



New Richland City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

In Person & Online Via Go-To-Meeting

January 12th, 2026

Members Present

Janda Ferguson

Matt Economy

Jason Casey

Josh Warke

Jody Wynemer

Staff Present

Tyler Lendt – City Administrator

Shell Johnson – People Service

Chad Neitzel – Assistant Chief of
the Fire Department

Others Present

Bob Swenson

Pam Goehring

Larry Goehring

Orrie

Members Absent

None

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

Roll Call - All members present

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comments

Request and Presentations

1. Jet and Televis storm sewers on Broadway between Second and Division, and a few hundred feet east of Broadway on Second, if time permits.
 - a. Motion made by Jody Wynemer and seconded by Matt Economy to Pass. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. New laptop for Deputy Clerk
 - a. Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Josh Warke to approve the new laptop for the deputy clerk. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Public Hearings

Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Resolution 26-01: A Resolution Approving Wage Increases for General Non-Union Employees
 - a. Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Jason Casey to approve Resolution 26-01: A Resolution Approving Wage Increases for General Non-Union Employees. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Department Reports

1. Ambulance Report – Sarah Sundve, Ambulance Director
 - a. Mayor Ferguson inquired about training and expenses.
 - b. Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Matt Economy to approve the Ambulance Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. Fire Department Report – In Writing
 - a. Ask Chad to get the Fire Department computers into the City Administrator to load Pantheon software
 - b. Jody Wynemer inquired about the brush truck Chad Neitzel is working on it.
 - c. Chad does not have an invoice for the radios yet.
 - d. Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Josh Warke to approve the Fire Department Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Police Department Report – In Writing
 - a. Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Josh Warke to approve the Police Department Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
4. Care Center Report – In Writing
 - a. Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Josh Warke to approve the Care Center Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
5. People Service Report – Shell Johnson, Operator
 - a. Orrie Anthony briefed the council on needs and options.
 - b. Jason Casey moved to install used parts for lift pump 2 (\$500) and work on wiring for pumps 3 & 4 (1600), replace meter (\$232.50), add boiler thermostat (\$725), and install receptacles (\$580), replace float. Total up to \$5,000 with a cushion. Josh Warke Seconded. Carries. (\$)
 - c. Albert Lea Electric wired the generator; need to investigate if an inspection was done
 - d. Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Matt Economy to approve the People Service Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
6. Maintenance & Utility Report – In Writing
 - a. Motion made by Josh Warke and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the Maintenance & Utility Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. December 2025 Check Register
 - a. December 2025 Check Register not available at this time due to technical issues, will produce as soon as possible.
2. Appoint Chad Neitzel as the new Chief of the City of New Richland Fire Department
 - a. Motion made by Jody Wynemer and seconded by Josh Warke to appoint Chad Neitzel as Chief of the City of New Richland Fire Department. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Discuss a survey for the City Council to determine if department reporting is satisfactory in its current form.
 - a. Will bring options for alternative schedules to the next meeting
4. Discuss adopting the Minnesota Basic Code to replace the existing Code of Ordinances
 - a. Will gather more information
5. EDA Grant Approval – Liquor Store and



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- a. Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Jason Casey to Approve. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Miscellaneous

Administrator's Report

Motion made by JW and seconded by Jody to approve the Administrator's Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Mayor/Council Comments

Jason Casey spoke about the Camelina project to the Council

Jody Wynemer motioned to make Jason Casey the City Council Delegate, and Matt Economy seconded the motion. Carries (4 yes, 0 no)

Adjournment

Motion made by Josh Warke and seconded by Matt Economy to Adjourn. Carried (4 yes, 0 no).
Adjourned at 8:16.

The next Regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 9th, 2026