

Regular Meeting

**Echo City Council
Tuesday April 8th, 2025**

The regular city council meeting of the City of Echo Minnesota was called to order by Acting Mayor Dan Larsen at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Councilman Mark Schettler, Councilman Wyatt Bendix, Councilman Dan Larsen, Clerk Brian Pitzl, Public Work Supervisor Bryan Nielsen, Fire Chief Matt Dunphy, 1st Responders Chief Chastity Kuehn. Absent was Mayor Nichole Kepler and Councilman Darren Gjerset.

Citizens/Guests: Wayne Petit, Cheri Sander

Open Forum: Cheri Sander was present to request a building permit for a fence on her property. Motion made by Councilman Bendix, seconded by Councilman Schettler to approve the permit. Motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

Approval of Minutes & Resolutions:

Motion to approve, March 10th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, was made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Bendix. Motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

Motion to approve March 24th, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes was made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Bendix, motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

Reports:

Matt Dunphy- Fire Chief: The department is having issues with the Jaws of Life and will take it to the Coop to have it checked out. Belview is doing a controlled burn on some grassland and there will be a couple firefighters from Echo participating to do training. Looking at changing some areas regarding training. Would like to scale back on training for firefighters to possibly help recruit more members. There are alternatives to the Firefighter I & II training that would still give firefighters enough training to continue to help the department.

Chastity Kuehn-

Maintenance Supervisor Nielsen- City wide cleanup is Saturday, April 12th from 9 am to 12 pm. There was a water main break on the service line to the charter school. The school is looking at options for repairing the leaks. The back wall of the old gas station located on 2nd Ave. has fallen out. The city had sent a letter to the owner last summer to have the building taken down. The city was informed that the building had been sold, but it has come to the city's attention that the property has not been sold. The clerk was instructed to send letters to the current

owner and supposedly new owner to appear at the next council meeting to discuss the condition of the property.

Mayor Kepler-

Councilman Schettler -

Councilman Gjerset –

Councilman Bendix –

Councilman Larsen –

Clerk Pitzl – The Appeals and Equalization Meeting will be April 16th, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Will be at the dentist on Thursday, April 10th in the morning so the office will open late that day.

Old Business: The city received two quotes for mowing the city cemetery and ponds. Quote from Smith Lawn Care out of Redwood Falls for \$275 per mow for cemetery and \$270 per mow for the ponds, and a quote from D&A Lawn Service out of Wood Lake for \$500 per weekly mowing of the cemetery and \$225 per weekly mowing of the ponds. Motion made by Councilman Bendix, seconded by Councilman Schettler to approve the quote from Smith Lawn care for both the cemetery and ponds mowing. Motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

New Business:

Old Business:

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Bendix to approve the consent agenda consisting of Bills, Payroll, and Bank Information. Motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilman Bendix, and second by Acting Mayor Larsen to adjourn regular meeting at 6:55 pm. Motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

Mayor Nichole Kepler

City Clerk- Brian Pitzl