

Regular Meeting

**Echo City Council
Tuesday November 10th, 2025**

The regular city council meeting of the City of Echo Minnesota was called to order by Mayor Dan Remmele at 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Mayor Dan Remmele, Councilman Dan Larsen, Councilman Darren Gjerset, Clerk Brian Pitzl, Public Work Supervisor Bryan Nielsen, Fire Chief Matt Dunphy. Absent was Councilman Mark Schettler and Councilman Wyatt Bendix

Citizens/Guests: Paul Jurek: Bollig Engineering

Open Forum: Paul Jurek was in attendance to discuss in more details the costs of a proposed street repair project. There will be around \$750,000 of TIF money as well as a Small Cities Grant of \$600,000. The Small Cities Grant would not be approved until November of 2026 and needs to be paired with another funding source, such as the TIF funding or a USDA loan. It would be beneficial to wait to start on any projects that the council considers a priority so the city can use grant money. The council decided to put on hold any projects within the city until next year when the grant will be awarded.

Approval of Minutes & Resolutions:

Motion to approve, October 14th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, was made by Councilman Gjerset, seconded by Mayor Remmele. Motion carried with Councilman Schettler and Councilman Bendix absent.

Reports:

Matt Dunphy: Fire fighters will be getting their annual physicals on November 20th at the Echo Community Center. The equipment rig recently had the starter replaced. The extraction engine is still not running right and will be taken to get looked at. There are currently 12 members in the fire department. Was asked by a council member to talk with a certain firefighter about using more caution (slowing down) when driving the fire trucks to a call.

Chastity Kuehn-

Maintenance Supervisor Nielsen – Bryan will be at training November 17-20. He has a dentist's appointment on December 9th. Received a quote from M&R Paving of \$2,946.00 to repair around 2 manholes that cause problems when plowing snow. Motion made by Councilman Larsen, seconded by Councilman Gjerset to approve the quote and have the work done. Motion carried with Councilman Bendix and Councilman Schettler absent. The cement has been poured into the shop, and everything is put back in place. Generator pad has been poured for

placement by the community center, and the generator should be here in about 3 weeks. Bryan has been cleaning up some leaves from the streets, but it is difficult to get them all if residents aren't cleaning up their property.

Mayor Remmele-

Councilman Schettler –

Councilman Gjerset – Recommended talking with Belview regarding what areas that the two cities could work together on enforcing ordinances and possibly issuing citations for violations.

Councilman Bendix –

Councilman Larsen –

Clerk Pitzl – The city office is switching back to winter hours. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Tuesday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Informed the council on the upcoming Paid Family Leave starting in January of 2026. The city will need to approve of the amount the city will pay towards the program. With only 2 council members present, the council will decide at the next meeting. More information is needed for the Grant Navigator Application. The information needed was given at the beginning of the meeting by Paul Jurek of Bollig Engineering, so the clerk will pass the information on to the appropriate person.

Old Business:

New Business: Motion was made by Councilman Gjerset, seconded by Councilman Larsen to approve a building permit for a deck attached to a house. Motion carried with Councilman Schettler and Councilman Bendix absent. Motion made by Councilman Larsen, seconded by Councilman Gjerset to approve a Memorandum of Understanding from Parkview Senior Living in Belview regarding the use of the Echo Community Center in an emergency situation. Motion carried with Councilman Schettler and Councilman Bendix absent. There was a recent dog bite incident in the city. The dog has been impounded and will be held for thirty days. The city clerk will send a letter to the owner of the dog highlighting the area in the city ordinance regarding dangerous dogs and see that the owner complies with the ordinance going forward.

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

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilman Larsen, and second by Councilman Gjerset to adjourn regular meeting at 8:03 pm. Motion carried with Councilman Schettler and Councilman Bendix absent.

Mayor Dan Remmele

City Clerk- Brian Pitzl7