The Common Council met at City Hall in the City of Black River Falls on November 4, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Alderpersons Miles, Gearing-Lancaster, Ammann, and Peloquin were present. Alderpersons M. Rave and Wussow attended remotely via Zoom meetings. Alderpersons E. Rave and Busse were excused. Mayor J. Eddy presided.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Miles to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 21, 2026 Special Common Council meeting and approve as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

There was 1 citizen in attendance remotely via Zoom meetings.

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It was moved by Alderperson Ammann, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to place on file the minutes of the October 22, 2026 Business Improvement District (BID) Board meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Miles to place on file the minutes of the October 26, 2026 Utility Commission meeting. Motion carried.

City Attorney Mark Radcliffe was in attendance and addressed the Council regarding the City Housing Authority. The Authority was created by resolution in 2013 and there has been no activity. He cited areas of the City Housing Authority statute and concerns he had which included: how the need was identified for the initial creation of the Authority, how to illustrate those needs still exist, potentially high cost associated with the City's statutory requirement to provide legal counsel to the Authority, and whether or not a Housing Authority is necessary to meet the goals and objectives the Council feels need to be addressed. He advised his opinion is that the statute was really designed for much larger municipalities with much larger issues. The City Administrator reminded the Council of the actions the city has done and continues to do to address the housing needs within the city including housing studies completed in 2017 and the new housing study currently in progress. After discussion, there was consensus to dissolve the Black River Falls Housing Authority. The City Attorney will draft a resolution to be presented to Council at a future meeting for consideration.

It was moved by Alderperson Gearing-Lancaster, seconded by Alderperson Peloquin to approve the Mayor's appointment of Business Improvement District (BID) Board members as presented. Motion carried.
Members appointed: Kylee Wussow (1-year term), Duane Johnson (2-year term), and Andrea Hoffman (2-year term). All terms begin January 1, 2027.

The proposed 2027 Black River Falls EMS Operating & Capital Budgets were presented to the Council and will be brought back at a later date for approval.

The proposed 2027 City Operating and Capital Budgets were presented again with no changes from the last presentation. The public hearing for the 2027 budget is set for Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 6:00pm.

It was moved by Alderperson Miles, seconded by Alderperson Wussow to adjourn. Motion carried at 6:35 pm.

A. Brad Chown
City Administrator