

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 14, 2026

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Centennial Building.

Members present: Mayor Jason Holt, Council Members Sherrie Pugh, Kathy McEnaney, and Michelle Herrick.

Members absent: Kevin Castellano

Others present: City Manager Jesse Dickson, City Clerk Kevin Kelly, City Attorney Scott Landsman, Community Development Director Sarah Smith, Public Works Director Ryan Prich, Planner Rita Trapp, City Engineer Matt Bauman, Nicholas Petersen, Janet Petersen, Martha Mason, John Petersen and Johann Chemin.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adopt Agenda

Dickson had amendments to the agenda which included Item 6C, the Music in the Park June event will be removed from its schedule and Item 6H, the amount paid to Minger Construction should read \$4,121.34.

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

4. Public Comments

Nick Petersen said he grew up in Mound and attended Mound Westonka Schools. Petersen said his education instilled his love of civics and he said he stood in line for 13 hours to be first in line at the Presidential Inauguration in 2024. Petersen said at an inaugural event that he shouted "We love you Mr. President". Petersen said the President and First Lady pointed, smiled and waved at me. Petersen said this exchange has been recorded and validated and he received two signed plaques from the White House which were signed by the President. Petersen presented the two plaques to the City Council.

Janet Petersen, 3136 Tuxedo Blvd., said a neighbor behind her property put up a new wood fence and left the old fence in place which is falling apart. Petersen asked for a change in city policy or code to make sure the old fence is removed.

5. Presentations

a. Orono Police Department with the March 2026 Activity Report, Raze Josh Raze, OPD Officer, said the OPD Chief interview process is ongoing with two finalists being interviewed this week.

Raze noted the following:

- OLL School DARE Graduation upcoming
- One overweight vehicle sited
- OPD staff went through the 2-day use of force training

- Severe weather sirens will be set off next week

Raze listed the criminal activity in the Mound Crime Summary Report in which activity occurred.

6. Consent Agenda

- Approve Minutes of the March 14, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting
- Approve Resolution No. 26-23 approving the Liquor License for Lovy Thai Restaurant, Kelly
- Approve Resolution No. 26-24 approving permits for 2026 Music in the Park summer concert series at Surfside Park and Beach and waiving fees due to public purpose of gathering, Smith
- Approve Resolution No. 26-25 approving permit for 2026 Mound Fire Department Relief Association Fish Fry and Dance on Saturday, June 6, 2026 and waiving fees due to public purpose of gathering, Smith
- Approve Resolution No. 26-26 approving permit for seasonal use of City property for 2026 Mound Farmers Market & More on Saturdays from May 23, 2026 to October 10, 2026 with reduced fee due to public purpose of gathering, Smith
- Approve 2026 Planning Commission Work Plan and Staff Project, Smith
- Approve Resolution No. 26-27 approving 2026-2029 Residential Waste Reduction and Recycling and Grant Agreement with Hennepin County, Imihy
- Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$4,121.34 to Minger Construction for Water Treatment Infrastructure Improvements -Phase 2, PW-25-12, Bauman

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

7. Public Hearings

Planning Commission Recommendation – Planning Case No. 26-01
 Public Hearing – Consideration/action on Conditional Use Permit
 Conditional Use Permit for Essential Service Building on City Parcel with
 PID No. 23-117-24-31-0077 for New Water Treatment Facility
 Applicant: City Engineer Bolton & Menk on behalf of City of Mound

Trapp presented the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request by Bolton and Menk for the proposed Water Treatment Plant (WTP) with vehicle access being allowed through an existing easement. Trapp said the WTP is considered an Essential Service Building which is a conditional use in all zoning districts. Trapp said this project site doesn't require any additional zoning.

Trapp said adjacent to the proposed site is the School District owned undeveloped property, Sorbo Park and residential use properties.

Trapp said another existing site condition is the topography which slopes from the wooded lot to Evergreen Toad.

Trapp listed the following regarding Access:

- There is a dedicated ROW from the north side of the property to Evergreen Road just north of Sorbo Park
- There is green space between the water tower and WTP building

- Width of driveway is designed to meet Fire Department regulations and to accommodate utility vehicles
- Lot and site dimensions are not subject to lot requirements but are located at least 50 feet from school district property
- Building height is less than 35 feet
- Exterior is brick
- Impervious surface under 30% and MCWD stormwater requirements met
- Filtration basin proposed near to Sorbo Park playground
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Screening and Landscaping:

- Landscaping plan has been completed
- 28 new evergreen trees proposed on the residential side of the WTP building
- Tree locations limited by underground utility located on site

Other potential impacts:

- Limited traffic on site as there will be only be one worker typically present per day
- Noise – the generator is a quieter type and will be in use during power failures and will be exercised once or twice per month to maintain the system
- Lighting plan is under development

Public Review:

- MCES had no comments
- One neighbor had comments at the PC meeting

Planning Commission (PC):

- Landscaping and Lighting concerns of the PC are being considered
- Question about connecting the two buildings not answered yet
- Filtration Basin discussion regarding moving the basin as the PC was concerned about it being close to the Sorbo Park playground.

Council discussed fencing around the filtration basin and the style of fence around the basin.

Mayor Holt opened the public hearing at 6:30

Johan Chemin, 6039 Beachwood Road, came forward.

Chemin said he was opposed to the project and listed the following:

- Looking for a change to reduce size of project to decrease the cost of the project
- The Utility Garage and office add to the cost of the project
- Huge driveway adds to the cost
- Disagreed with the Tree Buffering Plan as he thinks there should be more especially on the west side of the project area and around the filtration basin.
- Noise – he said the fan from a lift station is loud and asked if the WTP will be loud when the generator is being used on the site
- Light pollution – not good for people and animals and he would prefer motion detector lighting instead of constant light
- Would like to see landscaping changes made by the Council

Mayor Holt closed the public hearing at 6:36.

Bauman said the filtration basin is in its proposed area to catch and treat as much stormwater as possible. Bauman said the water in the basin during a two-year storm event would cause standing to be present for 16 hours and during a 100-year storm event there would be 26 hours of standing water.

Discussion ensued regarding stormwater regulations and catching run off most efficiently, the width of the driveway access which is 26 feet wide due to fire regulations. Bauman said the standard road width in Mound is 28 feet.

Holt asked about the existing water tower light and security of the site and if there was a way to regulate the rate of light pollution. Bauman said staff will look into possible motion lighting.

Discussion ensued about potential generator noise with the particular generator at the site being hospital grade with muffled noise. Bauman said the generator needs to be exercised once a month and won't be in constant use.

Dickson said there is a need for an office at the WTP as testing will be occurring daily and staff will need space to take readings and do general office work. Dickson said the garage added to the project will not increase cost and there are requirements which have to be met to secure funding. Dickson said this location was preferable to the Chateau water tower location which is in a residential area and property would need to be purchased. Bauman said the storage in the building would be water treatment related.

Prich said the building will allow PW staff to put the right equipment in the building which will be readily accessible in an emergency. Prich added there will be 3 or 4 trucks starting or leaving the site each day.

Herrick said she has been a Sorbo Park cleanup volunteer. Herrick said Sorbo Park is used quite a bit and would like the filtration basin placed away from the playground. Holt said there is a fence requirement to the filtration basin added by the PC.

Discussion ensued in which the Council would like to see more trees planted at the site. Dickson said the project hasn't been bid out yet and the Council can add to the project going forward.

Pugh said she is also concerned about safety and would like to redirect kids to other parks while the project is ongoing. Holt said his kids played in the park and isn't too concerned about the filtration basin.

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

**Resolution No. 26-28 Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit for a Water Treatment Plant in the R-1 District for Property with PID 23-117-24-31-0077
Planning Case No. 26-01
PID NO. 23-117-24-31-0077**

8. Old Business

9. New Business

a. Approve Resolution 26-29 Approve cost participation in the Westedge Blvd. Mill

and Overlay project led by the City of Minnetrista

Bauman said two years ago Minnetrista reached out to the City regarding the Westedge Mill and Overlay project. Bauman said the City portion of the project was in the City Capital Improvement Plan. Bauman said Minnetrista bid out the project and the cost share for the City of Mound came in at \$57K which is lower than the \$67K engineer's estimate.

Bauman said the project will start after the school year is over. Holt said he wanted to make sure it is done quickly and not impact the City water treatment infrastructure. Bauman said the project should only take a couple of big days of activity.

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

Resolution No. 26-29 Approve cost participation in the Westedge Blvd. Mill and Overlay project led by the City of Minnetrista

- b. Approve Resolution 26-30 Receive Plans and Authorize bidding for the 2026 Street Reconstruction Project, Bauman

Bauman said the 2026 Street Reconstruction project will affect many different areas of the City. Bauman said the bidding process is the next step in the project.

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

Resolution No. 26-30 Receive Plans and Authorize bidding for the 2026 Street Reconstruction Project, Bauman

- c. Approve Resolution 26-31 Awarding Evergreen Water Tower Painting Project to Minger Construction for Water Treatment Infrastructure Improvements Phase 2; PW-25-12, Prich

Prich said he recommends the approval of the bid from Tanksco. Prich said this will include the cleaning repairing and painting of the Evergreen Water Tower. The Council briefly discussed the design of the Water Tower.

MOTION by McEnaney, seconded by Herrick, to approve the following Resolution. All voted in favor. Motion carried

Resolution No. 26-31 Awarding Evergreen Water Tower Painting Project to Tanksco, Inc., PW-26-10, Prich

MOTION by McEnaney, seconded by Herrick, to approve the following Resolution. All voted in favor. Motion carried

10. Announcements

- a. Comments/Reports from Council Members:

Council Member Pugh – Pugh said the Gillespie Center has hired a new Executive Director. Pugh added that the Parks Commission looked at the Surfside Depot and its condition was good and City staff are working on some items to bring them up to code.

Pugh added that a new Fire Chief, Andy Drilling, has been hired by the City.

Council Member McEnaney – Nothing.

Council Member Castellano – Absent

Council Member Herrick – Herrick asked about the use of Sorbo Park with all the projects scheduled. Prich said there will be very limited use of the park for a minimum of two summers. Holt asked Prich for signage while the projects are in progress in order to direct residents to other City parks.

Mayor Holt – Holt said he is going to take part in the Orono Police Chief interview on Thursday. Holt mentioned the City Open House in the Mound Fire Department Fire Bay on April 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Pugh said she had an idea for a City-wide National Night Out model instead of individual neighborhood events for people whose neighborhoods aren't holding events. Pugh said the City could partner with Civic Groups on this idea.

b. Comments/Reports from City Manager:

c. Next City Council Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn

MOTION by Pugh, seconded by McEnaney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.


Attest: Kevin Kelly, Clerk


Mayor Jason R. Holt