

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

Minutes

September 11, 2025

The meeting of the McIntosh City Council was called to order by Mayor Toby Strom at 5:30 PM
Thursday September 11, 2025

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

Guests: Alex Kutsev, Sr., Sabrina Strutz

1) Motion by Councilmember Simonson and seconded by Councilmember Syverson to approve the August 14, 2025 minutes. Passed and carried.

2) Motion by Councilmember Hagen to approve the 2026 Budget meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Syverson and carried.

3) MEDA and Poplar Meadows Committee Reports:

Poplar Meadows Committee member Boehrsen reported there are currently 26 residents at Poplar Meadows with two open apartments.

Ms. Boehrsen informed the Council that new dining room tables and chairs are needed. Mayor Strom suggested gathering quotes for new chairs and to have the Poplar Meadows Maintenance staff refinish the oak dining tables.

Motion by Councilmember Syverson to approve the submitted claims for Poplar Meadows in the amount of \$74,515.35. Motion seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.

4) Alex Kutsev asked the Council to consider allowing him to move his propane tanks to the alleyway between his property located at 325 Cleveland Ave SW and the property located at 135 Third St SW. Council instructed him to call Gopher State One-Call to find out what utilities are in the alleyway, if any, before the city moves to vacate the alley.

5) Motion by Councilmember Syverson to set the Truth in Taxation meeting for December 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Strutz and carried.

6) The City Clerk presented a proposal from TextMyGov, a tech development company that allows citizens and local government agencies to connect through all communication methods but primarily push notifications on cell phones. The Council felt this form of communication

would create too many issues in keeping up with text messages between the city and the public. Therefore, the Council overwhelmingly decided against signing up for the program.

7) Motion by Councilmember Syverson to approve the building permit for Meria Erofeeff. Motion seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.

8) Council discussed amending the McIntosh zoning map to reflect a classification change to a recently purchased property. The City Attorney will need to provide guidance in this matter to ensure that the city abides by State laws.

9) Motion by Councilmember Syverson to approve the City's monthly bills in the amount of \$30,931.27. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.

10) Council and Staff Reports

Melissa Finseth reported that an electric pole had been struck and damaged behind the Bjella Building. The Council will consider removing all, but one, of the poles to avoid this from happening in future.

Ms. Finseth also reported that the city was selected to receive \$100,000.00 in grant funding from the Greater Minnesota Small Cities (Tier 11 Cities) Housing Aid Grant Program to be used for a Poplar Meadows debt payment.

11) Councilmember Simonson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:31. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.