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, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Chesney Guetter, Shalayna Kloos, Mario RedLegs

OTHERS PRESENT: Riley Rinehart, Donna Bertamus, Linda Fox, Larry Fox, John Kimpe, Karen Hettling, Royal Hettling, Beth Buysse, Tom Whortenbury, Barry Gronke, Jessica Gronke, Walt Bulander, Pam Kopitski, Kevin Kopitski, Tim Sumerfelt, Janet Sumerfelt, Annie Schnobrich, Keith Anderson, Keith Baumgard

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
There were no additions to the agenda.

ITEM 3: ADOPT AGENDA
Koppien motioned, seconded by Gillund to adopt the agenda as presented. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARING – E LYON STREET SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
Koppien motioned, seconded by Gillund to open the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. regarding the E Lyon Street Special Assessments. Several residents were present to express concerns regarding lawn seeding, driveways, curb stops, and other outstanding items requiring completion following the project. Riley Rinehart addressed the residents' concerns and assured them that these items would be reviewed during the warranty period. Rinehart also explained the special assessment process and how interest would be applied. Assessments will carry a standard interest rate of 3%; however, no interest will be charged if assessments are paid in full within 30 days of the meeting. Koppien motioned, seconded by Gillund to close the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY Gillund motioned, seconded by Swoboda to adopt Resolution 26-14 adopting assessment for E Lyon Street Improvements Project. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 5: MEETING MINUTES
The Council reviewed the prior month Council meeting minutes. With no questions or additional comments Swoboda motioned, seconded by Reisdorfer to approve the August 10, 2026 Council meeting minutes. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 6: REPORTS & UPDATES
The Council reviewed the following reports and had no additional questions or comments: (6a) – Police report as presented by Chief RedLegs; (6b) – the current Financial Report as submitted by Administrator Guetter; (6c) – Y-T-D Budget; (6d) – Small Cities Development Monitoring Report

ITEM 7: EXPENSES & DISBURSEMENTS
Reisdorfer motioned, seconded by Swoboda to approve the payment of $288,508.46 (as listed on the check register summary), to approve the payment of $48,918.51 (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: SUMMER RECREATION
Barry and Jessica Gronke were present to discuss the Summer Recreation program. They presented information on fees charged by other cities and reviewed the amount of program costs recouped through Minneota's current registration fees. Jessica also discussed plans to establish an 8U league. The Gronkes proposed increasing registration fees to a flat $100 per player for the 2027 season. For T-ball participants, who do not have scheduled games, the registration fee would include a T-shirt to wear for photos, eliminating the need to purchase a jersey separately. (9a) – Reisdorfer motioned, seconded by Swoboda to approve Barry and Jessica Gronke as Summer Recreation directors for the 2027 season. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (9b) – Swoboda motioned, seconded by Reisdorfer to approve increasing Summer Recreation registration fees to $100 per player for the 2027 season. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 10: 2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET
The Council reviewed the 2027 preliminary budget considerations. The preliminary budget projects an increase of 20% in a total property tax levy of $934,441 for all funds. Reisdorfer motioned, seconded by Gillund to adopt resolution 26-11 approving the Proposed 2026 Tax Levy collectible in 2027 with the following sums of money levied upon the taxable property in the City of Minneota for the following purposes: General Fund - $604,954; Fire Fund - $64,543; 2024A GO Bond - $24,620; 2024B GO Imp. Bond - $33,023; 2024 PFA Lyon - $65,000; 2016 GO Bond - $88,067; 2018 GO Bond - $34,612; Komp Light Debt Service - $19,622. MOTIONA PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The Administrator will evaluate all funds to determine additional modifications and cuts that can be made to the budget prior to the Council certifying a final levy in December.

ITEM 11: RESOLUTION 26-12
Gillund motioned, seconded by Swoboda to adopt Resolution 26-12 amending the boundaries of tax increment financing district number 1-3. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 12: REHAB
Gillund motioned, seconded by Reisdorfer to approve the Satisfaction of Mortgage for Jaqueline Laleman, as the rehab loan has been paid in full, and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the necessary documents to release the City's mortgage lien. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 13: LIABILITY COVERAGE WAIVER
Gillund motioned, seconded by Swoboda to authorize Mayor Rolbiecki to sign the LMC Liability Coverage Waiver Form stating, "the City of Minneota and EDA do not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn Statute § 466.04." MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 14: ZONING PERMITS
Reisdorfer motioned, seconded by Gillund to approve the zoning permits as listed below. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
a) Farmward Cooperative – 622 E 1st Street – Wreck Quonset Building
b) Engler, Alyssa – 403 N Jefferson Street – 32' x 16' House Addition
c) Fox, Larry – 100 N Eisenhower Street – Driveway & Two (2) Patios (Measurements on File at City Office)

ITEM 15: RESOLUTION 26-13
Gillund motioned, seconded by Koppien to adopt Resolution 26-13 accepting donations for the Minneota Walking Trail by family and friends of the late William Drown. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 17: ADJOURNMENT

Koppien motioned, seconded by Gillund to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chesney Guetter, City Administrator	John Rolbiecki, Mayor

Council Approved October 12, 2026