

GRAND MEADOW COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 9, 2026 @ 6:00 PM  
GRAND MEADOW CITY HALL

Present: Mayor Tim Fenton, Councilor Isaac Tangen, Councilor Thomas Oehlke, Councilor Caden Fruth, City Administrator James Christian, GMAAS Director Lori Brogan, GMPL Director Sarah Burmeister

Also Present: Gretchen Lovejoy Mensink

Absent: Councilor Blayne Stejskal

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Fenton called the meeting to order at 6 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA: Fruth motioned to approve the Consent agenda, Tangen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Approved additions & corrections to agenda
- B. Approved minutes – January regular meeting
- C. Approved General Fund bills: \$349,229.49

4. OPEN FORUM – No comments from public.

#### 5. REPORTS

- A. Library – Report provided. Burmeister discussed the reporting she must do annually to the State Library Services. Discussion was had regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> St NE future construction project and maintaining access to the library.
- B. Ambulance – Report provided. Discussion was held regarding call volume and billing.
- C. Maintenance – Report provided. Christian discussed the recent water main break on 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE at 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE and snow removal efforts.
- D. Police – Report provided. Christian reported that he had a meeting with Mower County executives who wished to present a proposal for policing. Tangen motioned to have Christian investigate a proposal from the County and bring it back to Council, Oehlke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Fire – Report provided. Discussion was held regarding the GMFD contribution to the 2026 Fireworks display, purchase of a new PA system, and pending sale of a Rural Association brush truck.
- F. Clerk – End of year closeout and file retention
- G. City Administrator- Report provided. Christian reviewed some upcoming IT security improvements.

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Wastewater Facility Project Update / Hodgman Drainage: Christian asked for approval of a quote from Hodgman Drainage for drain tile investigation and GPS mapping at the site of the new treatment ponds. Tangen motioned to approve the quote in the amount of \$6,560, Fruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Christian noted the Mower County is looking at reconstruction CSHA 8 from the south edge of town to the north by the end of the decade, and he and the engineers were exploring modifying the wastewater facility plan to include utility work in that area while the street is torn up.

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Property Split – PID 25.006.0110: 208 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW: Christian reviewed the property split request for Council, noting that the split would create a large buildable lot, and water and sewer connections were stubbed in during the utility reconstruction project. Christian noted that all special assessment had been paid off on the properties.
- B. Resolution 2026-002 – Resolution Accepting Donation: Fruth motioned to approve a \$100 donation from the Root River Antique Historical Power Association, to be used for the Community Center; Oehlke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Resolution 2026-003 – Resolution to Adopt the 2025 Mower County Hazard Mitigation Plan: Tangen motioned to adopt the 2025 Mower County Hazard Mitigation Plan, Fruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 2026-004 – Resolution Approving Property Adjustment – 208 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW: Fruth motioned to approve property split at 208 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW, Tangen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURN: Oehlke motioned to adjourn, Fruth second. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.