

The Common Council met in special session (Old Council Business) at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on April 21, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons Ammann, Peloquin, M. Rave, E. Rave, Dougherty, Busse, Gearing-Lancaster, and Wussow were present. Mayor J. Eddy presided.

It was moved by Alderperson Peloquin seconded by Alderperson Dougherty to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 8, 2026 Common Council meeting and approve as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

There were no citizens in attendance.

The Department Head monthly reports were reviewed. Department heads present were Mark Nordahl, Darryl Nelson, Jarod Mayer, Travis Brown, and Brad Chown. Cara Hart was excused.

1. The Fire Chief advised the department assisted Hatfield Fire following a tornado last Friday along County Highway K and assisted County Line Fire with a structure fire at the Turtle Pond Tavern in Alma Center on Saturday. Truck 13, the department's 100' platform truck, performed well at the Alma Center fire. Request for bids for new Command Truck were sent to Gross Motors of Black River Falls, Wheelers of Marshfield, Sleepy Hollow of Viroqua and Markquart Motors in Eau Claire, but only received two responses.
2. It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty to award the bid for a 2026 GMC Sierra 2500HD Crew Cab Truck to Gross Motors of Black River Falls at a cost of \$54,599.95. Motion carried.
3. The Street Superintendent reported PGA, Inc had completed grinding the rubble pile which resulted in approximately 14,000 tons of material so they have plenty of road base, but they have big projects this year and a really big project next year so it will disappear.
4. The Police Chief advised two of the three new radar speed signs will be returned for new ones as one is not functioning correctly and the other was damaged in shipping.
5. The City Administrator advised the initial order of logo wear has been received.
6. Alderperson Wussow expressed reservations regarding the Fair Park Committee's recommended vendor for a new sound system at the Fair Park. The vendor handles the sound system for Jackson County Circuit Court, and they charge a hefty fee to come down to do any maintenance, and technicians aren't always readily available.
7. It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson E. Rave to approve the Fair Park Committee's recommendation to purchase a new sound system for the Fair Park from Audio Architects out of Chippewa Falls, WI at a cost of \$66,299.20 with funds coming from the New Arena Fund and the Fair Park Maintenance Fund. Motion carried 5-2-1 with Alderpersons Busse and Wussow voting no and Alderperson Dougherty abstaining.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to approve vouchers for March 2026 Check #76753 - #76870 totaling \$884,171.77. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson Dougherty to approve the City Treasurer's Report for March 2026. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson M. Rave to approve the Revenue & Expense Report for March 2026. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Dougherty, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:19pm.

A. Brad Chown
City Administrator