

City of Cleveland
Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
205 4th 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, Police Chief Randy Tiegs, and Head Bartender Julie O'Malley. Also present: City Attorney Jason Moran and County Commissioner Steve Rohlfling.

Approval of Agenda – City Clerk Hodge would like to amend the agenda to remove water shut offs under new business, letter E. A Motion was made by Schummer and second by Gens to approve the amended agenda with removal under new business, letter E. Voting: Yes – All.

Ron McCabe – Discussion on Development: City Utilities & List Station - Ron McCabe appeared before the Council to discuss potential water and sewer service for a proposed development, including possible locations for a lift station. Mr. McCabe reviewed several ideas for lift station placement and the type of system that could be used.

City Attorney Moran noted that further discussion will be needed to determine how the proposal fits within the City's long-term plans and whether the concepts could be coordinated. He also explained that with developments of this nature, planning is typically done with future development in mind. Attorney Moran stated that developers are generally responsible for the cost of installing water and sewer mains, with those costs often assessed to the individual lots.

Attorney Moran indicated that the next step would be for the developer to obtain engineering estimates for the installation and placement of the necessary utilities.

A workshop will be scheduled at a later date to further discuss the proposed development. The Mayor also noted that the sketch included in the meeting packet has not yet been reviewed or approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, which would need to occur before moving forward.

American Legion Post 207 (Andy Queen) - Andy Queen appeared before the Council to request approval for two upcoming events hosted by the American Legion. Mr. Queen explained that the Mini Vets Festival is planned for Saturday, June 20th, with breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and music from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will include a free-will donation. To accommodate the event, the Legion requested that Broadway Street be closed from 3rd Street to 4th Street.

Mr. Queen also noted that the Legion plans to host a music event on Friday, May 29th. This event will be held behind the Legion in the parking lot, which will be fenced.

A motion was made by Hiller and seconded by Schummer to approve the street closure for the June 20th event and to allow the Legion to hold the May 29th event. Voting: Yes - All

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

Public Comment – Commissioner Rohlfling mentioned the electrical poles being replaced on County Rd. 15 from the substation south of Cleveland and that project will be completed in May. The pole replacement is part of the new 69kw transmission line for future current to go through and then remaining of County Rd 15 will be done when the County does that road project.

Reports:

Police Report – February's police report was presented and approved.

Cherry Creek Report (Sarah McCabe representing Committee) – Sarah reported that the committee has started working on the logistics for the raffle.

Public Works Report – Public Works Director Volk reviewed the trade-in value of the nearly 20-year-old truck public works truck. Harrison Ford offered \$2,100. The new truck is currently in transit and is expected to arrive within the next week or two. Volk also presented two estimates for a replacement lawnmower as part of the trade-in schedule. Kibble Equipment quoted \$14,831, and Midwest Machinery quoted \$15,900. Both quotes are for a 2026 John Deere X739 with a 60-inch deck. Volk stated he would like to use capital outlay funds for the purchase. Council Member Hiller requested an additional estimate from a different brand to compare costs. Volk also mentioned that he will attending water/sewer conference in St. Cloud.

Liquor Report – Head Bartender O’Malley reported the final Pfeffer tournament of the season will be held on March 21. A chili contest is scheduled for March 28. O’Malley also reported an Erik Koskinen Concert scheduled for July 17, with a cost of \$1,500 and an additional \$800 for light and sound. A motion was made by Gens and second by S. McCabe to approve the concert costs. Voting: Yes - All

Building Official Report – 2 building permits.

P&Z Report – Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9th at 5:30 p.m. to review and discuss his final sketch plan.

EDA Report – No report.

Personnel Committee Report – Councilmember Schummer reported that the new public works helper will start Monday, March 9th.

Clerk Report – The City Clerk Hodge reported he will be out of the office March 24th–27th to attend the MCFOA Conference. He also reported receiving notice from the Minnesota Department of Health that the safe drinking water fee (state testing fee) has increased from \$9.72 to \$15.22 per water service connection, effective January 1, 2026. The notice was received after the January billing had already been processed at the lower rate. Clerk Hodge asked the Council for direction on whether to absorb the \$5.50 difference or include it in the next billing cycle. A Motion was made by Gens and second by Schummer for the city absorb the \$5.50 state testing fee per connection for 2026. Voting: Yes- All

Old Business:

A Motion was made by Schummer and second S. McCabe to approve the police department workshop for Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Voting: Yes – All

A Motion was made by Gens and second by Schummer for Northstar Golf Carts to use the sign as long as they are in business there and that they do not change the size of the sign. Voting: Yes – All

A Motion was made by S. McCabe and second by Hiller to approve to update the city contribution to school community education to \$8,000 per year. Voting: Yes – All

A Motion was made Schummer and second by Gens to approve the city project special meeting, public hearing and open house for Tuesday, March 31, 2026 with the open house from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the special meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. and the public hearing to follow. Voting: Yes – All

New Business:

A Motion was made by Schummer and second by S. McCabe to accept the resignation of the part-time police officer Martin Rosales. Voting: Yes - All

Resolution 08-2026 – A Motion was made by S. McCabe and second by Hiller to approve festival district for 2026. Voting: Yes – All

Resolution 09-2026 - A Motion was made by Gens and second by Schummer to approve County project within municipal corporate limits. Voting: Yes – All

City Hall Summer Hours – Hodge would like to do summer hours for the Clerk’s Office for 2026. Summer hours would start Monday, May 18th until Friday, September 25th with hours of Monday – Thursday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am to Noon. A Motion was made by Schummer and second by S. McCabe to approve the 2026 summer hours. Voting: Yes – All.

A Motion was made to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. by Hiller and second by Schummer. Voting: Yes – All

Don McCabe, Mayor

Charles Hodge, City Clerk-Treasurer