

Regular Meeting

**Echo City Council
Tuesday September 9th, 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 Mark Schettler, Councilman Wyatt Bendix, Councilman Dan Larsen, Councilman Gjerset, Clerk Brian Pitzl, Public Work Supervisor Bryan Nielsen, 1st responders Chief Chastity Kuehn.

Citizens/Guests: Paul Jurek: Bollig Engineering

Open Forum Paul Jurek was present to address the council regarding the televising of the sewer lines. The company doing the televising will continue to do so and do some jetting of the lines and then update the maps of the lines Also gave updates about the ongoing work to expand the TIF district and to give updates on possible funding options. The city will need a scope of a project that they would like to see done for any funding to be approved. Bollig Engineering is willing to apply for a Small Cities Grant for the city. Motion made by Councilman Gjerset, seconded by Councilman Schettler for Bollig to apply for a grant with a cost of \$5,000, that could be paid for by a separate grant through the League of Minnesota Cities. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jurek also gave an update on the lead service line inventory. There are still several unknown properties that need to be looked at. Bollig will be in town September 24-25 to try to collect the information.

Approval of Minutes & Resolutions:

Motion to approve, August 12th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, was made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Bendix. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Matt Dunphy: The mayor talked with Brian Rebers about his plans going forward regarding the fire department. Brian said he has decided to retire from the department.

Chastity Kuehn- Gave the city clerk money raised from the Echo Days celebration to be deposited. Inquired about the issue of having to pay for items for any fundraiser from out of pocket. Motion made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Gjerset to approve a city credit card for the first responders with a credit limit of \$1,000 to help with future purchase. Motion carried unanimously. Had a concern of the preparation for the Echo Days meal being had in the 1st Responders stall and not cleaned properly. Will not be an issue going forward.

Maintenance Supervisor Nielsen – Gave an update on the televising of the sewer lines. Plenty of issues with some lines, plus found lines that didn't know were there as well as other structures. Some of the connection joints from the new project to the old lines were not done properly.

Mayor Remmele-

Councilman Schettler – Brought up the issue of a certain street in town that has cars parked on both sides of the road making it difficult for snow removal in the winter. Letters will be sent to the owners informing them that if the vehicles aren't moved when there is snowfall, that they could be towed by the city at the owners' expense.

Councilman Gjerset –

Councilman Bendix –

Councilman Larsen –

Clerk Pitzl – The city clerk will be on vacation September 17th-19th. The city office will be closed on those days. With regards to the allocation of funds, the council had decided to set the amount at 65% to be unallocated with 35% earmarked for projects. The clerk will work with the city auditor to see the amount available to be used for any future plans.

Old Business: Motion made by Councilman Bendix, seconded by Councilman Gjerset to set the 2026 Proposed City Tax Levy at \$175,000. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was had on whether to have a public hearing on the issue of cannabis licensing. The council felt that it would not be beneficial. Motion was made by Councilman Larsen, seconded by Councilman Schettler to approve Resolution 2025-015 Delegating Registration Responsibility for Cannabis Retailer to the county. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

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

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilman Larsen, and second by Councilman Bendix to adjourn regular meeting at 8:23 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dan Remmele

City Clerk- Brian Pitzl