



New Richland City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

In Person & Online Via Go-To-Meeting

April 13th, 2026

Members Present

Janda Ferguson
Matt Economy
Josh Warke
Jody Wynnemer
Jason Casey

Staff Present

Tyler Lendt – City Administrator
Jason Moran – City Attorney
Heather Christensen – Deputy Clerk
Shell Johnson – People Service
Eric Hendrickson – Maintenance Supervisor
Bob Johansen – Care Center Director

Others Present

Bob Swenson
Pam Goehring
Larry Goehring
Marcia Berg
Kim Berg
Scott Piehn – RadioLink
Dan Petsinger – RadioLink
Stephanie Landsteiner
Heather McGinnis
Molly Hendrickson – Landman Real Estate
Mike Nash – 909 Motorsports
Matt Holland – Holland Ag. LLC
Keith Leonardo – JKR Investments LLC
Melissa Leonardo – JKR Investments LLC

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda

Motion made by XXX and seconded by XXX to add the New Richland Liquor Store Fix Up Grant to the agenda. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

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

Consent Agenda Items

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

Public Comments

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Notice: We welcome the attendance of residents of the City of New Richland at the City Council meetings. Any resident of the City of New Richland may request permission to speak at a regular scheduled council meeting on any topic that is relevant to the operation of the city. Any resident wishing to address the city council shall either call City Hall to request to be placed on the agenda or sign up 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. At the mayor's discretion, the speaker may address the topic either during the public portion of the meeting or when the item is being addressed by the council. The mayor will call upon the speaker at the appropriate time. The speaker shall state their name and the topic to be addressed. Residents are expected to use proper etiquette, decorum, and respect when addressing the council.

Request and Presentations

1. Fidium Fiber Internet
 - a. Requesting a 1-year moratorium on permitting service drops
 - b. Permits for the full project
 - c. Offering \$5,000 dollars to the city to offset the cost of labor for locates and above permitting
 - d. Motion made by XXXJody Wynnemer and seconded by XXXMatt Economy to accept the offer from Fidium of \$5,000 for permitting, a moratorium on service drop permitting, and to offset the labor cost of locates. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Public Hearings

Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Ordinance 26-01 – An Ordinance Establishing Standards, Licensing, and Inspection Requirements for Bunkhouse Housing for Migrant Agricultural Workers, and Allowing Such Housing as a Conditional Use in Specified Districts
 - a. First Reading
 - b. Motion to accept the first reading and set hearing for next meeting Jody Wynnemer Matt Economy carried (4,0)

Department Reports

1. Ambulance Report – In Writing
 - a. Motion made by XXXJason Casey and seconded by XXXJosh Warke to accept the Ambulance Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. Fire Department Report – In Writing
 - a. Motion made by XXXJosh Warke and seconded by XXXJason Casey to accept the Fire Department Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Police Department Report – In Writing
 - a. Motion made by Josh Warke and seconded by XXXJason Casey to accept the Police Department Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
4. Care Center Report – Bob Johannsen, Care Center Administrator
 - a. Motion made by XXXMatt Economy and seconded by XXXJody Wynnemer to accept the Care Center Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
5. People Service Report – Shell Johnson, Operator
 - a. Pump Maintenance Agreement – Requests \$1,310.00 per inspection on 8 pumps for a total of \$10,480.00
 - b. Motion made by XXXJason Casey and seconded by XXXMatt Economy to approve the \$10,480.00 to inspect the 8 pumps for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - c. Motion made by XXXMatt Economy and seconded by XXXJosh Warke to accept the People Service Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
6. Maintenance & Utility Report – Eric Hendrickson, Maintenance Supervisor
 - a. Motion made by XXXMatt Economy and seconded by XXXJason Casey to accept the Maintenance & Utility Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
7. Economic Development Authority – In Writing
 - a. No Action Necessary



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Unfinished Business

1. December 2025 Check Register
 - a. Motion made by XXXMatt Economy and seconded by XXXJosh Warke to approve the December 2025 and January 2026 Check Register. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. January 2026 Check Register
 - a. Motion made by XXX and seconded by XXX to approve the January 2026 Check Register. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. February 2026 Check Register
 - a. Motion made by XXX and seconded by XXX to approve the February 2026 Check Register. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
4. Radio Link Internet – Discuss Contract
 - a. Keith Johnson spoke on behalf of RadioLink, stating that other services did not provide adequate service while RadioLink did.
 - b. Bob Swenson spoke against Radio Link, stating that the contract was inadequate to protect the tower and the city. The remuneration vs the risk was inadequate for the city. The insurance is also inadequate to replace the water tower if that becomes necessary. Contract enforcement, the only way the city can recover expenses, is to be harmed, and the annual terms do not line up with industry standards.
 - c. Motion made by Jason Casey to enter into a contract for five years, and then the company will be gone. No second.
 - d. Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Josh Warke to move into negotiations and have a contract ready for the next meeting. Carried (4 yes, 1 no Janda Ferguson)
 - i. 1 year, no more than 5, \$500/mo, write in strong language.

New Business

1. March 2026 Check Register
 - a. Motion made by XXX and seconded by XXX to accept the March 2026 Check Register. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. EDA Grant for New Richland Liquor Matt Economy Jody Wynnemer Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Miscellaneous

Administrator's Report

1. Deputy Clerk
 - i) Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Josh Warke to move Heater Christensen from pay grade 3-7. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. City Hall Repainting/Mural
 - i) Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Matt Economy to direct the administrator to get estimates and bids, and communicate with school about contest. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Homestake Subdivision
4. Minnesota Rural Water Seminar
 - i) Motion made by Josh Warke and seconded by Matt Economy to reimburse for the hotel room. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

5. Water Treatment Plant
6. Matt Economy Jody Wynnemer to accept the administrator's report.

Mayor/Council Comments

Investigate the townhomes to determine if we are getting the best return on our investment. Investigate getting another mort

Adjournment

Josh Warke Matt Economy at 8:48

The next Regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 11th, 2026