

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Lake Shore City Council
Tuesday, May 26, 2026
6:00 PM Lake Shore City Hall

Mayor Andy Stewart called the May 26, 2026, Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance: Mayor Andy Stewart; Council Members: Henry Cote, Vern Gevik, Darcy Peterson and Wayne Anderson. City Engineer Alex Bitter; Police Chief Mike Heldt; and Deputy Clerk Kathy Johansen were present. Absent was Clerk Administrator Laura Fussy and City Attorney Tom Pearson. The audience included Nancy Vogt, Pine and Lakes Echo Journal.

A quorum was present, and the City Council was competent to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY VERN GEVIK AND SECONDED BY DARCY PETERSON TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION APRIL 7, 2026, MEETING MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY DARCY PETERSON TO APPROVE THE APRIL 27, 2026, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Mike Heldt presented the Incident Report and the April Fire Report. Chief Heldt mentioned there were three applicant interviews for the open Police Department position prior to the Council Meeting and the results of those interviews will be in process.

Incident Report – In April 2026 there were 65 incidents in the city. There were 31 traffic-related incidents and 34 were miscellaneous department activity.

April Fire Report – The April Nisswa Fire Department report was included for review.

Mayor's Report – Andy Stewart had nothing to report.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer's Report – Kathy Johansen

Crow Wing Auto Body Preliminary Estimate – Kathy Johansen referenced damage to Roger Olmscheid's personal pickup truck that was used for crack sealing in April. After receiving two estimates on the repair of the truck, it is recommended the Council approve the payment for the expense incurred for the damage in the amount of \$1,815.45 be paid to Crow Wing Auto Body upon completion of the repair.

MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY HENRY COTE TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATE OF \$1,815.45 TO BE PAID TO CROW WING AUTO BODY UPON COMPLETION OF THE TRUCK REPAIR. MOTION PASSED.

Citizen Complaint #5142026 – Kathy Johansen shared a resident complaint regarding the headstones at the cemetery becoming damaged from the watering of the cemetery and is requesting Council guidance in seeking a possible solution to the issue.

Council Members suggested Roger Olmscheid, Maintenance Supervisor, investigate the cost of putting a water purifying system on the sprinkler system at the cemetery.

Financials – MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY DARCY PETERSON TO APPROVE THE APRIL FINANCIALS AS PRESENTED (CLAIM NUMBERS 43454 THRU 43486 AND NON-CHECK CLAIMS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED REPORT – TOTAL \$58,640.29). MOTION PASSED.

Pay Bills – MOTION BY DARCY PETERSON AND SECONDED BY WAYNE ANDERSON TO PAY THE BILLS AS SUBMITTED (CLAIM NUMBERS 43476 THRU 43550; AND CLAIMS 1709 THRU 1722 – TOTAL – \$266,624.70). MOTION PASSED.

City Clerk/Administrator – Laura Fussy was absent.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Darcy Peterson referenced the April Permit Summary.

Permit Summary – Provided for review.

Wastewater/Road Committee – Wayne Anderson referenced the invoice from Ideal Construction that was overdue.

Ideal Construction Invoice – Alex Bitter explained the overdue invoice was for the Dettbarn repair that replaced the culvert, and Ideal Construction came in and made the road drivable and safer and then they cleaned everything up.

MOTION BY VERN GEVIK AND SECONDED BY WAYNE ANDERSON TO PAY THE PAST DUE INVOICE TO IDEAL CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600 FOR DETTBARN ROAD WORK. MOTION PASSED.

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Wastewater Monthly Report – Pequot Lakes – The operations report for May was included for review.

Park and Recreation Committee – Henry Cote shared that he was unable to attend the last Parks and Rec Committee meeting, but when received, he would relay the information that was discussed at the meeting on the landing.

Building & Grounds Committee – Vern Gevik shared that the committee has been meeting to look at things in the existing building that need repairing immediately and then anything over and above six months. The committee has been gathering quotes and details about costs to address the condition of the existing building. Widseth is preparing a proposal to help move forward with either planning a new construction on the current site or on the 78th site.

Vern Gevik shared that Widseth mentioned the project could be done as soon as one year and if that would be an issue in relation to the original timeline of two to three years.

Mayor Stewart stated that a game plan needed to be established in reference to the costs involved in continuing to use the current building.

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Trail 77 –

Gull Lake Trail Phase 4A Change Order – Alex Bitter shared that due to the weather quickly changing, no work was done on installing the floating boardwalk. The contractor is requesting rent be paid for storage of the boardwalk until it is time to be installed. Alex mentioned trying to find a comparable cost to what has been done on other projects. Alex mentioned clearing will be starting tomorrow. After clearing, walls will go in. Widseth is still waiting on the archeological licensing for observation.

MOTION BY HENRY COTE AND SECONDED BY WAYNE ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE GULL LAKE TRAIL PHASE 4A CHANGE ORDER NO. 2. MOTION PASSED.

Personnel – Andy Stewart/Darcy Peterson – Mayor Stewart referenced interviewing the three candidates for the Police Department position.

City Attorney – Gammello - Pearson – Tom Pearson was absent.

City Engineer – Widseth – Alex Bitter

Esther Lane Water Service Repair – Alex Bitter shared the background story on a city sewer project done two years ago on Esther Lane. The electric bills for the properties on Esther Lane were high after the project ended and when a leak came to the surface, a dime sized hole in the line was discovered. Alex Bitter shared that the residents felt that Tom Thompsons crew damaged the water service because they hit the main and fixed it and then and then they nicked the water service and didn't see it in time, so the residents are requesting the city pay the invoice as the original service repair was a city project. The work is beyond the warranty period. Alex Bitter explained that Tom Thompson put in septic products right next to the water lines.

Further discussion continued regarding the Esther Lane repair.

Alex Bitter recommended bringing City Attorney, Tom Pearson, into this decision. Alex will also be going back through the daily reports to find out if anything was noted.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC FORUM –

American Flag Donation – Darcy Peterson presented a flag donated by her family to the City of Lake Shore to be placed in the Council Meeting Room replacing the aged flag currently in use.

MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON SECONDED BY HENRY COTE TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 26, 2026, AT 6:42 PM. MOTION PASSED.

Transcribed by Kathy Johansen
Lake Shore Deputy Clerk