

Mayor: Toby Strom * City Clerk/Treasurer: Melissa Finseth

Minutes

May 8, 2025

The meeting of the McIntosh City Council was called to order by Mayor Toby Strom at 5:30 PM
Thursday May 8, 2025

Present: Toby Strom, Luke Syverson, Beth Hagen, Adam Strutz, Mark Simonson

Guests: Darren Matetich – Otter Tail Power Company, Crystelle Philipp – Hoffman, Philipp, & Martell, PLLC

1) Motion by Councilmember Syverson and seconded by Councilmember Hagen to approve the April 9, 2025 minutes. Passed and carried.

2) MEDA and Poplar Meadows Committee Reports:

Poplar Meadows Committee member Boehrsen reported there are currently 22 residents at Poplar Meadows with four open apartments.

Council approved new carpet and wall paint in one of the apartments, but did not approve a permanent wall-mount air conditioning unit.

Motion by Councilmember Hagen to approve the submitted claims for Poplar Meadows in the amount of \$76,597.19. Motion seconded by Councilmember Syverson and carried.

3) The City Clerk informed the Council that Lance and Julie Erickson are the official owners of the Reese yard site. Property sale was completed on April 25, 2025.

4) Crystelle Philipp, from Hoffman, Philipp, & Martell, PLLC, was in attendance to review the 2024 audit with the Council. The overall financial state of the City was positive in 2024. A full financial review will be published in the McIntosh Times newspaper.

5) Darren Matetich, from Otter Tail Power Company, was in attendance to go over the ordinance granting to Otter Tail Power Company a nonexclusive franchise rights to construct, operate, repair, and maintain in the city of McIntosh for a period of twenty (20) years. Councilmember Syverson presented to the Council the ordinance. Councilmembers voting in the affirmative: Hagen, Simonson, Syverson, and Strutz. Votes in the negative: None.

6) Mayor Strom voiced his concern about unaccompanied minors driving golf carts on the City's streets. Though Minnesota does not require a driver's license to operate a golf cart, it does give each City the latitude to adopt its own local laws. The current McIntosh golf cart law states that anyone operating a golf cart should have their driver's license, which lets the City know that the driver understands basic traffic laws. The City does require all golf cart owners to purchase an annual permit.

7) Motion by Councilmember Simonson to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$56,264.37. Motion seconded by Councilmember Syverson and carried.

8) The Inter-County Community Council is celebrating sixty (60) years of service in the community and to commemorate the occasion, they would like to host a one-time mobile food drop in each of their core counties with cities that do not have a food shelf. The McIntosh City Council offered the City Shed for the location to be held on the morning of Monday June 2nd.

9) Motion by Councilmember Simonson to adjourn at 6:30. Motion seconded by Councilmember Syverson and carried.