

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LITTLEFORK
IN THE COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING AND STATE OF MINNESOTA
INCLUDING ALL ACCOUNTS AUDITED BY SAID COUNCIL**

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Call to Order

Mayor Mike Fort called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 901 Main Street.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Fort, Councilor Lehman, Councilor Wendt, Councilor Thydean, and Councilor Sims

Members Absent: Holly Hoy

Others Present: Kory Williams and Preston Hoy

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda/Additions

A motion was made by Councilor Lehman, seconded by Councilor Thydean, to approve the agenda with an addition, under "New Business": Tax forfeited property. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Wendt, seconded by Councilor Sim, to approve August 21, 2025, Regular meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Thydean, seconded by Councilor Lehman, and carried out unanimously, to approve the consent agenda.

1. Monthly bills allowed for August
2. Water sewer service terminations
3. Koochiching Technology Initiative Aug 6th Meeting Minutes
4. Voyageur Country ATV Club August Meeting Minutes

Public Hearings

1. None

Petitions, Requests, and Communications

1. None

Reports of Officers, Boards and Committees:

1. Ambulance Report – No one was in attendance to report.
2. Fire Department Report – No one was in attendance to report, however there was discussion on the front door needing to be replaced on the fire hall and a railing needing to be installed on the front step.
3. Maintenance Department – Kory Williams gave the report. City maintenance workers have been busy mowing the sewer ponds, mowing the Industrial Park, and winterizing the equipment with tires, tracks & a new snow bucket.
4. The Financial Report was provided with paper copies. Councilor Wendt made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Councilor Thydean and motion carried.

Unfinished Business

1. The Blandin Foundation Grant – This item was tabled until next month for Holly to report.
2. Little Fork River Watershed – Councilor Sims serves on all three committees (Steering, Advisory & Policy) for the Littlefork River One Watershed One Plan project. She gave an update on various topics of conversation over the past month's meetings.

New Business

1. Sealed propane bids were opened by Mayor Fort with the winning bid going to Lakes Gas for \$1.179 per gallon. Rainy Lake Oil submitted a bid for \$1.279 per gallon and North Star Co-Op submitted a bid for \$1.299 per gallon. Councilor Thydean made the motion to accept the winning bid from Lakes Gas, seconded by Councilor Sims. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilor Lehman voting nay.
2. Native Planting – There is a \$400.00 reimbursable grant through the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources available. The grant program is "Lawns to Legumes" and focuses on planting native plants, not seed packets, that are pollinator-friendly, as well as providing workshops and coaching for the planting process. Lofgren Park is an idea for the planting to take place but there would be some site prep to discuss first. Councilor Sims made the motion to apply for the grant, seconded by Councilor Wendt and motion carried 5-0.
3. Spooky Acres – Wendy Boorman wants to run Spooky Acres through the Kids Plus fund and have the City of Littlefork pay to insure the event for two days. The event would take place at Northern MN District Fairgrounds as it has in the past, when it was run through the Community Education program. Councilors received confirmation from Superintendent Wendt during the meeting that all the Spooky Acres props belong to Boorman's and that ISD 362 does not want to be involved with the event. Motion was made by Councilor Lehman and seconded by Councilor Thydean to have

the city administrator look into insurance coverage for the event. Motion carried.

4. Approve renewal for Int'l Voyageurs Snowmobile Club gambling license – Councilor Lehman made the motion to approve, Councilor Thydean seconded the motion, and motion carried.
5. Palmer property rezoning – Craig Palmer applied to rezone parcel # 95-02-00040 from R1 to C2. Motion was made by Councilor Sims and seconded by Councilor Wendt to send the request to the Planning & Zoning Committee for recommendation. Motion carried.
6. Approval of Junker gravel pit contract – Councilor Lehman made the motion to approve the contract for Junker Holding's to haul from the city gravel pit, seconded by Councilor Thydean and motion carried.
7. Tax forfeited property – there is a parcel of land coming up for auction and the city has received inquiries of whether the purchaser would be responsible to pay the previous assessments. The council discussed this, and it was determined that the assessments were county assessments, not city assessments.

Miscellaneous

1. None

Adjournment

Councilor Wendt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Thydean, and the motion carried.

Attest: Holly Hoy, City Clerk

Mayor Mike Fort