

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Lake Shore City Council
Monday, April 27, 2026
6:00 PM Lake Shore City Hall

Mayor Andy Stewart called the April 27, 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, Darcy Peterson, Vern Gevik and Wayne Anderson. City Attorney Tom Pearson; City Engineer Alex Bitter; Police Chief Mike Heldt; and City Deputy Clerk Kathy Johansen were present. Absent was City Clerk/Administrator Laura Fussy. The audience included Nancy Vogt, Pine and Lakes Echo Journalist. A quorum was present, and the City Council was competent to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY DARCY PETERSON AND SECONDED BY WAYNE ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE MARCH 23, 2026, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Mike Heldt

Incident Report – In March 2026 there were 66 incidents in the city. There were 29 traffic-related incidents and 37 were miscellaneous department activity.

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

Mayor's Report – Andy Stewart – The local news has taken up the Minnesota League Policy for everyone to review.

MOTION BY VERN GEVIK AND SECONDED BY DARCY PETERSON TO ACCEPT THE LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE. MOTION PASSED.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report – Kathy Johansen

2026 New Liquor License – Zorbaz – Kathy stated that Zorbaz needed a “New Owner” license application and an Optional 2 AM Liquor License completed to obtain a 2026 license.

MOTION BY DARCY PETERSON AND SECONDED BY WAYNE ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE NEW LIQUOR LICENSE AND OPTIONAL 2AM LICENSE FOR ZORBAZ. MOTION PASSED.

Financials – MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY VERN GEVIK TO APPROVE THE MARCH FINANCIALS AS PRESENTED (CLAIM NUMBERS 43413 THRU 43453 AND NON-CHECK CLAIMS LISTED TO ATTACHED REPORT – TOTAL \$107,597.82). MOTION PASSED.

Pay Bills – MOTION BY VERN GEVIK AND SECONDED BY WAYNE ANDERSON TO PAY THE BILLS AS SUBMITTED (CLAIM NUMBERS 43454 THRU 43475; AND CLAIMS 1694 THRU 1708 – TOTAL – \$33,530.58). MOTION PASSED.

Clerk/Administrator – Laura Fussy was absent.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Darcy Peterson

March Permit Summary – The March Permit Summary was provided for review.

Wastewater/Road Committee – Wayne Anderson turned the discussion over to Alex Bitter.

Fritz Loven Bridge Replacement Project – Alex Bitter shared that Fritz Loven Bridge has been approved.

Pebble Beach Road Proposal – Alex Bitter shared a site meeting had been held that combining alternatives two and three would be the most practical solution. The goal is to present this information to the property owners.

MOTION BY DARCY PETERSON AND SECONDED BY HENRY COTE TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL FEES FOR THE PROJECT ON PEBBLE BEACH ROAD. MOTION CARRIED.

CSAH29/CSAH78/Jacobs Road – Alex Bitter presented a letter from the County regarding the intersection of 29, 78 and Jacobs Road that indicates a roundabout may be warranted and a request from our City to indicate possible financial interest in the project.

MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY DARCY PETERSON TO SIGN THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ROUNDABOUT PROJECT. MOTION PASSED.

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

March Minutes – The March minutes were included for review.

Park and Recreation Committee – Henry Cote had nothing to report.

Trail 77 –

Gull Lake Trail Phase 4A Change Order – Alex Bitter shared there are a few things needing to be modified with the contract for the easement and permitting issues. The installation of the boardwalk didn't happen, so we had to modify the completion date to extend it further to install it next winter and allow time for turf establishment. Two bollards didn't have a bid item and the S518 curb swapped out to a S512 curb.

Alex reported that the boardwalk will be stored at Koschak Enterprises for \$600/month.

MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY DARCY PETERSON TO ACCEPT CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR GULL LAKE TRAIL PHASE 4A. MOTION PASSED.

Personnel – Andy Stewart/Darcy Peterson – No meeting held.

City Attorney – Gammello - Pearson – Tom Pearson had nothing to report.

City Engineer – Widseth – Alex Bitter stated they will be holding pre-con on 2026 street improvements.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

Mayor Andy Stewart announced the meeting of the City Council will now be closed for deliberation on easement acquisitions for the trail. Mayor Stewart informed the public that no city business will be discussed during the closed session and when the Council finishes deliberation, the public portion of the meeting will be reopened and residents will be readmitted, if needed.

MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY HENRY COTE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS EASEMENT ACQUISITIONS FOR THE GULL LAKE TRAIL.

City Council met in closed session to consider easement acquisitions. The meeting was closed pursuant to the authority granted to the Council under Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3(c). The Council has now reopened the meeting.

MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY HENRY COTE TO APPROVE THE GOHMAN EASEMENT DIRECT PURCHASE OFFER OF \$47,500. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION BY VERN GEVIK AND SECONDED BY WAYNE ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT EASEMENT DIRECT PURCHASE OFFER OF \$950. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY VERN GEVIK AND SECONDED BY WAYNE ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE KOSLOSKI EASEMENT DIRECT PURCHASE OFFER OF \$1,350. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION BY HENRY COTE AND SECONDED BY VERN GEVIK TO APPROVE MAYOR STEWART AND MEMBER VERN GEVIK TO A SUBCOMMITTEE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO CITY ATTORNEY TOM PEARSON, TERI HASTINGS, AND ENGINEER ALEX BITTER IN MAKING FINAL EASEMENT DECISIONS. MOTION PASSED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC FORUM –

MOTION BY WAYNE ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY HENRY COTE TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 27, 2026, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:54 PM. MOTION PASSED.

Transcribed by Kathy Johansen
Lake Shore Deputy Clerk