

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

It was moved by Alderperson Peloquin, seconded by Alderperson Wussow to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 17, 2025 Special Common Council meeting and approve as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

There was 1 citizen in attendance. Brady Palmer shared his concerns on what he felt were unsafe pedestrian conditions and nitrous oxide use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty to place on file the minutes of the December 29, 2025 Utility Commission meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty to approve **ORDINANCE 900** – An ordinance rezoning Parcel 206-2577.0010 from R-1 Single Family Residential to B-3 Highway Business District. Motion carried.

CITY OF BLACK RIVER FALLS ORDINANCE NO. 900

Pursuant to a public hearing held on September 24, 2025, in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. Section 62.23(7)(d)(2), and pursuant to the recommendation of the Plan Commission for the City of Black River Falls, Jackson County, Wisconsin:

The Common Council of the City of Black River Falls, Jackson County, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Zoning ordinance amended. The following described property, which is currently zoned R-1 (Single-Family Residential), is hereby rezoned as B-3 (Highway Business District).

<u>PARCEL #</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
206-2577.0010	441 State Highway 54

The City Administrator recommended not moving forward with the proposed ground mount solar panel arrays between City Hall and the Library. The recommendation was based on the proposed system only projected to offset 40% of the annual energy use at City Hall with projected annual savings of only \$3,800. The Administrator recommended re-evaluating a roof mounted system for City Hall in 12-15 years when the roof will be near the end of its life cycle, and to explore other municipal buildings that may benefit from solar now such as the Milt Lunda Memorial Ice Arena or the Hoffman Aquatic Center. There was consensus not to proceed with the proposed ground mount solar panel arrays for City Hall.

The City Administrator advised that all City officials that are up for re-election have submitted nomination papers and there are no contested races and no registered write in candidates for the April election.

It was moved by Alderperson Dougherty, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:16pm.

A. Brad Chown
City Administrator