

MINUTES OF THE MINNEOTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PURSUANT TO CALL AND DUE NOTICE THEREOF, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNEOTA, COUNTY OF LYON, STATE OF MINNESOTA, MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor John Rolbiecki
Council Member Travis Gillund
Council Member Tim Koppien
Council Member Nancy Reisdorfer

COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Chris Swoboda

STAFF PRESENT: Chesney Guetter, Mario RedLegs (via Microsoft Teams)

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Webb, Bee Chomprasob, Charles Hettling, Austin Thompson, Brady Cork, Scott Josephson, Tim DeVlaeminck, Aaron Miller, Monte Yeo, Bryan Rogge, Dana Rogge

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rolbiecki called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2: CALL FOR AGENDA ADDITIONS

No additions to the agenda were presented.

ITEM 3: ADOPT AGENDA

Koppien motioned, seconded by Gillund to adopt the agenda as presented. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING CHANGE

Gillund motioned, seconded by Koppien to open the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. to receive public comment regarding a proposed amendment to the Official Map of the City of Minneota to rezone property owned by Monte and Debra Yeo, legally described as Lots 4 and 5, Block 9, Original Plat of the City of Minneota. Gillund motioned, seconded by Koppien to close the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 5: MEETING MINUTES

The council reviewed the prior month Council meeting minutes. With no questions or additional comments Koppien motioned, seconded by Reisdorfer to approve the July 14, 2025 meeting minutes. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 6: REPORTS & UPDATES

The Council reviewed the following reports and had no additional questions or comments: (6a) – Police Chief Mario RedLegs attended via Microsoft Teams to provide an update on his current condition and the anticipated timeframe of his leave; (6b) - the current Financial Report as submitted by Interim Administrator Guetter; (6c) – Y-T-D Budget.

ITEM 7: EXPENSES & DISBURSEMENTS

Koppien motioned, seconded by Reisdorfer to approve the payment of \$867,978.59 (as listed on the check register summary); and approve the payment of \$36,551.58 (as listed on the payroll check register). MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 8: CONCERNED CITIZENS

No comments or requests were received either in person or in writing.

ITEM 9: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Chris Webb of the Southwest Regional Development Commission and Bee Chomprasob of Southwest Health and Human Services were present to discuss future plans for conducting a walk audit to identify strategies for improving the safety of walking, biking, and rolling to school.

ITEM 10: E LYON STREET PROJECT

Aaron Miller and Brady Cork were present to provide a progress report on the E Lyon Street Project. Despite recent rainfall, the project remains ahead of schedule. Mr. Miller and Mr. Cork also presented Pay Application #6 and Change Order # 3. Koppien motioned, seconded by Reisdorfer to approve Change Order #3. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 11: 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reisdorfer motioned, seconded by Gillund to approve the City of Minneota Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2024. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 12: BOXELDER BUG DAYS

(12a) – The Council discussed police coverage during Boxelder Bug Days and determined the primary need to be on Saturday from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Interim Administrator Guetter will first contact part-time officer Brandon Coens to determine his availability to cover the Saturday evening shift. If he is unavailable, she will follow up with the Sheriff's Department. (12b) – Scott Josephson was present to address concerns regarding the parking lot located behind the post office, owned by Bill Drown. Mr. Josephson stated that the lot is unsafe and requested that repairs be completed prior to Boxelder Bug Days. The Council directed the Interim Administrator to send a letter requesting that the necessary repairs be made.

ITEM 13: LIBRARY

Wendy Sarazyn reported on the gap between the stairway to the Opera Hall and the adjacent wall, which she has been monitoring since last year for potential structural concerns. She sought a professional opinion and contacted the firm that conducted the prior condition assessment before tuckpointing. Bob Mickelson, Project Manager with ISG, reviewed the matter and recommended a comprehensive structural evaluation, including a detailed assessment and 3D scan, to assess damage and wall deflection at an estimated cost of \$5,000. Following discussion, the Council determined not to proceed with the evaluation at this time, as the gap has shown no change since Mrs. Sarazyn began monitoring it.

ITEM 14: POOL

Interim Administrator Guetter informed the Council of a concern raised by Abby Thostenson regarding lifeguard pay. It was noted that another city is currently compensating its lifeguards at a higher hourly rate than the Minneota Pool. The Council agreed to take this into consideration during preparation of next year's budget.

ITEM 15: 2024 BRIDGE INSPECTION

Interim Administrator Guetter presented the findings of the 2024 Routine Bridge Inspection.

ITEM 16: ADJOURNMENT

Koppien motioned, seconded by Gillund to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The next regular Council Meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chesney Guetter, Interim City Administrator

John Rolbiecki, Mayor

Council approved September 8, 2025