

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

## **Minutes**

**June 17, 2025**

The meeting of the McIntosh City Council was called to order by Mayor Toby Strom at 5:30 PM Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

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

Absent: Beth Hagen

Guests: Alex Kutsev and Lance Erickson

1) Motion by Councilmember Syverson and seconded by Councilmember Simonson to approve the May 8, 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 two open apartments.

Price increases to service packages will take effect July 1, 2025.

Quotes for a new propane tank and contract price for propane will be gathered, for Poplar Meadows, for the year.

Ms. Boehrsen asked for the Council's advice on a resident's request to install a mini-split air conditioning unit in their apartment. The Council gave permission with the following conditions: 1) The residents pay for it themselves. 2) The air conditioner becomes Poplar Meadow's property when they leave. Motion by Councilmember Syverson to approve the air conditioner with the afore-mentioned stipulations. Motion seconded by Councilmember Strutz and carried.

Motion by Councilmember Syverson to approve the submitted claims for Poplar Meadows in the amount of \$66,040.93. Motion seconded by Councilmember Strutz and carried.

3) Councilmember Syverson introduced the following resolutions:

- a) To appoint the Erskine Echo as the City's official newspaper
- b) To accept a donation, of \$2,000.00, from the Beito Foundation for McIntosh beautification.
- c) To accept a donation, of \$5,000.00, from the Beito Foundation for updates to the Poplar Meadows dining room.

All resolutions passed unanimously.

4) Toni Epema applied for a building permit to put an addition on her house. Motion by Councilmember Syverson to approve the permit. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.

5) The City Clerk informed the Council that the State of Minnesota has proposed a cut to the City's Local Government Aid by 3.1%, which is a loss of \$8,299.00 to the City's 2025 budget. The loss is due to the State's six-billion-dollar deficit in 2025.

6) Council approved 2,000 gallons of propane from Northern Propane & Fuel at \$1.65 per gallon. Councilmember Syverson abstained from the vote.

7) Win-E-Mac Public School asked for a donation for their football program. Councilmember Syverson suggested a donation of \$100.00. Motion seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.

8) Lance Erickson was in attendance to raise concern that the vacant property on Second Street NW needs to be cleaned and mowed as it is next door to his property. The City Clerk informed the Council that the owner does not live in town and has been difficult to get a hold of in the past, but a letter will be sent with instructions to clean up the property or City Maintenance will do it at \$200.00 per hour and the charges will be assessed to the tax roll.

9) Motion by Councilmember Simonson to approve the City's monthly claims in the amount of \$53,147.44. Motion seconded by Councilmember Syverson and carried.

10) Councilmembers will be assessing the City's streets and gather quotes from various paving companies to do the necessary repairs.

11) Motion by Councilmember Syverson to adjourn the meeting at 6:50. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.