

The Common Council met at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on April 8, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons Ammann, Peloquin, M. Rave, E. Rave, Dougherty, and Gearing-Lancaster were present. Alderperson Busse attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderperson Wussow was excused. Mayor J. Eddy presided.

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

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#### **CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE**

There were three citizens in attendance for an agenda item.

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The City Administrator provided results from the April 7, 2026 election.

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#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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The Committee of the Whole met at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on March 18, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons Ammann, Peloquin, Dougherty, Busse, Gearing-Lancaster, and Wussow were present. Alderperson E. Rave attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderperson M. Rave was 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, Jarod Meyer, Mark Nordahl, and Brad Chown.
3. The Library Director advised the solar panels have been installed and now just need to hook up electrical.
4. The Fire Chief advised Tyler Rush is now a Critical Care Paramedic which will allow the service to take more critical transfers and also get a higher reimbursement from Medicaid and Medicare. The service now has two (2) staff members certified at this level of care.
5. The Street Superintendent advised they had gone through 850 gallons of diesel since Sunday for snow removal operations and they will continue to be busy with snow removal the rest of the week.
6. It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty to award 2026 paving bids to Mathy Construction in the amount of \$239,127.07. Motion carried.
7. It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to award 8<sup>th</sup> Street curb & gutter replacement to Chippewa Concrete in the amount of \$49,084.00. Motion carried.
8. It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to award 2026 loader bid to McCoy Construction & Forestry for a 2026 John Deere 624P in the amount of \$249,900.00 with \$50,000 trade allowance for existing loader. Motion carried.
9. It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Wussow to approve the purchase of a front mounted snow plow for the new loader from Universal Truck Equipment at a cost of \$23,987.00. Motion carried.
10. It was moved by Alderperson Dougherty, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to approve the purchase of a side mounted mid wing snow plow for the new loader from Universal Truck Equipment at a cost of \$21,108.00. Motion carried.
11. It was moved by Alderperson Dougherty, seconded by Alderperson Busse to approve the new Garbage Operator job description and the other revised Street Department job descriptions as presented. Motion carried.
12. It was moved by Alderperson Dougherty, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to approve the Axon Enterprises, Inc. contract for body cameras and related services for the Police Department with a 60-month term at a cost of \$55,602.41. Motion carried.

13. It was moved by Alderperson Peloquin, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to approve the Parks & Recreation Department's request to purchase a new Ferris zero turn mower from German Hill Equipment at a cost of \$17,200.00. Motion carried.
14. It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty to approve the vouchers for February 2026 Check #76662 - #76752 Totaling \$2,199,082.10. Motion carried.
15. It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to approve the City Treasurer's Report for February 2026. Motion carried.
16. It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson Ammann to approve the Revenue & Expense Reports for February 2026. Motion carried.
17. It was moved by Alderperson E. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Ammann to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:36pm.

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It was moved by Alderperson M. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to place on file the minutes of the March 30, 2026 Utility Commission meeting. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Alderperson Peloquin, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to ratify Mayor Eddy's March Snow Storm Disaster Proclamation and rescind the proclamation as of April 8, 2026. Motion carried.

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Representatives from the Jackson County Historical Society presented a history of the organization and shared plans for renovating the historic McManners & Landers Ford Garage building located at 34 South First Street.

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Ethos Green Power Cooperative representative Katherine Lewiston presented an overview of the recently completed solar feasibility study that looked at the Skyline clubhouse, the Hoffman Aquatic Center, the Milt Lunda Memorial Arena, and the fire station. The Skyline clubhouse only showed a potential usage offset of 24%, and the Aquatic Center has a short operational and demand period that would result in over production which is not cost effective. The ice arena and the fire station both illustrated good potential for future solar projects if the City wishes to pursue them.

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Alderperson Peloquin raised concern regarding a provision in Ordinance 901 potentially restricting residents and non-residents from placing garbage in garbage receptacles in city parks. The City Attorney will be asked to review and advise.

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It was moved by Alderperson M. Rave, seconded by Alderperson Busse to approve **ORDINANCE 901** – An ordinance repealing and recreating Section 11.04 of the Code of Ordinances regarding garbage and rubbish collection. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty to approve **ORDINANCE 902** – An ordinance repealing and recreating Section 1.57 of the Code of Ordinances regarding destruction of public records. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Alderperson Peloquin, seconded by Alderperson M. Rave to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Black River Falls Area Emergency Medical Service IAFF Local 5549. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Alderperson Peloquin, seconded by Alderperson E. Rave to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:06pm.

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A. Brad Chown  
City Administrator