

GRAND MEADOW COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2026 @ 6:00 PM  
GRAND MEADOW CITY HALL

Present: Mayor Tim Fenton, Councilor Blayne Stejskal, Councilor Isaac Tangen, Councilor Thomas Oehlke, Councilor Caden Fruth, City Administrator James Christian, City Clerk Chris Hyrkas, GMAAS Director Lori Brogan

Also Present: Derek Olinger (Bolton & Menk), Gretchen Lovejoy Mensink

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

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

A. Approve additions & corrections to agenda (none)

B. Approve minutes – February regular meeting

C. Approve General Fund bills \$182,818.49

4. OPEN FORUM – No comments from public.

5. 2026 Fireworks display, Lions Club- Nobody was present to speak on this item.

6. WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATE – Derek Olinger (Bolton & Menk) gave an update on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan and explained that the Minnesota Public Financing Authority needed a resolution from Council to be able to apply for project funding. Tangen motioned to approve Resolution 2026-006 – Resolution of Application – MPFA to allow application for financing, Fruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

7. REPORTS

A. Library – No meeting, preliminary summer programming

B. Ambulance – Report provided. Director Brogan discussed the 2026 per-capita GMAAS assessment.

C. Maintenance – Report provided. Christian discussed electrical and heating issues that had been occurring at the main wellhouse, as well as water meter issues occurring with batteries reaching their lifespan. Christian also discussed cleanup work that was scheduled for the fencelines at Pine Lawn Park

D. Police – Report provided.

E. Fire – Report provided. Stejskal motioned to approve a temporary liquor license for the GMFD for Meadowfest, Tangen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Stejskal motioned to approve a temporary liquor license for the GMFD for the GMEF auction, Tangen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Clerk – Lions Club Raffle: Hyrkas asked for approval for the 2026 Lions Club Annual Raffle. Stejskal motioned to approve the raffle, Oehlke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

G. City Administrator- Report provided. Christian stated that Mower County had reached out to him to discuss a proposal for the Mower County Sheriff's Office providing law enforcement under a contract basis. Christian asked for a motion to have a Council work session on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm to discuss the proposal with the County. Tangen motioned to hold the workshop at that time and date, Stejskal 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. No old business.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2026-005 – Resolution Accepting Donation: American Legion Auxiliary: Tangen motioned to pass resolution 2026-005 to accept a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from the American Legion Auxiliary, Fruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Building Permit – 531 Elliot Dr SE: New construction home: Christian stated that the new home construction would meet all required setbacks and restrictions and was recommended by Planning and Zoning. Stejskal motioned to approve the permit, Oehlke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Fence Permit – 516 Elliot Dr SE: Fence replacement: Christian stated that the new fence was a replacement for an existing fence and would comply with ordinances and was recommended for approval by Planning and Zoning. Tangen motioned to approve the permit, Fruth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

10. ADJOURN: Oehlke motioned to adjourn, Tangen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.