

November 10, 2025

The City Council met for a regular rescheduled council meeting at the Walnut Grove City offices on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:00PM.

Present: Ron Stubbe, Dale Shannon and Sue West

Absent: Dylan Albertson & Yeng Yang

Also Present: Beth Bjorklund, Tom Hansen, Kerwin Armitage, Kristy Baker, David Bender, Alex Johnson, Kim Rolling, Dillon Robinson, Allan Anderson, Mark Johnson, Steven Klein, Carol & Joey Johnson, Darla & Randy Larson.

Mayor Ron Stubbe called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Kerwin Armitage reported on the water- wastewater. The final clarifier has been replaced at the treatment plant. The council approved the quote of \$98,798 for the replacement of the equipment from Crane Engineering in January.

The residents attending were asked if anyone had any comments. Klein asked if the council meetings could be live streamed or recorded for viewing at a later time. The clerk will contact the League of MN Cities and/or the city attorney to determine what would all be required if the council was interested in doing so.

Kim Rolling was present to discuss occupancy and maintenance needs for Country View. There are 19 units filled with someone else moving in shortly. There is one dryer in an apartment that needs will need the venting fixed. They are waiting for a quote from Heavens Best before they get that handled. Currently, they have both Country View residents and some other Walnut Grove seniors taking part in the ACE exercise program being held at Country View. This is run by volunteers.

Discussion was held on the police chief position. The council reviewed the application from Matthew Stiehm for the position and will interview with him on Friday, November 14, 2025. The council reviewed the Redwood County Sheriff's Department activity report that was received for September.

Ambulance director, Kristy Baker was present to give the ambulance report. The council approved the purchase of EMS T-shirts for all department members at a cost of \$15-20 each. They received 2 quotes to repair the roof of the ambulance that has a dent in it and it is beginning to rust and to fix the windshield leak. Motion by Dale Shannon, seconded by Sue West to approve the quote of \$3050.39 from Westbrook Collision to repair the roof and replace the windshield. All voted in favor, motion carried.

EMS Coordinator Beth Bjorklund discussed meeting with Anderson Electric to get quotes to add 2 more 50-amp outlets for food trucks and more electrical outlets for Christmas lights at the city park. The council approved moving 2 of the current outlets to the outside walls of the shelter and the bathrooms and will wait for the updated quote for the other additions to include adding a second electrical panel. Bjorklund will apply for an improvement grant through SMAC for this part of the project.

Bar & Grill manager David Bender was present to discuss the Bar & Grill. Sahlstrom's Plumbing & Heating has replaced the hot water heater after the old one was leaking. The kitchen deep cleaning was completed along with the hood cleaning. Food sales are showing an increase in October sales from last year of 27%.

Tom Hansen presented the city maintenance report. Street patching has been completed for this year. Zeug Doors will be replacing the door seals at the city shop.

Councilman Dale Shannon asked the council to consider looking into rental requirements for home owners and apartments owners that are renting out properties within city limits. He will try to gather some information on what other cities are doing and bring that information to the next council meeting.

Motion by Dale Shannon, seconded by Sue West to approve claims 45493-45557. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Dale Shannon, seconded by Sue West to approve the Minutes for the October 14, 2025 regular meeting and October 20, 2025 Special meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Sue West, seconded by Dale Shannon to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey
Clerk-Treasurer