

The Committee of the Whole met at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on January 21, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons Peloquin, Busse, and Gearing-Lancaster were present. Mayor Eddy and Alderpersons Ammann, E. Rave, Dougherty, and Wussow attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderperson M. Rave was excused. Council President Joel Busse presided.

1. There were no citizens in attendance.
2. It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Wussow to approve Amendment #9 to the Employee Handbook establishing a Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use policy. Motion carried.
3. It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to approve the Ad Hoc Branding Committee's recommendation for a new City logo using the "B" icon and the SuperClarendon text font as presented. Motion carried.
4. The Department Head monthly reports were reviewed. Department heads present were Darryl Nelson, Travis Brown, Cara Hart, Mark Nordahl, and Brad Chown. Jarod Meyer was excused.
5. The Fire Chief advised the new Lifepack 35 monitors have been received. Training is scheduled for February 10th and 12th, and they hope to have them in service by the end of February.
6. It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty to award the bid for rubble crushing to PGA, Inc out of Weston, WI at a cost of \$4.60 per ton and a \$5,000 mobilization fee. Motion carried.
7. The Chief of Police introduced Josh Radaj as the new Patrol Sergeant. Sgt. Radaj was present and answered questions from Council members.
8. Financial reports for December 2025 will be presented at a later date after all December invoices have been paid and expensed back to 2025.
9. It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:26pm.

A. Brad Chown
City Administrator