

Walnut Grove, MN

June 23, 2025

The City Council met for a Special council meeting Monday, June 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Walnut Grove City Office council room.

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

Also present: Paula McGarvey, Sara Oberloh, Mark Johnson, Beth Bjorklund

Mayor Stubbe presided at the meeting

The main purpose of the meeting was to review the 2024 Audit with Sara Oberloh from Oberloh & Oberloh, LTD. The Key financial highlights include the following:

- The Net Position in the statement of Net Position increased \$72,128 over the prior year
- The General Fund Balance decreased \$43,284 to \$2,316,262 combined ending governmental fund balances . The unassigned fund balance of \$426,439 amounts to 65% of next year's budgeted expenditures which is slightly more than the recommended fund balance goal.
- The Bar & Grill Fund showed an operating profit of \$21,426 after factoring in \$15,349 in depreciation.
- The Senior Housing Fund now owes the general fund \$918,000 after the transfer of \$175,000 from the general fund to cover P&I payments and repairs and maintenance costs.
- The City issued no new debt in 2024. At year-end, the city had \$2,790,000 in total outstanding debt. The City's total debt decreased by \$330,000 during 2024.
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Motion by Dale Shannon, seconded by Sue West to accept the audit as presented by Sara Oberloh. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Council reviewed the Quit Claim deed and Resolution prepared by the city attorney for the sale of the property west of the Bar & Grill. Motion by Dale Shannon, seconded by Dylan Albertson to approve Resolution 2025-0623 Authorizing the Sale of Real Property. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Dylan Albertson, seconded by Sue West to approve the Quit Claim deed for the west 20' of Lot 2, Block 10, Original Plat of Walnut Grove. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Bjorklund was present to ask the council to approve her application for the LINC program in Redwood county. LINC is a program that engages community members to lead, inspire, network and create to build a sustainable future in Redwood County. The cost is \$550. Motion by Dylan Albertson, seconded by Dale Shannon to approve Beth Bjorklund joining LINC. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the purchase of an outdoor ice merchandiser for the Bar & Grill. Motion by Yeng Yang, seconded by Dale Shannon to approve the purchase of a two door merchandiser for an approximate cost of \$4200. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on an incident that occurred on 6-10-2025 when a customer left without paying for an item. Police Chief Graham discussed this with the manager and a temporary 30 day trespass notice was served to the customer. The council is being asked to extend the trespass notice to 90 days. Motion by Yeng Yang, seconded by Sue West to issue a 90 day trespass notice to the subject, which will expire on 9-11-2025. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Bar & Grill manager position. Manager Kate Knakmuhs would like to step down from the manager position around the end of July. Discussion was held on whether to post this position or not. Motion by Yeng Yang, seconded by Dylan Albertson to post the open position in the papers and on Facebook. All voted in favor, motion carried.

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

Paula McGarvey  
Clerk-Treasurer