New Richland City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

In Person & Online Via Go-To-Meeting

June 8th, 2026

Members Present	Staff Present	Others Present
Janda Ferguson	Tyler Lendt – City Administrator	Bob Swenson
Matt Economy	Shell Johnson – People Service	Larry Goehring
Josh Warke	Tanyce Bruegger – NRPD Chief	Pam Goehring
Jody Wynnemer	Sarah Sundve NR Ambulance Director	Sandy Peterson
Jason Casey	Bob Johannsen – New Richland Care Center	Eleanor Schlaak
		Bob Battenfeld

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 Jason Casey 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. Abdo – Preliminary Audit Presentation – Did not occur

Public Hearings

1. Public hearings for ordinances will be conducted alongside the reading and discussion of the ordinances.

Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Resolution 26-10 – A Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the August 11th, 2026 Primary Election and the November 5th, 2026 General Elections

    a. Jody Wynnemer moved to approve Resolution 26-10 – A Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the August 11th, 2026 Primary Election and the November 5th, 2026 General Elections, seconded by Matt Economy. 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. Matt Economy moved adopt 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, with the omission of 110.38, seconded by Josh Warke. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Ordinance 26-03 – An Ordinance Amending the City Code by Adopting Regulations for Fences
    a. Matt Economy moved to add language for in-ground pools to Ordinance 26-03 – An Ordinance Amending the City Code by Adopting Regulations for Fences, seconded by Josh Warke. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
    b. Matt Economy moved to adopt Ordinance 26-03 – An Ordinance Amending the City Code by Adopting Regulations for Fences, seconded by Jason Casey. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
4. Ordinance 26-04 – An Ordinance Adopting "Operation Requirements for Recreational Vehicles"
    a. Josh Warke moved to adopt Ordinance 26-04 – An Ordinance Adopting "Operation Requirements for Recreational Vehicles", seconded by Jody Wynnemer. 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. Josh Warke moved to adopt 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, seconded by Matt Economy. Carried (3 yes, 1 no (Jason Casey))

Department Reports

1. Ambulance Report – In Writing
    a. Motion made by Josh Warke and seconded by Jody Wynnemer 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 – Tanyce Bruegger, Chief of NRPD
    a. Motion made by Jody Wynnemer 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 Matt Economy and seconded by Josh Warke to accept the Care Center Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
5. People Service Report – In Writing
    a. Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Jason Casey to accept the People Service Report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
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

1. Legion Field Bleachers
   a. Motion made by Matt Economy and seconded by Jason Casey to replace the bleachers at Legion Field Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

New Business

1. June 2026 Check Register
   a. Will ensure that Sweetheart Bingo line item is reimbursed by Ambulance Department.
   b. Motion Made by Matt Economy to approve the June 2026 Check Register, seconded by Jason Casey. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. Switch from MSI to CBS for Printing and Document Storage
   a. Motion made by Matt Economy to Switch from MSI to CBS for Printing and Document Storage, seconded by Jody Wynnemer. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Lawnmower Incident
   a. No Council Action Required, City Administrator will write check to individual affected and report this to LMCIT
4. City Compost Dump
   a. Discussion tabled for another meeting
5. Combining Departments for Accounting Purposes
   a. Motion made by Matt Economy to Combine the following departments for budgeting and finance purposes: Skating Rink, Parks – St. Olaf Lake, and Recreation – Legion Field; seconded by Jason Casey. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
6. Water and Sewer Rates
   a. Discussion tabled for another meeting
7. I&I Near Water Tower make a policy for demolition of old buildings
   a. City administrator advised to draft a policy for building demolition and disconnection of sewer and water pipes.
8. Rear Entrance to City Hall
   a. Discussion tabled for another meeting
9. Emerald Ash Borer
   a. Motion made by Matt Economy to engage Davey to treat the ash trees in New Richland, seconded by Jason Casey. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
   b. Motion made by Matt Economy to Authorize Dave Schmidt at CEDA to hunt for grants and fill out applications on behalf of the city for tree purposes, seconded by Jason Casey. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
10. T-Mobile/Metronet Overbuild ME Jwa All
    a. Motion made by Matt Economy to approve T-Mobile/Metronet Overbuild in the City of New Richland, seconded by Josh Warke. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Administrator's Report

1. Broadway Complaints
2. Homestake Addition Update
3. First Half Fund Disbursement
4. RadioLink Equipment
5. Resident Complaint – Lloyd Management ME Jwa All
    a. Motion made by Matt Economy to accept the Administrator's Report, 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

Motion made by Janda Ferguson to place City Administrator Tyler Lendt on a Performance Improvement Plan, seconded by Josh Warke. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

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