

**Minutes for  
Public Hearing for Business Subsidy for Stainless Kings  
Public Hearing for Easement Vacation  
Holdingford City Council Meeting  
Monday, May 11th, 2026.**

**Council Members in attendance:** Travis Harlander, Tim Winter, Seth Young, Eric Berscheid, Jayme Opatz

**Others in attendance:** Nicky Lahr, Herman Lansing, Karla Kalla, Bryan Carstensen, Meghan Carstensen, Jacob Knapp, Christopher Mosel, Steve Horvath

Travis opened the public hearing for business subsidy for Stainless Kings at 7:00 p.m. No comments or questions were presented, and the meeting was closed at 7:01.

Travis opened the public hearing for easement vacation. Eric asked if this easement vacation could affect future properties from getting utilities. Nicky stated that city engineer did not believe that to be the case. Travis closed the meeting at 7:03.

Travis called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Seth made a motion to approve the consent agenda including April minutes and financial documents. Tim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Guests:** Christopher Mosel explained that he is working with a developer for his property at 540 4<sup>th</sup> Street. He asked several questions, including the location that the city would like the streets to enter the area, so that the developer would be able to present a preliminary plat. The Council stated that they would like all streets to line up with existing and recommended extending Cedar Street straight across. It was recommended that he works with the city engineer to determine water and sewer extensions to the area.

**Department reports:**

**Land Use Committee:** A land use permit request for a fence installation at 101 2<sup>nd</sup> Street was discussed. Nicky explained that curb on the South side of the lot was the assumed property lines, however the city engineer stated that there is an easement along that side with utilities buried. His records showed a property pin was located in the SE corner at one point that was approximately 8 feet in. If they can find the pin, they can put the fence 1 foot in from that spot. If not, they would need to use the standard 12-foot easement with the fence at 13" in. (or 30 feet from the center of the street). Eric made a motion to approve permit 26-5-2 if the owners can show City staff that they will place the fence either 9 or 13 feet from the curb. Seth seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

**Clerk's report:** Nicky reported the following; She will receive her Clerk's Certification in the next few weeks following the final class she took. The city received the grant money for the Fire Department's turnout gear and will pay the invoice. The Fire Department will pay the remaining balance from their capital account. The Lions Club will be refurbishing the train at the trailhead, and picnic tables at the campgrounds. They are also looking into another park project for next year and will attend a meeting in the future to discuss that further. The County did their annual inspection at the Campgrounds. They cited the City for having a camper that was dumping grey water onto the grass, and for a water hose going across the park to their camper. Maintenance left the owners a note asking them to fix both issues. The Campground bookings are going well for the year, and Nicky hopes to improve the photos and content on the booking site this year. The pay equity report is due by the end of the year. The Postage Machine was cancelled, and we will purchase rolls of stamps again to save cost.

**Unfinished/Old Business:** The League of MN Cities verbally informed Nicky that they are denying the claim for the erroneous land use permit issued to 521 Main Street. They will issue letters to the City and to the Owners soon. Meghan Carstensen asked if she could "take another run" at a variance. The Council directed Nicky to determine if the City's ordinance allows for that. The Council determined that they would waive the fees for a new land use permit to convert back to a commercial space

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and any special meeting fees that would apply. Meghan asked if the city would provide any monetary compensation. The Council asked for receipts for the work they completed before they could discuss any compensation. Meghan mentioned that they would have their lawyer assist with that if necessary. She also indicated that the receipts were given to the insurance adjuster.

Jayne made a motion to approve resolution 26-5-1 to approve the utility vacation on the Konsor property. Eric seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Resolution 26-5-2 to approve the final plat for the Konsor project was tabled. Council would like to see final drawings with the description before approving.

Stainless King TIF development agreement was tabled until June meeting, as the Council would like to review the contract first.

**New Business:** Eric made a motion to approve placing the money from the maturing CD into another CD at the location that offers the highest rate for 12 months or less. Jayme seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jayne made a motion to approve resolution 26-5-4 for a gambling permit for the Lions to hold a raffle. Tim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jayne made a motion to approve resolution 26-5-5 for gambling permit for the Holdingford Chamber of Commerce raffle. Tim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Additional Agenda Items:** Eric noted that the park was flooding again after the last rain and would like to get estimates for a drain to be installed. He would also like something done on the North side of the park such as more gravel or grass.

The council asked Nicky to send letters to the same individuals as last year to begin the administrative fine process. Also included is the property at 230 Washington Street and St. Hedwig's Church.

Steve Horvath asked the council to address Opatz Metal as their trucks are dragging dirt out onto the city streets at a significant rate. He reminded the council that there was an agreement with the former owners to keep gravel on the dirt portion of their yard to help keep the spread of the dirt down. Nicky will draft a letter for review and Travis will deliver it in person.

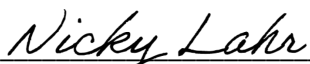
Eric asked Nicky to get a quote from Albany Telephone for internet/phone services to determine if there will be savings.

Jayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Seth seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

**Notices for Past Due Water Bills:** Nick Barbato, Joseph & Lana Doll, Taxton Edens, Kevin Feia, Hometown Roots, Roger Jensen, Eric Kohorst, Dale Lundberg, Chris Mosel.

**Looking forward:** Next Council meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup>. City Wide Cleanup is May 16<sup>th</sup> in the High School parking lot. Holdingford Cares Day is May 16<sup>th</sup>. City Hall will be closed May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

Signed:

Nicky Lahr  \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk-Treasurer, Holdingford