

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

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

Attendance: Mayor Andy Stewart; Council Members: Darcy Peterson, Wayne Anderson and Vern Gevik. City Attorney Cody Schmidt; City Engineer Dave Reese; Clerk/Administrator Laura Fussy; Police Chief Mike Heldt; and Deputy Clerk Kathy Johansen were present. Member Henry Cote was absent. The audience included Nicole Hausmann and Rick Steer. A quorum was present, and the City Council was competent to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY VERN GEVIK TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 15, 2025, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Mike Heldt

Incident Report – In December 2025 there were 73 incidents in the city. There were 34 traffic-related incidents and 39 miscellaneous department activity.

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

2025 Year-End Police Department Report – There were a total of 986 incidents in 2025. This was a slight increase from 2024 when we had 936 incidents.

In 2025, burglaries and other property crimes continued to remain low. Department responded to 4 theft calls, 7 reports of property damage, 3 assault complaints, 82 medicals, 90 residential or business alarms, 14 disturbance complaints, 42 public assists, 39 reports of suspicious activity, 21 animal complaints, 31 property watch requests and 5 agency assists. There was one party who passed away in the city for 2025.

Department issued 35 traffic citations and responded to 25 vehicle crashes. There were no fatalities on our city streets and only one accident with serious injuries.

The department responded to one structure fire in Lake Shore.

ERPO Policy – MSS 624.7175 and MN POST Board mandates law enforcement agencies adopt an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) for the safe keeping and storage of firearms that are taken in the event of specific situations per MN State Statute.

Chief Heldt shared that he will be looking into the purchase (grant) of a large gun safe for this purpose.

MOTION BY DARCY PETERSON AND SECONDED BY WAYNE ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE ERPO POLICY. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor's Report – Andy Stewart shared that there is a nationwide shortage of road salt and must purchase higher priced salt.

Laura Fussy stated the salt would be coming from Kansas so Fairview, East Gull Lake, and Lake Shore agreed to each pay 1/3 of the cost for the salt.

2026 Appointments – Andy Stewart mentioned that Buildings and Grounds could possibly turn into a committee in order to start thinking about keeping the current building intact and what our future looks like.

MOTION BY DARCY PETERSON AND SECONDED BY WAYNE ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE 2026 APPOINTMENT LIST AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report – Kathy Johansen

Financials – MOTION BY VERN GEVIK AND SECONDED BY WAYNE ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER FINANCIALS AS PRESENTED (CLAIM NUMBERS 43219 THRU 43270 AND NON-CHECK CLAIMS LISTED TO ATTACHED REPORT – TOTAL \$275,795.88). MOTION PASSED.

Pay Bills – MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY VERN GEVIK TO PAY THE BILLS AS SUBMITTED (CLAIM NUMBERS 43255 THRU 43338; AND CLAIMS 1645 THRU 1666 – TOTAL – \$436,760.75). MOTION PASSED.

Clerk/Administrator – Laura Fussy

Resolution 2026-01-01 – 2026 Fee Schedule –

MOTION BY VERN GEVIK AND SECONDED BY DARCY PETERSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-01-01 - 2026 FEE SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED.

Wayne Anderson shared concern regarding the optional 2:00 AM closing for on-sale liquor.

Laura Fussy indicated that Zorbaz is the only establishment that does it and they have to do it on their own accord through the State of Minnesota.

Pay Equity Report – Laura Fussy presented the Pay Equity Report which requires all public jurisdictions to eliminate sex-based wage inequities in compensation.

MOTION BY VERN GEVIK AND SECONDED BY DARCY PETERSON TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE 2026 PAY EQUITY REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

72nd St SW Guardrail Bid – Laura Fussy stated the City has been working with Rick Wilson/Tim Murphy from Loon Lake Township on the purchase and installation of a guardrail at Stony Brook on 72nd St.

MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY DARCY PETERSON TO APPROVE PAYING HALF OF THE BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,062.50 FOR THE CITY OF LAKE SHORE'S PORTION OF THE GUARDRAIL BID AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED.

Planning and Zoning Commission – Darcy Peterson turned presentation over to Nicole Hausmann.

Authorized Agent Form – Nicole Hausmann presented the Authorized Agent Form for permits, public hearings, lot subdivision or boundary line division. This form will indicate the property owner is giving

permission for another person to speak on the property owner's behalf. This gives Sourcewell permission to work with the authorized agent. The form does not eliminate the legal responsibility of the property owner.

Further discussion continued regarding the viability of using the authorized agent form and whether a disclaimer should be added regarding the property owner's legal responsibilities.

Vern Gevik suggested adding a disclaimer and then approving the agent form at the next Council meeting.

Nicole Hausmann agreed to add a disclaimer to the form and bring it to the February Council meeting.

Land Use Ordinance Updates 2026 – Nicole Hausmann referenced the updates and highlighted a few of the performance standards including grading and the need for Lake Shore to require a conditional use permit for grading and dirt moving. Beach sand blankets language will correlate to Cass County standards. Language on ice ridges and riprap have been cleaned up and short term rental reports changed from annually to quarterly. Nicole referenced adding a provision if a parcel is split with a road that the impervious coverage is 25% for each section or adding language that a stormwater management plan is allowed at the discretion of the Administrator.

Further discussion continued regarding the definition of a "road" to be clear on a parcel split.

Nicole Hausmann stated the definition of "road" can be added.

Cody Schmidt suggested the definition of "dedicated" roads vs public or private.

Updated Matrix Table – 2026 – Nicole referenced the matrix table being cleaned up. Each zoning will have its own column. Patio, fence, riprap, retaining walls, and grading permits will be added for residential low density, residential medium density, commercial waterfront, and neighborhood commercial zones.

City Council agreed with Nicole moving forward with a public hearing for the updates at the Planning Commission meeting in February.

December Minutes and Permit Summary – Provided for review.

Wastewater/Road Committee – Wayne Anderson shared that it's been a quiet start to the year. Work has started on submitting the City's PCA Annual Report.

Wastewater Monthly Report – The operations report for January was included for review.

Park and Recreation Committee – Henry Cote was absent.

Trail 77 – Dave Reese mentioned the ad for bids is in process. Dave informed the Council there have been discussions on the floating boardwalk being an impact. The vegetation and snow need to be packed down so it freezes by March 1 and then the boardwalk sections can be slid out there.

Personnel – Andy Stewart/Wayne Anderson/Darcy Peterson – Nothing to report.

City Attorney – Gammello - Pearson – Cody Schmidt had nothing to report.

City Engineer – Widseth – Dave Reese shared that MNDot decided the trees in the landscaping plan of the Fritz Loven Bridge Plan are more of a luxury. Dave requested a decision from the Council on whether to keep or remove the trees from the plan.

Further discussion continued regarding the trees in the Fritz Loven Bridge project.

The Council approved keeping the trees in the plan.

Mayor Stewart inquired into the funding status.

Dave Reese shared 2026 is a bonding year and we can see if a bonding session is held.

Dave Reese stated the 2026 Street Improvements will be getting run through the Road Committee and then headed to Council to obtain authorizations and bids.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS – Vern Gevik suggested putting out a notice to city residents due to all the unrest currently happening in the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC FORUM –

Board of Appeal and Equalization – Tuesday, April 7th @ 1pm

MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY DARCY PETERSON TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 26, 2026, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:54 PM. MOTION PASSED.

Transcribed by Kathy Johansen
Lake Shore Deputy Clerk