

The Common Council met at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on March 3, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons Ammann, Peloquin, Dougherty, and Gearing-Lancaster were present. Alderpersons Busse and Wussow attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderpersons M. Rave and E. Rave were excused. Mayor J. Eddy presided.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Common Council meeting and approve as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

There were no citizens in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole met at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on February 18, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons Ammann, Peloquin, Dougherty, Gearing-Lancaster, and Wussow were present. Alderperson E. Rave attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderpersons M. Rave and Busse were excused. Mayor J. Eddy presided.

1. There were no citizens in attendance.
2. The Department Head monthly reports were reviewed. Department heads present were Darryl Nelson, Travis Brown, Cara Hart, and Brad Chown. Jarod Meyer attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Mark Nordahl was excused.
3. The City Administrator and Alderperson Dougherty advised the quality of VoIP phone calls should be equal to or better than landline. There was a good turn out for the Make My Move launch call and local stakeholders are excited about the program. The Administrator also answered questions on Skyline Golf Course. He shared some of the financial struggles they have been experiencing for quite some time and advised they are seeking resolutions. If this isn't resolved, the management of the golf course could come back to the City which would require some difficult conversations. The clubhouse was included on the solar feasibility study to see if that could offset the high utility costs they experience year round.
4. Mayor Eddy shared that all of the EMS staff he has talked to are very happy with the new system and they feel less burn out.
5. The Street Superintendent addressed a question on the recurring water main breaks occurring on N. 8th Street. Water mains are ultimately the Water Department's responsibility, but it is believed the main lines are resting on top of sandstone and when the ground moves with the frost the pipes do not move and end up breaking. This will most likely be addressed if/when we redo N. 8th Street, but trying to fix it now would require tearing up a large area of N. 8th Street. There was another water main break on Alder Street which also has one patch after another in one area.
6. The Mayor commented on the video Market & Johnson posted on the work that has been done at Marks Field and it looks good. The Parks & Recreation Director agreed, and the project is close to completion.
7. It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to approve the vouchers for December 2025 Check #76412 - #76534 Totaling \$845,331.94. Motion carried.
8. It was moved by Alderperson Dougherty, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to approve the City Treasurer's Report for December 2025. Motion carried.
9. It was moved by Alderperson Dougherty, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to approve the Revenue & Expense Reports for December 2025. Motion carried.
10. It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to approve the vouchers for January 2026 Check #76535 - #76661 Totaling \$1,492,497.53. Motion carried.

11. It was moved by Alderperson Dougherty, seconded by Alderperson Wussow to approve the City Treasurer's Report for January 2026. Motion carried.
12. It was moved by Alderperson E. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Ammann to approve the Revenue & Expense Reports for January 2026. Motion carried.
13. It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:25pm.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty to place on file the minutes of the February 23, 2026 Utility Commission meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to approve the application for a Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor Alcohol Beverage License from Docside, LLC for the premises located at N6600 Riverview Drive contingent on the current licenses being surrendered by DJT Properties, LLC D.B.A. McSweet's Irish Pub. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Dougherty, seconded by Alderperson Ammann to approve the application for a Temporary Alcohol Beverage License from Black River Falls Athletic Boosters, Inc. for the Falls Taste Festival on May 2, 2026 at 388 Melrose Street (Milt Lunda Memorial Arena). Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 901 – An ordinance repealing and recreating Section 11.04 of the Code of Ordinances regarding garbage and rubbish collection was presented – 1st reading.

ORDINANCE 902 – An ordinance repealing and recreating Section 1.57 of the Code of Ordinances regarding destruction of public records was presented – 1st reading.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Wussow to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:28pm.

A. Brad Chown
City Administrator