

Walnut Grove, MN

October 20, 2025

The City Council met in a special session on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Walnut Grove City Office.

Present: Ron Stubbe, Yeng Yang, Dylan Albertson, Sue West & Dale Shannon

Also Present: City Clerk, Paula McGarvey, Tom Hanson

Mayor, Ron Stubbe presided over the meeting

The primary purpose of the special meeting was to review the employee performance evaluations and determine salary increases for Tom Hansen, Beth Bjorklund and Paula McGarvey. Bar manager Dave Bender will have a 6-month employee review in February.

Motion by Dale Shannon, seconded by Dylan Albertson to close the meeting to discuss employee performance evaluations for the three employees. All voted in favor, motion carried.

At 7:10pm, motion by Dale Shannon, seconded by Dylan Albertson to reopen the special meeting to the public. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The council determined that they would approve a 2.5% COLA increase in wages for 2026 and then approve a merit increase for each employee individually based on performance.

Discussion was held on the 1988 GMC fire truck that the department would like to sell by sealed bids. Motion by Dylan Albertson, seconded by Sue West to declare the 1988 GMC fire truck excess equipment to allow it to be sold. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The council reviewed a Minnesota Lawful Gambling permit application for Beth Bjorklund to hold the drawing for a fund-raising raffle at her residence for Ride 2 Remember in March. Ride 2 Remember is an organization that raises funds to assist MN veterans. Motion by Dale Shannon, seconded by Yeng Yang to approve the Gambling permit application for Ride 2 Remember with no waiting period. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on meeting rules and how the council can better keep order at a council meeting. The council instructed the city clerk to put together something to be read at the beginning of each council meeting explaining the rules and expectations.

Motion by Dylan Albertson, seconded by Sue West to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey
Clerk-Treasurer