

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

Minutes

May 14, 2026

The meeting of the McIntosh City Council was called to order by Mayor Toby Strom at 5:30 PM
Thursday May 14, 2026

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

Absent: Mark Simonson

Guests: Crystelle Philipp of Hoffman, Philipp, & Martel, PLLC, Tanya Nelson

1) Motion by Councilmember Syverson and seconded by Councilmember Hagen to approve the April 7, 2026, Regular Council meeting minutes. Carried

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

2) Poplar Meadows Committee member Boehrsen reported there are currently 25 residents at Poplar Meadows with two open apartments.

3) Motion by Councilmember Syverson and seconded by Councilmember Hagen to approve the submitted claims for Poplar Meadows for \$76,108.14. Carried.

4) New State guidelines require the separation of meals from the rest of the basic service package offered to residents.

5) Motion by Councilmember Syverson and seconded by Councilmember Strutz to approve a half page advertisement, for Poplar Meadows of McIntosh, in the Tri-Valley publication in the amount of \$1,440.00 for a full year. Carried

New Business

6) The McIntosh Auditor, Crystelle Philipp, of Hoffman, Philipp, & Martel, PLLC, was in attendance to review the 2025 Audit. Ms. Philipp was satisfied with the overall state of the City's finances but advised that the Council consider increasing the utility rates to shore up the enterprise funds.

7) Councilmember Syverson introduced a resolution to partner with the NW MN Multi-County HRA to assist with the completion of a grant application to the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development for the City. Councilmembers voting in the affirmative: Hagen, Strutz, Syverson. Councilmembers voting in the negative: None

8) McIntosh Senior Living is seeking sponsorship for their 4th annual golf scramble fundraiser on June 13, 2026 at the Fosston Golf Club. Motion by Councilmember Syverson to donate \$100.00. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Hagen and carried.

9) Motion by Councilmember Syverson and seconded by Councilmember Hagen to approve sharing health insurance expenses with Maintenance Supervisor Peter Tranby. Motion carried.

10) Motion by Councilmember Syverson and seconded by Councilmember Strutz to approve changing the November Council meeting date to the 5th from its original date of the 12th. Motion carried.

11) Mayor Strom discussed the May 13, 2026, public meeting with MN DOT regarding the J-turns along US Highway 2 and County Roads 8 and 41. Engineers from MN DOT described the safety and economic reasons for the changes to members of the public, but the public, overwhelmingly, disapproved the proposal siting the Highway 2 and County Rd 32 (Marcoux Corner) J-turn as primary example of an engineering failure. MN DOT admitted that changes needed to be made after members of the public reported their own near collisions at that intersection.

Farm equipment maneuverability was a major concern for those who have farmland on the south-side of Highway 2 as well as complaints that access to the grain elevator will become more cumbersome for semis, but despite the concerns and objections, MN DOT will move forward with the J-turns beginning in 2029 with only slight modifications to the plans.

12) Melissa Finseth informed the Council that Wanda Stordahl volunteered to paint curbs ahead of the July 4th celebration. The Council welcomes anyone to volunteer their time to help keep McIntosh looking its best.

13) Melissa Finseth informed the Council that security cameras were installed at Roholt Park per the Council's request from October 2025.

14) Motion by Councilmember Syverson to approve the City's claims in the amount of \$38,623.85. Motion seconded by Councilmember Strutz and carried.

With no other business to discuss, a motion by Councilmember Syverson to adjourn the meeting at 6:23. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Strutz and carried.

Next meeting will be held on June 11, 2026