

**MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 13, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Centennial Building.

Members present: Acting Mayor Kevin Castellano, Council Members Sherrie Pugh, Kathy McEnaney, and Michelle Herrick.

Members absent: Mayor Jason Holt.

Others present: City Manager Jesse Dickson, Deputy City Manager Maggie Reisdorf City Attorney Scott Landsman, City Engineer Matt Bauman, Orono Police Officer Ryan Spencer, and POSC Commissioner Tyler Pieper.

*Consent agenda: All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature by the Council. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in normal sequence.*

**1. Open meeting**

Acting Mayor Castellano called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approve agenda**

MOTION by Pugh, seconded by McEnaney, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Consent agenda**

MOTION by McEnaney, seconded by Pugh, to approve the consent agenda. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

- A. Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$612,152.93.
- B. Approve minutes: April 22, 2025, Regular City Council
- C. Westonka Library Temporary Space License Agreement
- D. Chester Park Playground Equipment Approval
- E. Approve resolution 25-46 approving public lands permit for property at 4801 Island View Drive.
- F. Approve resolution 25-47 approving public lands permit for property at 5972 Sunset Road.
- G. Pay request No. 3 and Final in the amount of \$940.31 to Blackstone Contracting for the Surfside Park Playground Improvements.  
City Project No. PW-24-10

- H. Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$220,882.39 to Widmer Construction for the Water Treatment Infrastructure Improvements – Phase 1 City Project No. PW-25-12
- I. Approval of the Dock Map Addendum – Move of northern half of Jennings Multiple Slip to Beachside Access.

**5. Comments and suggestions from citizens present on any item not on the agenda.**  
NA.

**6. Orono Police Department with the April 2025 Activity Report**

Orono Police Department Sargeant Ryan Spencer introduced this item to the City Council. He stated that event tracking for this time of year is normal. He noted that with the construction projects kicking off, they are watching the back roads more to make sure people aren't speeding or running stop signs. He explained that they are also monitoring the temporary stop signs in place that are helping to navigate the temporary detours.

Spencer stated that there is a local bike rodeo event this evening in which the Department is participating. He said that on June 16<sup>th</sup>, there is a golf tournament that is supporting crime prevention initiatives. He said that the Department is interviewing candidates at the moment for an open police officer position. Spencer estimated the start date for that position to be mid-June. He stated that the Department's new police dog, Onyx, and trainer, Officer Sherman, are finishing up the last two weeks of training.

McEnaney asked when the Department would be starting to enforce boat trailer parking activity at Surfside Park.

Spencer noted that the Department can start monitoring now. He stated that they were planning to start right before the Memorial Day holiday weekend. He said that he can send a reminder out to the Department to initiate this.

Pugh noted that the nearby Gillespie Center is now experiencing issues with trailers going into their parking lot. She said that people driving through their lot with their trailers has resulted in their grass turf getting ripped up. Pugh said that the Center will be posting their own signs on the property to keep that traffic out.

Pugh informed that she received a message from a new resident at the Artessa development. She said that the resident was complaining about the sirens that go off in the middle of the night as they go through the City's downtown. She asked Spencer if there was any way to not have the sirens go off so much during the night.

Spencer explained that when responding to emergencies, siren use, especially at intersections is required by state statute and that by not following those laws, it sets the responder up for significant liability, personally and professionally, if someone were to get hurt.

**7. MIDCO Franchise Approval: Ordinance 3-2025**

Reisdorf introduced this item to the City Council. She noted that on March 7, 2025 that Midcontinent Communications (Midco) submitted a franchise request to the City of Mound to construct and operate a telecommunications system within city limits and offer services to both residential and commercial properties.

Reisdorf explained that as part of the franchise approval process, the city was required to do a public hearing, of which was completed at the April 22, 2025 meeting. She noted that a public hearing must be done at least seven days before the adoption of the franchise ordinance. Reisdorf explained that with the public hearing being completed at the April 22, 2024 meeting, the City Council can consider adoption of the ordinance at this meeting.

Reisdorf said even when the franchise ordinance is approved, the company still would have to submit permits to work within the city's right-of-way to install their fiber cable. She explained that if approved this evening, state statute requires that the ordinance be published in the local newspaper. She informed that an ordinance summary resolution is available within the packet to approve that would be a sufficient notice for the passing of the ordinance if approved.

Reisdorf explained that if approved by the City Council, MIDCO would be required to accept the franchise within thirty (30) days of its adoption.

Reisdorf stated that staff recommended approval of the included Ordinance 3-2025 document that would approve the MIDCO franchise. She said that staff is also recommending approval of Resolution 25-38 that would authorize the publication of the approved ordinance in summary format.

Landman informed that he has reviewed the document and that the final version is in front them this evening for approval. He explained that it is an agreement that is typical of franchise requests. He noted that this is the legislative side of the franchise process and that the company still needs to submit its permit application documentation to work within the city's rights-of-way and install their fiber cable.

McEnaney asked how long this project is expected to take.

Bauman stated that he believed the project to be three phases that will take two years to complete.

Herrick stated that this will be another option for residents to choose from.

MOTION by Herrick, seconded by Pugh, to approve Ordinance 3-2025: An ordinance granting midcontinent communications a nonexclusive franchise. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION by McEnaney seconded by Pugh, to approve Resolution 25-48 Authorizing publication of Ordinance 2-2025 by title and summary. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **8. Award Seal Coat contract to Allied Blacktop Company for \$115,018.00: City Project PW-25-07**

Bauman introduced this item to the City Council. He explained that the city solicited quotes from three companies for the 2025 Seal Coat Project. He noted that two of the companies submitted a quote. He said that the lowest of the two bids was from Allied Blacktop in the amount of \$115,018.00. He stated the staff recommends approval of the bid.

MOTION by McEnaney, seconded by Pugh, to approve bid in the amount \$115,018.00 to Allied Blacktop for the 2025 Seal Coat project. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

#### **9. Comments/Reports from Council members**

Council Member Pugh – Mentioned that the state legislature does not have a budget decision made yet. She expressed concern about the state's proposed reduction in aid for the Meals-On-Wheels program. She noted that many in the community would be impacted by this. Pugh said that the

Gillespie Center had its annual meeting recently in which they discussed that for the first time in ten years, they were operating in the black. She noted that the new director is doing a lot more programming and the Center has several active lease agreements. She explained that there is some deferred maintenance though that needs to be addressed.

Council Member McEnaney – Nothing to Report

Council Member Castellano – Informed that Mayor Holt wanted him to bring attention to the included Letters of Support documents in the packet.

Council Member Herrick – Explained that she continues to work on the topic of economic development for the City of Mound. She noted that creating an Economic Development Committee has some limitations and that she believes that the city could work as a conduit to County and State resources instead. She expressed a need for the city to continue to support its businesses in any way possible to ensure their continued success. Herrick mentioned that the city's Wikipedia page has been edited by someone to eliminate much of the city's history and been replaced with information solely related to the Eli Hart tragedy. She said that it is disappointing that someone would do this and eliminate other important historical information about the city. She said it is disheartening.

Mayor Holt – NA

**10. Information/Miscellaneous**

A. Comments/reports from City Manager: Dickson said that the library will be making available a kiosk for material rentals at City Hall when they move forward with the reconstruction of their building. He said that the library is coordinating with other organizations as well to continue to provide other services, like access to computers and Wi-Fi.


B. Reports: Liquor Store – April 2025

C. Minutes:

D. Correspondence: Representative Andrew Myers: Letter of Support  
Senator Ann Johnson Stewart: Letter of Support  
Representative Andrew Myers: Press Release

**11. Adjourn**

MOTION by Pugh, seconded by Herrick, to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

  
Attest: Kevin Kelly, Clerk

  
Mayor Jason R. Holt