

City of Lengby City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 8, 2025 – 5:15 p.m.
Lengby Community Hall, Lengby, MN

Members Present: Paul Kahlbaugh, Jennifer Godtland, Mike McColl, Shirley Vasilakes, Ben Walker. Also present Rosanne Erickson, City Clerk-Treasurer. Guests: Brian Ohren

Call to Order / Determine Quorum for regular City Council Meeting: Paul Kahlbaugh, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

Approve Agenda.

1st by Godtland 2nd by Vasilakes to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment Time:

None

Review and Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting on November 10, 2025.

1st by Godtland 2nd by Vasilakes approve the Minutes of the City Council Meeting on November 10, 2025. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Rosanne Erickson reviewed the financial report for December 2025.

Add Mike McColl's bill of \$9,540.00. Discussion.

1st by Godtland 2nd by Walker to approve the Financial Report for December 2025. Motion carried.

Note, Mike is meeting with American Federal (Dan) to ask for money for movie rights.

Building Permits:

None

Ordinances:

No discussion.

Grant Funding Update(s):

Email sent to company we had originally ordered the Spring Lake Park bathrooms from, cancelling the order due to non-communication from the company if we were actually going to receive the structure.

Mike McColl forwarded via email several ideas for a TV and also possible popcorn machines. The TV would be for showing movies, etc. Regarding Funding for movies – Mike will be meeting with Dan at American Federal to seek a donation to alleviate the costs for paying for the rights to show movies. Mike will also set up meetings with Ultima Bank and First National Bank. Jen Godtland also suggested talking with the American Legion in Bagley, since they have pull tabs at the Clinic, and also talking with the Knight Riders Snowmobile Club for donations. Discussion on having popcorn at the movie events, do we need a popcorn machine, or could we have the Fosston Theatre make the popcorn and we purchase from them. Consensus is to keep the purchase of the TV as a plan once we have funding secured for the movie rights.

Other discussion on possible winter activities included having an Igloo contest, a polar plunge, etc.

Comprehensive City Plan Discussion:

No update at this time.

Set Preliminary 2026 Budget:

Discussion was held regarding the Preliminary 2026 Budget.

1st by Walker; 2nd by Godtland to approve the Preliminary 2026 Budget. Motion carried.

Set 2026 Levy:

Discussion on the 2026 Final Levy.

1st by Godtland; 2nd by Walker to set the General Levy at \$15,000.00 and the Road and Bridge Levy at \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

Set Treasurer's Bond:

1st by Walker; 2nd by Vasilakes to set the Treasurer's Bond at \$50,000.00. Motion carried.

Minnesota Paid Leave:

1st by Godtland; 2nd by Walker to approve City Clerk-Treasurer Rosanne Erickson to administer the new Minnesota Paid Leave program. Motion carried

Other City Business:

Review letter.

1st by Godtland; 2nd by Walker to send letter to Commissioner Joan Lee and Rich Sanders. Motion carried.

Godtland/Walker send letter.

Other:

Paul contacted the Polk County Sheriff, and discussed what to do in the even of an Emergency (weather, etc.) and we are to just call the Polk County Sheriff, they will handle the situation.

Paul shared that there are some Christmas Trees – metal trees in old City Hall building. They are about 6 feet metal tall, with garland on them. Very heavy. Could be revamped and used next year.

Paul shared that Matt Wickham did go to Spring Lake Park and take care of the tree near the Park Kitchen. Matt will submit a bill for the work in Spring 2026.

Discussion on an event for children, i.e. a mini Santa Claus day, put publicity in 13 towns, there is a mailbox for letters to Santa. Have someone wear the Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus suits (Betty Lomen has them at her house) . Have the 13 Towns do an article? Potentially seeing if this can be done yet this year on Saturday Dec. 13 or Sunday Dec. 14. See if 13 towns will do an article? Perhaps ask the Roadhouse; Clinic and RockinA all for a \$100 donation? Also, discussion on maybe planning this for next year, if it can't be pulled together for this year.

Discussion on the Calerese Building next to City Hall. Rosanne to call Sam Melbye at Polk County to see if this is going into tax forfeiture this year.

Next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. at the Lengby Community Hall.

1st by Godtland; 2nd by Vasilakes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Erickson
City Clerk-Treasurer