

The Common Council met in special session at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on September 16, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons E. Rave, Gearing-Lancaster, Wussow, Ammann, and Peloquin were present. Alderperson Busse attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderperson M. Rave was excused. Mayor J. Eddy presided.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson E. Rave to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 1, 2026 Common Council meeting and approve as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

There were 4 citizens in attendance for agenda items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School District of Black River Falls representatives presented information on the school districts November 3, 2026 referendum question requesting to allow the district to exceed revenue limits by \$1 million for four years for operational expenses.

The City Administrator presented the proposed 2027 Capital Budget and highlighted specific projects for each department and the total budget of \$453,900 for capital outlay which represents a 2% increase from 2026. The capital budget includes proceeds from a \$400,000 LRIP grant and a debt issuance of \$550,000 to cover the city's share of the Forrest Street reconstruction project.

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

1. The Street Superintendent advised they have hired a new mechanic, and he will be starting on September 28th. He will provide a more detailed introduction in his next monthly report.
2. The City Administrator advised we may see 30-40 offers extended for the Make My Move talent recruitment program before we get a mover to progress in the program because the applicants are often applying with multiple municipalities and evaluate offers from each before deciding.

It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson Busse to approve **ORDINANCE 906** – an ordinance repealing and recreating Section 11.06 of the Code of Ordinances regarding prohibition of smoking, vaping, and tobacco products at Marks Field. Motion carried. The complete ordinance is available on the city's website and at city hall.

It was moved by Alderperson Peloquin, seconded by Alderperson E. Rave to approve a 6-month pilot program for a 4-day work week schedule for Deputy Clerk/Treasurer positions as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Busse, seconded by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster to approve the vouchers for August 2026 Check #77362 - #77486 totaling \$482,736.14. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Ammann to approve the Revenue & Expense Report for July 2026. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Wussow to appoint Brenda Miles as the Ward 4 Alderperson replacing Justin Dougherty and serving the remainder of his term. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Wussow, seconded by Alderperson E. Rave to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:10pm.

A. Brad Chown
City Administrator