



New Richland City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

January 27th, 2025

Members Present

Janda Ferguson
Josh Warke
Jason Casey
Jody Wynnemer
Matt Economy

Staff Present

Anthony Martens-City Administrator
Bob Johannsen- Care Center Administrator
Shell Johnson-People Service
Eric Hendrickson-Maintenance &
Utility Supervisor

Others Present

Pam Goehring
Robert Swenson
Norm Eckart
Wade Corbett
Larry Goehring
Marilyn Meyer
Sharon Eckart

Members Absent

None

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Janda Ferguson at 6:30 p.m.

Administrator Martens presented the Oath of Office to recently elected Council Member Economy and Mayor Ferguson

Roll Call - All members present

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

- Administrator Martens asked that Item #5: EDA Grant approval be added to New Business.
- Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the agenda.
Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Consent Agenda

- Motion made by Josh Warke and seconded by Matt Economy to approve the consent agenda.
Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Public Comments

- None

Requests and Presentations

- a) Sharon Eckart – 2025 Street Improvement Project
 - i) Shared concerns with the project including sidewalks, street width, property assessments, concerns over abstract issues, cost and public meeting availability. In addition to the project, she shared concerns about the community needing a doctor, the care center needing help and concerns with water.
- b) Marilyn Meyer – 2025 Street Improvement Project
 - i) Shared concerns with the project concerning bus safety, street width, parking on south Ash and 4th Streets, car exhaust, movement of utilities, concerns over abstracts, potentially losing 3 feet of property. Meyer presented a petition to the city council. Meyer also shared concerns about water.
- c) Norm Eckart – 2025 Street Improvement Project
 - i) Shared concerns about the project including bus safety, street width, keeping the good stuff and replacing the bad stuff, worried about parking in front of private property.

Public Hearings

- None



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Ordinances and Resolutions (see attached)

- None

Reports

1. Care Center Report – Bob Johannsen, Care Center Administrator
 - Care Center report was presented by Bob Johannsen
 - Motion was made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the Care Center Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. People Service Report – Shell Johnson
 - People Service report was presented by Shell Johnson
 - Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Jason Casey to approve purchase and installation of a lift station grates at a cost of up to \$6,100 pending the better price of a second bid. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Matt Economy to approve the People Service report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Maintenance & Utility Report – Eric Hendrickson, Maintenance & Utility Supervisor
 - Maintenance & Utility Report was presented by Eric Hendrickson, Maintenance and Utility Supervisor.
 - Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Josh Warke to approve \$3,600 for valve exercising for 2025. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion made by Josh Warke and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to approve \$1,346 to Zarnoth Brushworks for sweeper parts. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Matt Economy to purchase a new Alkota pressure washer at a cost of \$5,920. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Administrator Martens and Maintenance & Utility Supervisor Hendrickson provided a brief update on the 2025 Street Improvement project.
 - Motion made by Josh Warke and seconded by Matt Economy to approve the Maintenance & Utility report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Unfinished Business

1. Council Meeting Discussion
 - a. Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Matt Economy to go to change to one council meeting a month and adopting the second Monday of the month as the official council meeting. Carried (3 yes, 2 no, Ferguson, Wynnemer)
 - b. Administrator Martens to get clarification from City Attorney regarding process to cancel meetings or change meeting process

New Business

1. December 2024 Check Register
 - a) Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Josh Warke to approve December 2024 check register. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. December 2024 Financials
 - a) Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to approve December 2024 financials. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Approve Training for the Chief of Police
 - a) Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Josh Warke to approve \$825 for the Chief of Police to attend the CLEO & Command Academy Training. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)



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New Business Continued...

4. Petition for Zoning Change to Parcel
 - a) Motion made by Josh Warke and seconded by Matt Economy to set a public hearing on a zoning change to Monday March 10th, 2025, at 6:35 pm. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
5. EDA Grant – Wagner Foods
 - a) Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Josh Warke to approve an EDA grant to Wagner Foods in the amount of \$2,065.29. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Miscellaneous

- 2025 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization
 - Tuesday April 22nd, 2025 – 1:00pm-3:00pm – Waseca County Courthouse

Administrators Report

- Administrator Martens provided a report in writing to the council on tasks completed since last meeting.
- Motion made by Josh Warke and seconded by Matt Economy to approve the City Administrators report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Mayor/Council Comments

- None

Adjournment – Motion for adjournment made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Matt Economy.
Carried (4 yes, 0 no) 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Anthony Martens
City Administrator