

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

Minutes

March 11, 2026

The meeting of the McIntosh City Council was called to order by Mayor Toby Strom at 5:30 PM Thursday March 11, 2026

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

Absent:

Guests: Roy and Tina Sonkowsky, Tanya Nelson

- 1) Motion by Councilmember Simonson and seconded by Councilmember Hagen to approve the Township/Fire Department meeting minutes held on February 11, 2026. Carried
- 2) Motion by Councilmember Hagen and seconded by Councilmember Syverson to approve the February 12, 2026 minutes. Carried.

Public Concerns

Tina and Roy Sonkowsky were in attendance to discuss animals running loose in their neighborhood – dogs in particular, and siting public safety as their main concern. They wanted to know what the consequences were for the owners. Mayor Strom informed them that warning letters are sent and depending on the situation Animal Control is called to remove the dog.

Ms. Sonkowsky also voiced her concern for children driving golf carts on city streets stating that she has witnessed children not watching for traffic and driving recklessly. Under McIntosh City Ordinance §73.08(2)(d) Every operator must have a current driver's license, so no child under 16 should be operating a golf cart on city streets.

Tanya Nelson was in attendance to ask permission to publish the Council meeting minutes in her McIntosh newsletter titled Your Local 411. The Council unanimously agreed to her request.

MEDA and Poplar Meadows Committee Reports: *REBECCA BOEHRNSEN - LICENSED ASSISTED LIVING DIRECTOR FOR POPLAR MEADOWS

- 3) Poplar Meadows Committee member Boehrsen reported there are currently 26 residents at Poplar Meadows with two open apartments.
- 4) Motion by Councilmember Syverson to approve the submitted claims for Poplar Meadows in the amount of \$62,557.85. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.

5) Motion by Councilmember Hagen to approve the carpet bid, from Schulz Carpeting, in the amount of \$3,069. Motion was made by Councilmember Syverson and carried.

6) Rebecca Boehrsen informed the Council that one of the apartments has the original carpeting from 2003 and needs to be replaced. Schulz Carpeting will be providing a quote in the days ahead. Motion by Councilmember Syverson to pre-approve new flooring up to \$3,000.00. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Hagen and carried.

Old Business

New Business

7) The Council set Clean-up Week for April 24, 2026 through May 4, 2026.

8) Motion by Councilmember Hagen to approve a building permit for a 24ft x 28ft detached garage for Kim Ferden. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried.

9) Motion by Councilmember Syverson to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Strutz and carried.

10) Motion by Councilmember Syverson to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$38,342.07. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Hagen and carried.

11) The City Clerk and Rich Sanders, from Polk County Highway Department, discussed the prospect of the County and MN DOT adding J-turns at the intersections of 8 and 41 off U.S. Highway 2. Minnesota is advocating for changes to intersections to reduce the number of broadside or "T-bone" accidents. Mr. Sanders said the public will have the opportunity to voice their opinions in future meetings, which have not been set.

12) Melissa Finseth informed the Council that Polk County Public Health requested permission to repaint their offices. The city was asked to provide the paint and supplies in the amount of \$250.00 and Polk County will provide the labor.

13) With no other business to discuss, a motion by Councilmember Simonson to adjourn the meeting at 6:10. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Syverson and carried.

Next meeting will be held: April 7, 2026