



**City Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2026
8380 Kimbro Ave
6:30p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant City Council will be called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, in a teleconference format and in person at Town Hall for the purpose of conducting the business hereafter listed, and all accepted additions thereto. Council members may participate in the meeting remoting via interactive technology.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen Comments – Individuals may address the City Council about any item not included on the regular agenda. The Mayor will recognize speakers to come to the podium. Speakers will state their name and address and limit their remarks to two (2) minutes with five (5) speakers maximum. Generally, the City Council will not take any official action on items discussed at this time, but may typically refer the matter to staff for a future report or direct that the matter be scheduled on an upcoming agenda.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. January 2026 Bill List, \$276,554.63**
- B. January 6, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes**

6. STAFF AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck
 - i. Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Agreement between the City of Grant and Washington County for Engineering Costs for CSAH 12 Safe Routes to School Trail Segment**
 - ii. Consideration of Patching and Potholing Contract****
- B. City Planner, Jennifer Haskamp (no action items)**
- C. City Attorney, Amanda Johnson (no action items)**

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of McKusick Road Project Initiation**
- B. Discussion of Variance Ordinance Update**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS (no action taken)

- A. Staff Updates (updates from Staff, no action taken)**
- B. City Council Reports/Future Agenda Items (no action taken)**

10. COMMUNITY CALENDAR FEBRUARY 5 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026:

**Mahtomedi Public Schools Board Meeting, Monday February 9th and February 23rd
Mahtomedi District Education Center, 7:00 p.m.
Stillwater Public Schools Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 17th Oak Park
Learning Center, 5:30 p.m.**

**Washington County Commissioners Meeting, Tuesdays, Government Center, 9:00
a.m.
Presidents Day, Monday, February 16, 2026**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Fund Name: All Funds

Date Range: 01/01/2026 To 01/29/2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>F-A-O-P</u>	<u>Total</u>
01/20/2026	Payroll Period Ending 01/20/2026	16932	Points Separation Pay	N	Clerk Salary	100-41101-100-	\$ 24,540.69
	Total For Check	16932					\$ 24,540.69
01/20/2026	IRS	EFT240	Points Separation	N	Clerk FICA/Medicare	100-41103-100-	\$ 2,907.00
		EFT240			Clerk Medicare	100-41105-100-	\$ 551.00
		EFT240			Federal Withholding	100-41107-100-	\$ 7,721.33
		EFT240			Social Security Expens	100-41109-100-	\$ 2,356.00
	Total For Check	EFT240					\$ 13,535.33
01/29/2026	Payroll Period Ending 01/29/2026	16933	January Payroll	N	Clerk Salary	100-41101-100-	\$ 6,710.98
	Total For Check	16933					\$ 6,710.98
01/29/2026	Payroll Period Ending 01/29/2026	16934	January Payroll	N	Accounting Services	100-41202-130-	\$ 1,100.57
	Total For Check	16934					\$ 1,100.57
01/29/2026	CenturyLink	16935	City Phone	N	City Office Telephone	100-41309-321-	\$ 181.58
	Total For Check	16935					\$ 181.58
01/29/2026	City of Willernie	16936	2025 Rent	N	Rental City Office	100-41316-210-	\$ 5,291.69
	Total For Check	16936					\$ 5,291.69
01/29/2026	CliftonLarsonAllen	16937	2025 Audit Billing -	N	Audit Fees	100-41201-300-	\$ 1,706.25
	Total For Check	16937					\$ 1,706.25
01/29/2026	Croix Valley Inspector	16938	Building Inspector-permits from 2024, driveway permit, 2024-1-2024-45 and 2024-47-2024-49	N	Building Inspection	100-42004-300-	\$ 44,612.05
	Total For Check	16938					\$ 44,612.05
01/29/2026	Eckberg Lammers	16939	Legal Services-Dec 2025	N	Legal Fees - General	100-41204-304-	\$ 1,825.00
		16939			Legal Fees - Complaints	100-41205-304-	\$ 950.00
		16939			Legal Fees - Prosecutions	100-41206-304-	\$ 2,652.99
	Total For Check	16939					\$ 5,427.99
01/29/2026	KEJ Enterprises	16940	Roads Supervisor-January 2026	N	Roads Supervisor	100-43014-300-	\$ 14,587.38
		16940			Roads Fuel Surcharge	100-43015-300-	\$ 2,500.00
	Total For Check	16940					\$ 17,087.38

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01/29/2026	Ken Ronnan	16941	Video Tech Services -January 2026	N	Cable Costs	100-41212-100-	\$ 150.00
		Total For Check	16941				\$ 150.00
01/29/2026	League of Minnesota Cities	16942	Membership Dues-2026	N	LMC Dues	100-41304-210-	\$ 5,747.00
		Total For Check	16942				\$ 5,747.00
01/29/2026	LRS	16943	Town Hall Portable-Jan	N	Town Hall Porta Pot	100-43007-210-	\$ 159.00
		Total For Check	16943				\$ 159.00
01/29/2026	Minnesota City/County Managment Ass	16944	2026 Dues	N	Miscellaneous Expenses	100-41306-210-	\$ 144.00
		Total For Check	16944				\$ 144.00
01/29/2026	OPG-3, Inc	16945	laserfiche annual service	N	Office Equipment	100-41314-200-	\$ 661.51
		Total For Check	16945				\$ 661.51
01/29/2026	PageCrafter	16946	Website updates	N	Web Site Costs	100-41312-300-	\$ 125.00
		Total For Check	16946				\$ 125.00
01/29/2026	Pauszek Inc.	16947	January Assessor Billing	N	Assessing	100-41550-300-	\$ 2,400.00
		Total For Check	16947				\$ 2,400.00
01/29/2026	Press Publications	16948	PH Jan 6- Ad#848661	N	Publishing Costs	100-41308-351-	\$ 44.00
		16948	Sum Budget-Ad#849678			100-41308-351-	\$ 244.63
		Total For Check	16948				\$ 288.63
01/29/2026	Washington Conservation District	16949	Shared Water Resource Ed Pogram-4th Qtr	N	MS4	100-43118-300-	\$ 225.00
		Total For Check	16949				\$ 225.00
01/29/2026	Washington County Public Works	16950	Oct-Dec 2025 Traffic Signal Invoice #234043	N	Street Lights	100-43117-330-	\$ 111.34
		Total For Check	16950				\$ 111.34
01/29/2026	Washington County Property Records	16951	2026 Truth in Taxation	N	Publishing Costs	100-41308-300-	\$ 548.98
		Total For Check	16951				\$ 548.98
01/29/2026	Washington County Public Works	16952	salt and sand Invoice #234100	N	Snow & Ice Removal	100-43113-224-	\$ 11,221.65
		Total For Check	16952				\$ 11,221.65

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01/29/2026	Waste Management	16953	Recycling -Jan	N	Recycling	100-43011-384-	\$ 6,399.04
		Total For Check 16953					\$ 6,399.04
01/29/2026	Department of Labor & Industry	16954	Conf#1630602025	N	Building Permit Surcharge	100-42005-210-	\$ 5,060.25
		Total For Check 16954					\$ 5,060.25
01/29/2026	SHC, LLC	16955	***VOID\$6013.25***Planning Services - December and Jan	Y	City Planner	100-41209-300-	\$ -
		16955				100-41209-300-	\$ -
		16955			Escrow	100-49320-300-1050	\$ -
		Total For Check 16955					\$ -
01/29/2026	Kline Bros Excavating	16956	Road Grading and Pumphouse Work-2025	N	Equipment Repair	100-41317-400-	\$ 3,566.96
		16956			Grader Contractor	100-43101-224-	\$ 3,250.00
		Total For Check 16956					\$ 6,816.96
01/29/2026	Old National Bank	16957	2020 Bond Payments	N	2019/2020 Road Project	100-43136-530-	\$ 51,620.00
		16957				100-43136-530-	\$ 30,463.20
		Total For Check 16957					\$ 82,083.20
01/29/2026	LHB	16958	Engineering-Dec 2025	N	Engineering Fees - General	100-41203-300-	\$ 9,376.00
		16958			Road Engineering Fees	100-43102-300-	\$ 8,943.50
		16958			Escrow	100-49320-300-1008	\$ 1,540.00
		16958				100-49320-300-1025	\$ 729.00
		Total For Check 16958					\$ 20,588.50
01/29/2026	PERA	16959	PERA -January	N	Clerk PERA	100-41102-120-	\$ 750.00
		16959			Clerk PERA Withholding	100-41108-100-	\$ 650.00
		Total For Check 16959					\$ 1,400.00
01/29/2026	SHC, LLC	16960	Planning Services - December and Jan	N	City Planner	100-41209-300-	\$ 1,324.25
		16960				100-41209-300-	\$ 1,738.25
		16960			Escrow	100-49320-300-1050	\$ 2,686.75
		Total For Check 16960					\$ 5,749.25
01/29/2026	Adobe	ADEFT27	January Subscription-Auto Pay	N	Office Supplies	100-41313-200-	\$ 73.66
		Total For Check ADEFT27					\$ 73.66
01/29/2026	Comcast	CCEFT41	Town Hall Wifi-Auto	N	Town Hall Supplies	100-43001-210-	\$ 190.24
		Total For Check CCEFT41					\$ 190.24

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01/29/2026	IRS	EFT241	January Payroll	N	Clerk FICA/Medicare	100-41103-100-	\$ 864.83
		EFT241			Clerk Medicare	100-41105-100-	\$ 163.92
		EFT241			Federal Withholding	100-41107-100-	\$ 1,371.17
		EFT241			Social Security Expens	100-41109-100-	\$ 700.91
		Total For Check EFT241					\$ 3,100.83
01/29/2026	Microsoft Corp	FRCC11226	MicroSoft Exchange-Clerk Email-Auto Pay	N	Office Supplies	100-41313-200-	\$ 162.57
		Total For Check FRCC11226					\$ 162.57
01/29/2026	Bluehost	FRCC11326	cityofgrant.com annual domain fee-Auto Pay	N	Web Site Costs	100-41312-210-	\$ 21.99
		Total For Check FRCC11326					\$ 21.99
01/29/2026	Madden's on Gull Lake	FRCC11426	MCMA Annual Conf Hotel-FRCC	N	Workshops	100-41305-310-	\$ 408.03
		Total For Check FRCC11426					\$ 408.03
01/29/2026	League of Minnesota Cities	FRCC11426b	MCMA Annual Conference Reg-FRCC	N	Workshops	100-41305-310-	\$ 525.00
		Total For Check FRCC11426b					\$ 525.00
01/29/2026	Microsoft Corp	FRCC11826	Microsoft Exchange for Mayor and Council-Auto Pay	N	Office Supplies	100-41313-200-	\$ 962.04
		Total For Check FRCC11826					\$ 962.04
01/29/2026	USPS	FRCC12026	Certified Mail for W-2s and 1099s-FRCC	N	Office Supplies	100-41313-200-	\$ 14.40
		Total For Check FRCC12026					\$ 14.40
01/29/2026	League of Minnesota Cities	FRCC12326	Mayor's Association Dues-FRCC	N	LMC Dues	100-41304-310-	\$ 30.00
		Total For Check FRCC12326					\$ 30.00
01/29/2026	TMobile	TMEFT52	City Cell Phone-Auto Pay	N	Road Expenses - Other	100-43116-210-	\$ 20.00
		Total For Check TMEFT52					\$ 20.00
01/29/2026	Xcel Energy	XCELEFT53	Utilities - Town Hall - Pole Barn - Auto	N	Town Hall Electricity	100-43004-381-	\$ 320.29
		XCELEFT53				100-43004-381-	\$ 434.80
		XCELEFT53			Well House Electricity	100-43010-381-	\$ 145.04
		XCELEFT53			Street Lights	100-43117-381-	\$ 71.92
		Total For Check XCELEFT53					\$ 972.05
Total For Selected Checks							\$ 276,554.63

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DATE : : January 6, 2026
TIME STARTED : 6:35 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 7:37 p.m.
MEMBERS' PRESENT : Councilmember Cornett,
Cremona, Anderson and Mayor Giefer
MEMBERS ABSENT : Councilmember Rog

Staff members present: City Attorney, Amanda Johnson; City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck; City Planner, Jennifer Haskamp; and Interim Administrator Clerk, Kristina Handt.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Giefer.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Council Member Cremona moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Council Member Cornett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. December 2025 Bill List, \$111,695.32
- B. December 2, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of Official Depositories-Resolution No. 2026-01, Resolution to Designate the Official Depositories of Funds for 2026
- D. Approval of Official Newspaper-Resolution No. 2026-02, Resolution Designating the White Bear Press as the Official Newspaper
- E. Approval of Electronic Funds Transfer Authority-Resolution No. 2026-03, Resolution to Designate Authority to Make Electronic Funds Transfers
- F. Appointing Data Practices Officials and Adopting Policies-Resolution No. 2026-04, Resolution Appointing City's Data Practices Officials and Adopting Policies

Council Member Cornett moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Council Member Cremona seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF AGENDA ITEMS

City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck

1 **Consider Approval of Cooperative Agreement between the City of Grant and Washington**
2 **County for Engineering Costs for CSAH 12 Safe Routes to School Trail Segment**– City Engineer
3 Reifsteck provided an update since the August meeting regarding the CSAH 12 Safe Routes to
4 School Trail Project with Washington County. Scope of Work Includes:

- 5 • Preliminary and final engineering
- 6 • Utility investigations and coordination
- 7 • Geotechnical exploration and recommendations
- 8 • Environmental reviews and mitigation
- 9 • Wetland delineation and mitigation, including purchase of credits

10 Washington County will act as the lead agency and manage consultant contracts.

11 Cost Sharing:

12 Total estimated project cost: \$84,650

- 13 • County share: \$42,325
- 14 • City share: \$42,325

15 Final costs will be reconciled at project completion.

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17 Discussion was had regarding ongoing maintenance of trail. Reifstack mentioned the maintenance
18 agreement comes later in the process but that the city would be responsible for maintenance including
19 snow removal. The city could decide not to remove snow, contract the cost out or see of the school
20 district or Mahtomedi would be open to removing the snow on this trail segment since they may be
21 removing snow on their trail segments connecting to it.

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23 **Motion by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Cornett to table until the**
24 **next meeting. Motion approved 4-0. Council Member Cremona asked who would follow up on**
25 **the maintenance issue. City staff and the mayor will.**

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27 **Consider Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorize Bid for 2026 Street Projects,**
28 **Resolution No. 2026-08**- City Engineer Reifsteck presented Resolution No. 2026-08 to approve
29 plans and specification and authorize bids for the 2026 street improvement projects. He went through
30 the timeline and answered questions about the designed and timing of notices in March for the final
31 assessment hearing and potential bid award in April.

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33 **Motion by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Cornett to approve**
34 **Resolution No. 2026-08. Motion approved 4-0.**

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36 **City Planner, Jennifer Haskamp**

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38 **PUBLIC HEARING, Consideration of Resolution 2026-05, Variance from required wetland**
39 **setback for 9850 Manning Ave N** – City Planner Haskamp presented a request from Jenny and
40 Troy Bergmann at 9850 Manning Ave N to construct an approximately 600 SF home addition, a 390
41 SF outdoor great room, and a 112 SF covered portico to the existing residential structure. The single-
42 family house is partially within the wetland setback area; however, it was constructed in the late
43 1970s prior to the adoption of wetland setback standards and is therefore considered to be legally
44 non-conforming. A wetland delineation for the property was completed in October 2025. The report
45 identifies five (5) wetland basins on the subject property.

1 City Code Sections 32-59 and 32-60 establish the criteria to review and approve variance requests.

2 **1) Proposed Use of the Property cannot be established under the conditions allowed by this**
3 **chapter and no other reasonable use exists...**

4 The lot is zoned and guided for rural residential uses. It is therefore reasonable to consider
5 improvements to the existing single-family residential home.

6 **2) Plight of the Landowner must be due to unique physical conditions of the land, and are not**
7 **applicable to other lands...**

8 Per the submitted wetland delineation, there are approximately 4.9-acres of wetland area on the
9 subject property, or about 48% of the total lot area. The existing residential structure is surrounded to
10 the east, south, and west by wetlands and to the north by the septic drainfield area. Therefore, any
11 additions or expansions to the home will be constrained and require either significant structural
12 alterations or similar variances. A significant portion of the home is within the wetland buffer area;
13 however, it was constructed in the 1970s, prior to the adoption of current wetland setback standards.
14 The placement of the principal structure would likely not be permitted today; however, the landowner
15 did not construct the property, and the home likely complied with applicable laws and standards when
16 it was constructed.

17 While the proposed addition will expand a legal non-conformity on the site; Staff believes that the
18 addition is in one of the only reasonable locations given the physical constraints of the site including
19 the wetlands, existing home location, attached accessory garage location and utilities. Given the
20 limiting factors, the requested variance has been minimized to the extent possible.

21 **3) Unique conditions cannot be caused by the Owner**

22 The physical constraints of the property were not created by the Applicant, and Staff believes that the
23 variance request is not motivated by economic considerations alone. The available space to site the
24 proposed addition is constrained, mostly because of the unique physical characteristics present on the
25 site. These conditions were not created by the landowner and meet the criteria to establish a practical
26 difficulty in complying with the setback requirements.

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28 **Motion by Council Member Cornett, seconded by Council Member Cremona to open the public**
29 **hearing at 7:12p.m. Motion approved 4-0.**

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31 The applicants shared they had been in conversation with the Browns Creeks Watershed District and
32 saw no issues in meeting their requirements.

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34 **Motion by Council Member Cremona, seconded by Council Member Cornett to closed the**
35 **public hearing at 7:13p.m. Motion approved 4-0.**

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37 **Motion by Council Member Cremona, seconded by Council Member Cornett to approve**
38 **Resolution No. 2026-05. Motion approved 4-0.**

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40 **City Attorney, Amanda Johnson (No action items)**

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42 **NEW BUSINESS**

43 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 2026-86, 2026 Fee Schedule and Resolution No. 2026-06,**
44 **Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 2026-86-** Interim Administrator Handt presented the 2026
45 fee schedule. No fees were proposed to be increased but building permit fees were added to the
46 schedule.

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3 **Motion by Council Member Cremona, seconded by Council Member Cornett to approve**
4 **Ordinance No. 2026-86 and Resolution No. 2026-06. Motion approved 4-0.**

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6 **Consideration of 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule-** Interim Administrator Handt presented the
7 proposed 2026 city council meeting schedule noting it followed the first Tuesday of each month with
8 two exceptions being February due to precinct caucuses and November due to the general election.
9 These meetings were moved to the first Monday.

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11 **Motion by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Cornett to approve the**
12 **2026 city council meeting schedule. Motion approved 4-0.**

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14 **Consideration of 2026 Deputy Mayor-**Interim Administrator Handt noted the City Council is
15 required to appoint an acting Mayor each year per state statute which covers the duties of the acting
16 mayor to essentially fill in when the mayor is not available. Even though the appointment is
17 annually, the Council can appoint the same person each year.

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19 **Motion by Mayor Giefer, seconded by Council Member Cornett to appoint Council Member**
20 **Rog as Deputy Mayor. Motion approved 4-0.**

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22 **Consideration of Appointment to Ramsey Washington Suburban Cable Commission-** Interim
23 Administrator Handt noted that while the council doesn't need to appoint a new director each year to
24 the cable commission, the joint powers agreement does mention appointment by resolution so one
25 was prepared this year. The mayor has served on the commission and is interested in continuing to
26 serve. The council should also consider who they'd like to appoint as an alternate. The mayor clarified
27 both can attend but only one would be able to vote. Council member Cornett volunteered to serve as
28 the alternate.

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30 **Motion by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Cremona to approve**
31 **Resolution No. 2026-07 appointing Mayor Giefer as Director and Council Member Ben Cornett**
32 **as alternate to the Ramsey Washington Suburban Cable Commission. Motion approved 4-0.**

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34 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

35 **DISCUSSION ITEMS (no action taken)**

36 **Staff Updates (updates from Staff, no action taken)**

37 Handt shared that office hours began this week and will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am-
38 12:30pm though residents are encouraged to check the website for any changes. She noted the
39 changes in how meeting packets are prepared and the tools to navigate to specific agenda items.
40 Lastly an update on ongoing code complaints was provided.

41 City Attorney Johnson recognized the increase legal bills as of the last few months. She offered that
42 some cities do not have their attorney attend all council meetings and asked if that change should be
43 implemented. Council agreed she would not need to attend every meeting if she didn't have an item

1 on the agenda and there wasn't an item that required her to be in attendance. She will work with the
2 administrator on updating the complaint process and see if she is needed at the next meeting.

3 **City Council Reports/Future Agenda Items (no action taken)**

4 Mayor Giefer asked a number of questions related to the recent Comcast broadband grant project. He
5 will email them to the Administrator for follow up with a Comcast representative. He also shared he
6 was recently appointed to the Executive Committee on the cable commission and is serving as the
7 secretary. Due to financial challenges with the decline of cable subscriptions, they did have to
8 eliminate a position recently.

9 Council member Cremona asked when the other policies the council had on previous work session
10 agendas would be coming back. Interim Administrator Handt suggested April as she will be tied up
11 with audit items through February.

12 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR JANUARY 7 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026:**

13 **Council Member Cornett read the following calendar announcements:**

14 **Mahtomedi Public Schools Board Meeting, Monday January 5th and January 26th Mahtomedi
15 District Education Center, 7:00 p.m.**

16 **Stillwater Public Schools Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 6th and January 20th, Oak Park
17 Learning Center, 5:30 p.m.**

18 **Washington County Commissioners Meeting, Tuesdays, Government Center, 9:00 a.m.**

19 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 19, 2026**

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21 **ADJOURNMENT**

22 **Council Member Cornett moved to adjourn at 7:37pm p.m. Council Member Cremona
23 seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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26 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting on February 2, 2026.

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Kristina Handt, Interim Administrator/Clerk

Jeff Giefer, Mayor

Final costs will be reconciled at project completion.

3. Snow Removal Considerations:

Trail Maintenance Findings:

- Washington County typically does not perform snow removal on any trail segments under its jurisdiction, including those located in the City of Grant.
- School District Capacity

The City Administrator contacted school district staff regarding potential assistance with snow removal. Staff reported very limited manpower and are unable to assume additional plowing responsibilities.

- Coordination with the City of Mahtomedi

The Mayor and City Administrator reached out to Mahtomedi leadership regarding the adjacent trail segment. Mahtomedi staff initially believed that Willernie's contractor (Ken, who contracts with Grant) plowed their trail. Ken confirmed he does not maintain that portion.

- Contractor Availability and Limitations

Ken stated he could plow the new Grant trail segment, but would need to use a pickup truck, which presents a risk of turf damage along trail edges.

- Historical City Position

Staff recalled that during planning for the school site, the City's position was to support trail construction, but not assume responsibility for snow removal. This longstanding policy may provide relevant guidance.

Action:

Staff request Council input and direction on the following:

1. Whether the City intends to assume responsibility for winter maintenance on the future CSAH 12 Trail segment.
2. Approve or reject the cooperative agreement with Washington County as outlined above.

Attachment: Cooperative Agreement

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
GRANT AND WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR ENGINEERING COSTS FOR THE
COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY (CSAH) 12 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
TRAIL SEGMENT**

WASHINGTON COUNTY	
CONTRACT NO.	17926
DEPT.	PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION	TRANSPORTATION
TERM	SIGNATURE – END OF PROJECT

THIS AGREEMENT, by and between the City of Grant, a municipal corporation, herein after referred to as the "City", and Washington County, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as the "County."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County is working through planning and design to construct a segment of trail along County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 12 from the Mahtomedi School Entrance to Inwood Avenue in the City of Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City and County will engage in engineering, utility investigations and environmental planning; and

WHEREAS, the City and County desires to use local funds for these services; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Cost Participation Policy #8001 identifies trail costs as a 50/50 match between County and City to construct a new trail; and

WHEREAS, a cooperative effort between the City and County is the appropriate method to facilitate the construction of these transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is made pursuant to statutory authority contained in Minnesota Statute 162.17 sub.1 and Minnesota Statute 471.59.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is set forth in the above whereas clauses which are all incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein and shall consist of this Agreement and Exhibit A (Location Map).

B. ENGINEERING SCOPE

This phase of work includes preliminary and final engineering for a new trail segment. This include utility investigation, project administration & management, geotechnical exploration, and environmental reviews and mitigation. This Agreement will be subject to Washington County Cost Participation Policy #8001.

C. AWARD OF CONTRACT

Washington County will award consultant contracts for this project and will be the lead agency in coordination with outside consultants.

D. COST PARTICIPATION ITEMS AND ESTIMATED COSTS

The City hereby agrees to fund their share of design engineering costs, which include professional design engineering services, project coordination, preparation of plans and specifications, environmental reviews and mitigation, geotechnical studies, and other administrative functions necessary for the Project.

Trail Engineering costs include those for engineering of the trail segment, including preliminary and final design, stormwater management and utility coordination required. Wetland Delineation & Mitigation costs include those to delineate project wetlands as well as coordinate and management of the wetland mitigation process. Geotechnical Engineering costs are for geotechnical evaluation and recommendations for the trail alignment. Wetland Mitigation Credits are costs associated with purchasing wetland banking credits through the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources programs.

TABLE 1 - ESTIMATED COSTS			
City of Grant Cost Summary			
	Total Cost	County Cost	City Cost
Trail Engineering	\$ 41,200.00	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 20,600.00
Wetland Delineation & Mitigation	\$ 11,050.00	\$ 5,525.00	\$ 5,525.00
Geotechnical Engineering	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Wetland Mitigation Credits	\$ 23,400.00	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 11,700.00
Total Cost	\$ 84,650.00	\$ 42,325.00	\$ 42,325.00

1. The costs and shares attributable to the City and payable to the County as shown in Table 1 are merely estimated and a final reconciliation of costs as set forth in Section G below shall be done at the end of the Project. Actual City costs and shares are based on the following:
 - a. Trail Engineering shall be based on the agreed scope and fee in the contract.
 - i. City and County must concur with any required budget amendments.
 - b. Wetland Delineation & Mitigation shall be based on the agreed scope and fee provided by Washington County’s on-call water resources consultant.
 - c. Geotechnical Engineering is based on estimated costs to acquire borings and formulate recommendations in the project area.
 - d. Wetland Mitigation Credits are based on the proposed layouts anticipated impacts. Final cost will be based on actual mitigation credit costs.

E. PAYMENT

1. The costs set forth in Table 1 for design engineering shall be paid by the City on a reimbursable basis.
2. The City shall pay 100 percent of an invoiced amount from the County within thirty (30) days of receipt.

F. CONTRACT CHANGES

Any modifications or additions to the final scope and fee for items reflected in Table 1, shall be made part of the contracts through a written amendment to the consultant contracts and the cost for such changes shall be appropriated as set forth in Section D. of this Agreement.

G. CIVIL RIGHTS AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

The provisions of Minn. Stat. 181.59 and of any applicable ordinance relating to civil rights and discrimination shall be considered part of this Agreement as if fully set further herein and shall be part of any Agreement entered into by the parties with any contractor subcontractor, or material suppliers.

H. WORKERS COMPENSATION

It is hereby understood and agreed that any and all employees of the City and all other persons employed by the City in the performance of construction and/or construction engineering work or services required or provided for under this Agreement shall not be considered employees of the County and that any and all claims that may or might arise under the Worker’s Compensation Act of the State of Minnesota on behalf of said employees while so engaged and any and all claims made by any third parties as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of said City employees while so engaged on any of the construction and/or construction engineering work or services to be rendered herein shall in no way be the obligation or

responsibility of the County.

It is hereby understood and agreed that any and all employees of the County and all other persons employed by the County in the performance of construction and/or construction engineering work or services required or provided for under this Agreement shall not be considered employees of the City and that any and all claims that may or might arise under the Worker's Compensation Act of the State of Minnesota on behalf of said employees while so engaged and any and all claims made by any third parties as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of said County employees while so engaged on any of the construction and/or construction engineering work or services to be rendered herein shall in no way be the obligation or responsibility of the City.

I. INDEMNIFICATION

1. The City agrees that it will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County against any and all liability, loss, damages, costs and expenses which the County may hereafter sustain, incur or be required to pay by reason of any negligent act by the City, its agents, officers or employees during the performance of this Agreement.
2. The County agrees that it will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City against any and all liability, loss, damages, costs and expenses which the City may hereafter sustain, incur or be required to pay by reason of any negligent act by the County, its agents, officers or employees during the performance of this Agreement.
3. To the fullest extent permitted by law, actions by the parties to this Agreement are intended to be and shall be construed as a "cooperative activity" and it is the intent of the parties that they shall be deemed a "single governmental unit" for the purposes of liability, as set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.59, subd. 1a.(b). The parties to this Agreement are not liable for the acts or omissions of another party to this Agreement except to the extent they have agreed in writing to be responsible for the acts or omissions of the other parties as provided for in Section 471.59, subd. 1a.
4. Each party's liability shall be governed by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466 and other applicable law. The parties agree that liability under this Agreement is controlled by Minnesota Statute 471.59, subdivision 1a. and that the total liability for the parties shall not exceed the limits on governmental liability for a single unit of government as specified in 466.04, subdivision 1(a).

J. DATA PRACTICES

All data collected, created, received, maintained, disseminated, or used for any purposes in the course of this Agreement is governed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes 1984, Section 13.01, et seq. or any other applicable state statutes and state rules adopted to implement the Act, as well as state statutes and federal regulations on data privacy.

K. TERM

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by mutual Agreement of the parties.

L. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts.

M. SEVERABILITY

If any provision or provisions of this Agreement are held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the parties have duly executed this Agreement by their duly authorized officers.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Chair Date
Board of Commissioners

Kevin Corbid Date
County Administrator

Approved as to form:

Jessica Bertel 12/26/2025
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Assistant County Attorney Date

CITY OF GRANT

Mayor Date

City Clerk Date

Approved as to form:

City Attorney Date



ISD 832 Segment

2024 Resurfaced Trail
North Side

GRANT

75TH ST N



INWOOD WAY N

CSAH 12 Segment

2025 Trail Construction
(Federally Funded)

*New Residential
Development
157 Acres*





FPI Paving Contractors, Inc.
 3230 Rice Street
 Saint Paul, MN 55126-3047
 Office: 651-484-0385
 Fax: 651-484-5327

To: CITY OF GRANT	Contact: BRAD REIFSTECK
Address: PO BOX 577 GRANT, MN 55090 US	Phone: 651-426-3383
	Email: Brad.Reifsteck@LHBcorp.com
Project Name: CITY OF GRANT MISC. POTHOLE PATCHING	Bid Number: 1
Project Location: CITY WIDE, GRANT, MN	Bid Date: 1/23/2026
Addendum #: 1	

Item #	Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
CITY WIDE MISC. BITUMINOUS PATCHING					
1	Fill In Pothole/Crack Repairs (4-Man Crew) - Clean And Prep Areas That Need To Be Patched. Apply Tack Coat To Surface, Apply Asphalt (1-2 Inches Thick) To Fill In Void And Create A Smooth Surface. Hourly Rate Includes The Following: 4-Man Crew, Quad Truck, Equipment, Tack, Mobilization, Etc.	1.00	HR	\$715.00	\$715.00
2	Bituminous Mix (SPWEA240B-Virgin) Including Tax	1.00	TON	\$80.00	\$80.00

Notes:

- Signed agreement must be received prior to scheduling, email signed agreement to sender or subcontract.
- The above prices are valid for 15 Days from Date of Bid.
- FPI Paving cannot Guarantee Drainage or Ponding of Water on Surfaces with Less than 1% Drainage.
- All Work to be Completed in 2026.
- The above Prices Exclude: Bonds, Permits, Testing, Surveying/Staking, Subgrade Prep./Subgrade Correction, Test Roll, Class 5 Under Concrete Curbs/Sidewalks/Flat Work, Class 5 Tolerance, Milling, ,Structure Adjustments/Patching, Landscape Restoration, Striping.
- Hourly Rate Includes (1) Mobilization per day. Hourly Rate Billed based on Port to Port time.
- Hourly Rate does NOT include bituminous patching with paver. ONLY for pothole and crack repairs.

Payment Terms:

Payment due within 30 days of date of invoice.

<p>ACCEPTED: The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and hereby accepted.</p> <p>Buyer: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date of Acceptance: _____</p>	<p>CONFIRMED: FPI Paving Contractors, Inc.</p> <p>Authorized Signature: <i>Jonathan Hager</i></p> <p>Estimator: Jonathan M. Hager (651) 484-0385 jonh@fpipaving.com</p>
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A.R.C. Paving Inc.

P.O. 627

Willernie Mn 55090

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
1/25/2026	127

Name / Address
City of Grant 111 Wildwood Rd Willernie MN 55090

Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Proposal to provide street patching for the City of Grant. -Furnish equipment and workers necessary to execute spot patching on city streets. -Any/All time allotted to city street maintainance to be billed at \$825.00 per hr (pothole patch trailer applications and dump truck/skid steer applications). -All material costs covered under A.R.C. Paviing account and included in invoicing to the City of Grant.		825.00	825.00
Total			\$825.00

Several factors make 2026 a uniquely cost-effective year to consider a full improvement project:

- The developer is already contributing to improvements on the adjacent segment.
- The City has \$60,952 available to put toward improvements.
- Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant funding may be available to further offset project costs.

3. Council Guidance Needed

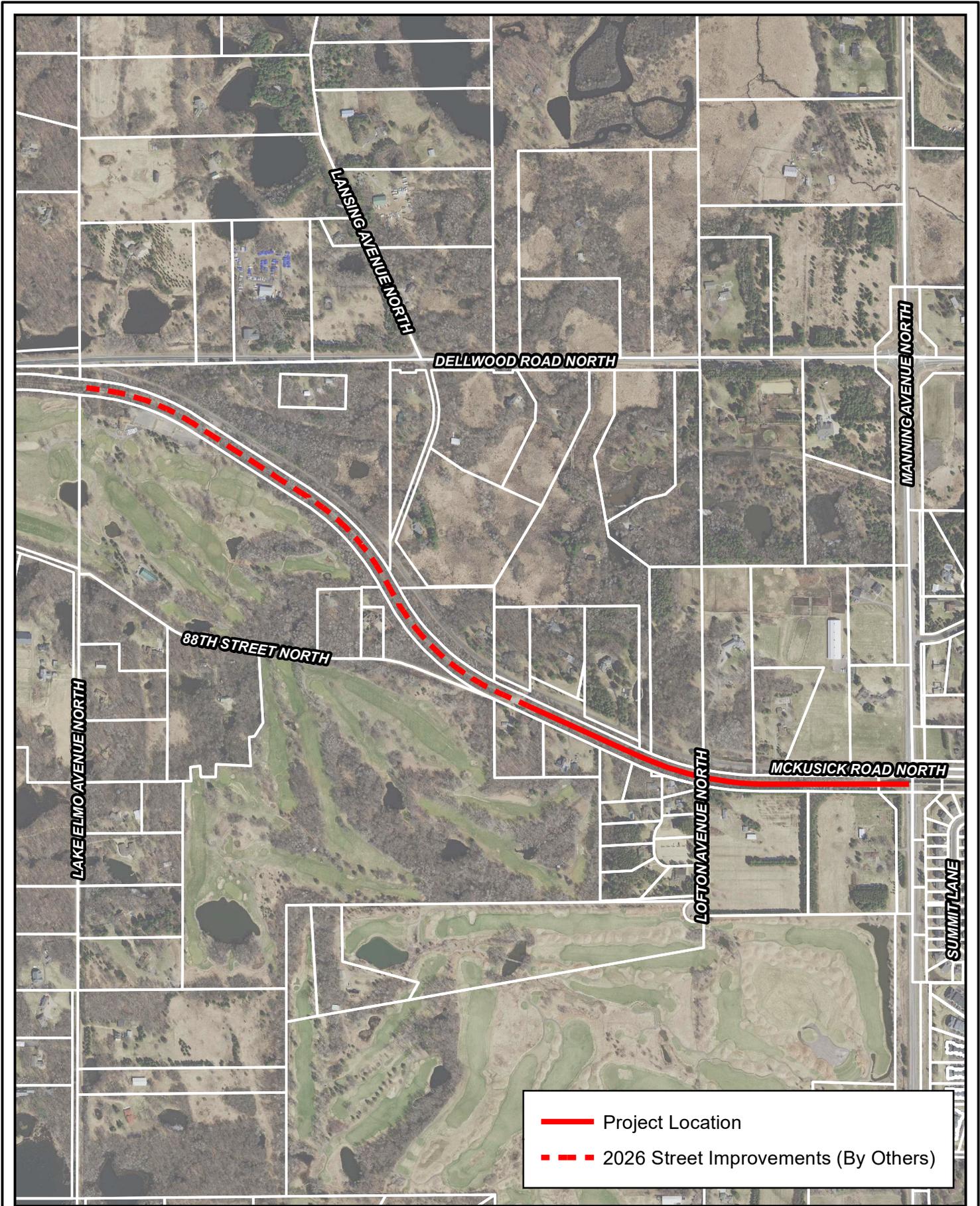
Staff is seeking City Council direction on the following:

1. Should the City initiate a full roadway improvement project for McKusick Road between 88th Street North and Manning Avenue for the 2026 construction season?
2. If so, should the initiation be:
 - Council-ordered, or
 - Petition-driven, consistent with past practice and city policy?
3. Should staff proceed with preparing feasibility analysis, cost estimates, and assessment projections for Council review?

Action:

Provide direction to staff on whether to move forward with the initiation of a street improvement project for McKusick Road between 88th Street North and Manning Avenue and identify the preferred method of initiation (Council action vs. resident petition).

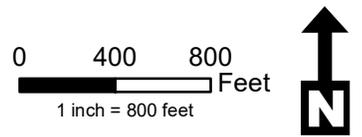
Attachment: McKusick Road Project Location Map



——— Project Location
- - - - 2026 Street Improvements (By Others)



PROJECT LOCATION MAP
2026 Roadway Improvement Project
Grant, MN





STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 4, 2026

New Business

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kristina Handt, Interim City Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: Variance Code Update Discussion

BACKGROUND:

City Code Sections 32-59 and 32-60 related to the processing of variances, have not been updated since 1982. In 2011, state statute was updated following a ruling by the Minnesota Supreme Court to replace “undue hardship” with “practical difficulties”. City code still refers to hardship. More background information about this change and variances in general is available from the League of Minnesota Cities at <https://www.lmc.org/resources/land-use-variances/>

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Would the City Council like the City Planner to prepare an ordinance update to make the variance code consistent with state statute?

PROPOSAL:

Council should discuss if they would like to have city code updated to align with state statute. If so, our City Planner would prepare a draft update to city code for council review. A public hearing would be required to be advertised in the White Bear Press and held before the Council could take final action on any changes so the public would have the opportunity to provide input. We will also post a notice at least 10 days prior to the meeting on our website. Before becoming effective, the adopted ordinance would be published, in summary form likely, in the White Bear Press.

Aligning with state statute is a good practice to reduce the city’s exposure and liability in any land use issues involving variances.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Direct the City Planner to begin the process of preparing an ordinance update to make city code consistent with state statute when processing variance requests. This will require a public hearing, adoption by city council and publication in the newspaper before becoming effective.
- 2) Do not make changes to the city code regarding the variance process. This could make the city vulnerable to legal challenges if state statute is not followed. It could also create confusion in having an ordinance that lays out different standards.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Cost for public hearing notices and publication of ordinance adoption are expected to be less than \$100 each assuming a summary publication is approved by Council. Estimated cost for consultant time is within the approved 2026 budget for planning services. Not having updated codes could result in the city incurring costs in other inefficiencies and/or legal fees.

City Council Report for January 2026

To: Kristina Handt City Clerk

From: Jack Kramer Building Official

City Code Violations:

No New Violations to Report.

City Code Violations Being Investigated:

1. Wood Check Tree Service 7310 Jocelyn Rd N. (Legal Non-Conforming Use.)
City Staff are currently working with property owners to abate issues.
2. Bwei Paw & Pan Ti Tan 8650-60th St. Buddhist Temple (Conditional Use Required).
City Staff is working with the property owners to obtain a Conditional Use Permit to operate a church.

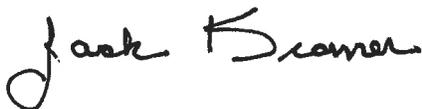
Abated Violations:

- 1 Ms. Flora Brama & Nick Thompson 9696-60th. St. N.- Violation of City Code Section 32-312 The principal Dwelling (c) Certain Structures Prohibited for Dwelling.
- a. Mr. & Mrs. Thompson have applied for building permits for a new home. Construction has begun and will be taking residency of the new home in May of 2026.

Building Permit Activity:

- 1.Ten (10) Building Permits were issued for a total valuation of \$ 1,926,192.00.

Respectfully submitted,



Jack Kramer

Building Official

Grant Master Form						
Permit	Permit Type	Name	Project Address	Date Issued	Valuation:	City Fee:
2026-1	Addition	Kresen	7691 Jamaca. Ave. N	1/2/2026	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,553.75
2026-2	Roof Top Solar System	Meredith	8484 Lake Elmo Ave.	1/5/2026	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 307.25
2026-3	Furnace	Elm	10220-60th. St. N.	1/5/2026	N/A	\$ 80.00
2026-4	15 Windows	Buchholz	11740 Lockridge Ave. N.	1/6/2026	\$ 44,811.00	\$ 593.75
2026-5	1 Window	Menne	11505 Hillcrest Ct. N.	1/6/2026	\$ 12,254.00	\$ 223.25
2026-6	Furnace & Air Cond.	Bergmann	10141 Juno Ave. N.	1/7/2026	N/A	\$ 80.00
2026-7	Swimming Pool	Johnson	11940 Honeye Ave N.	1/7/2026	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 391.75
2026-8	Boiler	Hertz	10597-114th. St. N.	1/12/2026	N/A	\$ 80.00
2026-9	Furnace & Air Cond.	Dobizi	6980 Jamaca Ave. N.	1/15/2026	N/A	\$ 80.00
2026-10	House & Garage	Zawadski Homes	7410 Keswick Ct. N.	1/17/2026	\$ 1,625,127.00	\$ 7,813.75
Monthly total					\$ 1,926,192.00	\$ 11,203.50