# New Richland City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

***In Person & Online Via Go-To-Meeting***

**June 8th, 2026**

| Members Present | Staff Present | Others Present |
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| Janda Ferguson | Tyler Lendt – City Administrator | Bob Swenson |
| Matt Economy | Shell Johnson – People Service | Eric J Kilen |
| Josh Warke | Bob Johannsen – New Richland Care Center | Patrick Petsinger |
| Jody Wynnemer | | |
| Jason Casey | | |

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Jason Casey 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**

a. Eric Kilen – Discuss trees planted in City Right of Way
    i. Will have matt and Eric meet with Mr. Kilen about trees and shrubs

**Public Hearings**

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

1. Resolution 26-10 – A Resolution Adopting Updated Fee Schedule
    a. Jody Wynnemer moved to approve Resolution 26-10 – A Resolution Adopting Updated Fee Schedule, seconded by Josh Warke. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

2. Ordinance 26-02 – An Ordinance Enacting a Code of Ordinances for the City of New Richland, Revising, Amending, Restating, Codifying and Compiling Certain Existing General Ordinances of the City and Repealing Prior Code
    a. First Reading
    b. Matt Economy moved to set public hearing date as 13 July 2026 at the regular city council meeting, seconded by Jody Wynnemer. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Ordinance 26-03 – An Ordinance Amending the City Code by Adopting Regulations for Fences
    a. First Reading
    b. Matt Economy moved to set public hearing date as 13 July 2026 at the regular city council meeting, seconded by Josh Warke. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
4. Ordinance 26-04 – An Ordinance Adopting "Operation Requirements for Recreational Vehicles"
    a. First Reading
    b. Matt Economy moved to set public hearing date as 13 July 2026 at the regular city council meeting, seconded by Josh Warke. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
5. Ordinance 26-05 – An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 640.02: "Motorized Golf Cart Use" And Adopting and Replacing it with: "Motorized Golf Cart, Utility Task Vehicles, and Mini Truck Use" in its Place
    a. First Reading
    b. Jason Casey moved to set public hearing date as 13 July 2026 at the regular city council meeting, seconded by Josh Warke. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

**Department Reports**

1. Ambulance Report – In Writing
    a. Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Matt Economy to accept the Ambulance Report. Carried (4 Yes, 0 no)
2. Fire Department Report – In Writing
    a. Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Josh Warke to accept the Fire Department Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Police Department Report – In Writing
    a. Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Matt Economy to accept the Police Department Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
4. Care Center Report – Bob Johannsen, Care Center Administrator
    a. Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Matt Economy to accept the Care Center Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
5. People Service Report – Shell Johnson, Operator
    a. Motion made by Josh Warke and seconded by Jason Casey to accept the People Service Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
    b. Motion made by Jody Wynnemer to approve up to 5k to replace the VFDs, seconded by Matt Economy Carried 4 yes
6. Maintenance & Utility Report – In Writing
    a. Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Jason Casey to accept the Maintenance & Utility Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
7. Economic Development Authority – In Writing
    a. No Action Necessary

**Unfinished Business**

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1. March 2026 Check Register
    a. Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the March, April, and May 2026 Check Register.
2. April 2026 Check Register
    a. Previously accepted
3. Conditional Use Permit
    a. Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Bunkhouse at 316 Broadway Ave N. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

**New Business**

1. May 2026 Check Register
    a. Previously accepted
2. Miller Homes
    a. Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Matt Economy to direct the City Administrator and City Attorney to begin the process to conditionally transfer the deed for the mentioned properties to Miller homes to begin construction on new homes in Homestake Addition. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

**Miscellaneous**

**Administrator's Report**

1. Operations for Non-Operators Class
2. Minnesota Valley Council of Governments
3. City Dump Reopened – Cameras
4. Radio Link Internet Update
5. Bleachers at Legion Field
    i) Will continue to coordinate with NRHEG Superintendent
6. Potential Structural Issues at City Hall
    i) Will bring info on balances in building funds and an estimate of cost from Bolton and Menk
7. Standing Dead Trees in City Park
    i) Jason Casey moved to authorize up to $3,000.00 to remove the standing dead trees in City Park, Jody Wynnemer seconded. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
8. LMCIT Picnic Shelter at Legion Field
    i) Jason Casey motioned to remove shelter, seconded by Josh Warke. Carried 4 yes, 0 no)

**Mayor/Council Comments**

**Went into closed session 8:19**
**Came out of closed session at 9:18**
**Adjournment**
Motion made by Matt Economy to adjourn at 9:19 Josh Warke and seconded by Josh Warke. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

The next Regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 13th, 2026