CITY OF BALDWIN

BALDWIN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 26th, 2026

Present – Mayor Jay Swanson, City Council; Tom Rush, Alan Walker, Scott Case, and Jeff Holm
Jeff Holm and Tom Rush arrived at 7:03 p.m.
Also Present – Fire Chief Robin Fischer. Fire Chief Robin Fischer left the meeting after the fire department budget was discussed.

Call to Order – The August 26th, 2026 special meeting of the City of Baldwin was called to order by Mayor Jay Swanson at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Discuss 2026 and 2027 Budget – Revenues include general taxes, state aids, fees, building permits and special levies. The City of Baldwin will not receive LGA (Local Government Aid) funding this year due to the formulas used by the State. Building permit revenues are projected to remain stable due to steady building and development activity in the city. At this time, Council can increase or decrease the levy amount, but once the levy is certified to Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer by September 30th, 2026, the only options are to reduce the levy, reduce expenditures, or increase revenues in other ways.

The City Council reviewed the expenditures and revenues and proposed:

101: General Fund - $1,020,400

275: Road and Bridge - $500,000

250: Fire Fund - $240,000

403: Fire Capital - $50,000

404: Park - $90,000

301 & 302 Debt Services - $101,500

250-33420 - $25,000

Total $2,026,900 which is calculated as a 6% increase from the 2026 levy.

Swanson made a motion to add $36,000 to the budget for a liquor store feasibility study. Case seconded the motion. Walker, Rush, Holm disapproved. Motion failed with a 2-3 vote.

Adjourn – Rush/Walker unanimous to approve adjourning at 9:23 p.m.

Submitted By: (s/) Joan Heinen
Clerk/Treasurer
City of Baldwin

Approved By: (s/) Jay Swanson
Mayor
City of Baldwin

9-2-2026
Date

Attendees: Cartrell Cooper and Bruce West