second by Schummer to approve the Cleveland Baseball & Softball Association one-time gambling permit. Voting: Yes – All

**Potential Residential Water Shut-offs for Non-Payment** - City Clerk informed Council that there are two households that are 90 days past due on their utility payments. A Motion was made by Schummer and second by Hiller to approve the shut-off of water on February 24, 2026 due to non-payment. Voting: Yes – All

**Other Business** – County Commissioner Steve Rolfing reported the County is updating its comprehensive zoning plan. The first public hearing is scheduled for February 17, with approval anticipated in March. He also reported a public hearing regarding shotgun season would be held March 19, with a decision required by May 1. Rolfing noted the State passed a 2025 law allowing statewide high-power rifle use during hunting season; however, counties may opt out by drafting an ordinance.

A Motion was made to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. by Hiller and second by Schummer. Voting: Yes – All

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Don McCabe, Mayor

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Charles Hodge, City Clerk-Treasurer