

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 12, 2026

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Centennial Building.

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

Members absent:

Others present: City Manager Jesse Dickson, Deputy City Manager Laila Imihy, City Attorney Scott Landsman Erdmann, Public Works Director Ryan Prich, Senior City Engineer Brian Simmons, Andrew Drilling, Nicky Drilling, Kathy Drilling, Emma Drilling, Tommy Tucker, Brian Burriss, Erik Palmer, Kennedy Wright, Connor Soule, Matt Jakubik, Mike Foley, Vicki Weber, Greg Palm, Greg and Vickie Pederson, Tyler Pieper, Molly Williams, Chris and Kelly Heitz, Bryan German, Mike and Michelle McCarville, Matt Linder, Jason Rice, Johann Chemin Danielson, Logan Ringhofer and Nicholas Drilling.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adopt Agenda
MOTION by Pugh, seconded by McEnaney, to approve the agenda. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried.
4. Public Comments
Johan Chemin, 6039 Beachwood Road, commented on the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) project costs. Chemin said he heard the project will cost \$40 Million and the City has secured some funding. Chemin said he thought the design was too large and wondered where the City is going to get the money from residents. Chemin also mentioned he didn't like the flat roof design of the WTP.
5. Presentations
 - a. Oath of Office, Fire Chief Andrew Drilling, Dickson
Jesse Dickson administered the Oath of Office to new Fire Chief Drilling.
 - b. Orono Police Department with the April 2026 Activity Report, Spencer
Spencer said there were 154 calls for service in April of which there were more medical calls than typical. Spencer added there were no specific trends to the calls through activity has been picking up.

Spencer listed April Orono Police Department (OPD) Officer training activity:
 - First Responder
 - Self-defense
 - Fire Arms
 - SWAT team

Spencer said Forensic Day for Westonka HS students will be held soon. Spencer said the purpose of the training was to show curious or interested students the different aspect to a law enforcement carrier.

Spencer said there are speed carts in place near the intersection of Bartlett and Westedge and in front of Our Lady of the Lake Church. Spencer added that Hennepin County will be conducting a study of the traffic speed at Bartlett Blvd. Discussion ensued about traffic and an accident in the area of Bartlett Blvd. and Westedge Blvd.

Spencer said the OPD is patrolling Surfside Park currently and three tickets were issued for parking violations. Spencer said the OPD will step up with patrols in the park before Memorial Day through the boating season.

Spencer said the Orono City Council has appointed a new Police Chief who will start on June 1, 2026. Spencer said the new Chief is Chad Stensrud is currently the Police Captain in Robbinsdale. Spencer said Stensrud was a former Orono Police Department officer who is familiar with Mound and was Captain in Robbinsdale for four years.

Spencer said the farewell party for Chief Corey Farniok is scheduled for May 28th.

Spencer added the Cops and Cups event at Caribou is scheduled for June 9th at 8:00 a.m.

c. Avon Park Survey, Prich

Prich presented the survey results from residents in the area of Avon Park. Prich listed the following as the most frequent requests:

- Swings
- Slides
- Climbing structures
- Shaded caregiver seating

Prich said there were 18 responses total with 12 of those being residents with young children or grandchildren.

Prich listed the following:

Frequency of Use of the Park – Survey respondents said several times a week with most use in the evening.

Prich said the number one request was for the shaded caregiver seating. Prich added there was enough response to keep the backstop in place which will be improved.

Prich listed other requests:

Rubber Surface – This is cost prohibitive. An engineered mulch product will be used.

Open grassy areas – Maintain what is current in the park.

Basketball court - respondents would like a full-size court but a half court was put in fairly recently and will not be changed at the current time.

Highlights/takeaways from the survey:

- Strong demand for the Park from young families
- Slides, Swings and Climbing Structures wanted
- Shade with caregiver seating
- Open space preserved

Prich will reach out to playground companies for proposals and take those proposals to the Parks Commission and bring those options to the Council for approval.

Prich said the budget will be in the area of \$100-110K for the project. Prich said the budgeted items will include a pedestrian ramp with a walking path to the new play structure.

d. Lost Lake Commons Amenities, Prich

Prich said he went to 10 parks in the metro area last week to gather ideas for the Council. Prich said the Council can provide direction to staff for final touches to amenities at Lost Lake Commons Park.

Prich presented the Master Plan map to Council with the location of some of the amenities in place and some proposed amenities. Prich said the Pavilion Deck was resurfaced recently with lighting in place. Prich added there are some small items including grounds maintenance, grading and drainage which still need to be completed. Prich said the Harbor District Sign is going to be changed to Lost Lake Commons and the final electrical work and lighting will be finished in the next two weeks. Prich said irrigation and plantings were put in last fall.

Prich presented park amenities from the cities of Carver, Delano, Rockford, Plymouth, Chaska, Maple Grove and listed the following he found during his amenity research:

- Tables
- Swings
- Chairs
- Statues
- Permanent Games – table tennis, disc golf, bean bag
- Fire Pits – only used during events and with staff present
- Other fun ideas for photo opportunities

Holt said he would like to use the park to be a branding opportunity for Mound. McEnaney said she has a presentation ready for the Council which has ideas to showcase the Park and make it a destination. Holt said the “Tonka” theme is a concern due to trademark issues and some people in Mound are not happy with the Tonka name being used.

Pugh said the Lost Lake Commons Park area was a transportation hub and would like to have that as a theme for the attraction to the Park. Pugh said the current park is a wonderful, huge space but it is a blank palette right now. McEnaney said she would like to add seating to the park. Council discussion ensued about seating and table options. The City Council gave Prich input on the type and colors of tables and chairs for the park. Prich said he will look for tables which are not made of wood but are natural looking with a black base.

MOTION by Pugh, to approve the purchase of 14 tables and eight chairs for the Lost Lake Commons Park, seconded by Castellano. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Further Council discussion ensued about other amenities to add to the Park. Pugh said she would like the addition of an art theme to the Park.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the April 28, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting, Kelly
- b. Approve Resolution No. 26-33 approving public gathering permit for 2026 Bass Clash on Friday, August 7, 2026 for use of Surfside Park and Beach as weigh-in station for fishing contest, Smith
- c. Approve Resolution No. 26-34 approving public gathering permit for 2026 MNOC Summer Adventure Race on Saturday, July 11, 2026 that includes use of Mound roads for event, Smith
- d. Approve Resolution no. 26-35 approving sign variation/modification for building murals at The Bright Spot at 2378 Wilshire Boulevard, Smith
- e. Pay Request No. 3 for the Water Treatment Infrastructure Improvements Phase 2 for \$85,786.06, Bauman

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

7. Public Hearings

8. Old Business

9. New Business

a. Award Bid for 2026 Street and Utility Improvements to GMH Asphalt, Bauman
Bauman said the bids were opened last week with GMH Asphalt being the low bidder. Bauman said the bids were 20% below engineer's estimates. Bauman said there was an alternative bid as a portion of the project. Bauman said he recommends the alternative to the project be completed by City PW staff.

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

Resolution No. 26-36: Resolution accepting bid for the Street and Utility Improvements to GMH Asphalt. PW 26-01 and PW 26-02

- b. Lost Lake Channel Fishing Ordinance, Dickson

Holt said there currently is a no fishing sign at Lost Lake. Holt said the sign was discussed at the previous Council meeting. Dickson said he did some research on the origin of the signage and found comments from a couple of former City Council members who thought it was dangerous for fishing to be taking place at Lost Lake. Dickson said he would need to post a notice to change City Ordinance to remove the no fishing signs at Lost Lake.

McEnaney said she is not in favor of fishing at Lost Lake Commons Park. Castellano said the no fishing signs are not going to be enforced. Holt said he recommends removing the "no fishing" sign.

Discussion ensued about where should fishing should be allowed in areas of Lost Lake Harbor. The Council agreed the Gazebo was an acceptable area for fishing. The Council would like signs to be posted prohibiting fishing at the boat slip areas.

10. Announcements

a. Comments/Reports from Council Members:

Council Member Pugh – Pugh said there should be a roll call earlier in the meeting. Dickson suggested a roll call after the call to order. MOTION by Pugh for the City Manager to take the roll after the meeting call to order. Seconded by McEnaney. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Holt suggested moving the Consent Agenda to Item 5. MOTION by Herrick to move the Consent Agenda to Item No. 5 in the City Council agenda, seconded by McEnaney. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Council Member Castellano – Nothing to report

Council Member Herrick – Nothing to report

Council Member McEnaney – McEnaney said the Planning Commission looked at adding corner lot ADA access, a Humane Pet Store ordinance and amending language related to Outlots to allow for allow for essential services. McEnaney said the MFM&M is starting on Saturday May 23rd with new vendors being added.

Mayor Holt – Holt said the State Bonding Bill deadline is the end of session on Sunday. Holt encouraged the City Council and the public to reach out to Ann Johnson Stewart and Andrew Myers to encourage them to vote in favor of the bonding bill.

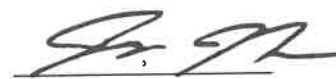
b. Comments/Reports from City Manager: Nothing to Report

c. Next City Council Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn

MOTION by McEnaney, seconded by Pugh, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.


Attest: Kevin Kelly, Clerk


Mayor Jason R. Holt