

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 26, 2026

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Centennial Building.

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

Members absent: Kathy McEnaney

Others present: City Manager Jesse Dickson, Deputy City Manager Laila Imihy, City Attorney Scott Landsman, Public Works Director Ryan Prich, Community Development Director Sarah Smith, City Engineer Matt Bauman, Hennepin County Commissioners Kevin Anderson and Heather Edelson.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adopt Agenda

Holt announced an amendment to the agenda, the move of Item 6b to 6c with 6b. being added as presentations from the two Hennepin County Commissions who represent Mound.

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

4. Public Comments

No one came forward.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the May 12, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting, Kelly
- b. Check Register for April 2026, Erdmann
- c. Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$52,085.18 to Widmer Construction for the 2025 Lift Station Improvement project, PW-25-02, Bauman
- d. Approve Resolution No. 26-37 approving Surfside Park Irrigation, Prich
- e. Approve Resolution No. 26-38 approving the Spirit of the Lakes 5K, Dickson
- f. Approve Ordinance No. 03-2026 amending City Code Chapter 78 Waterways, Dickson
- g. Approve Ordinance No. 04-2026 amending City Code Chapter 121 (Subdivision Regulations) pertaining to Outlots, Smith
- h. Approve Resolution No. 26-41 approve Crack Repair Project Award, Bauman

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

6. Presentations

- a. Recognition of Orono Police Chief Corey Farniok, Dickson

Mayor Holt stated that Orono Police Chief Farniok has retired and thanked him for the 30 years of service to Mound which included 19 years as Chief serving Mound. Farniok said it has been an honor to serve Mound since 2013. Farniok said Chad Stensrud has been sworn in today as Chief and has experience in Mound and other communities. The City Council thanked Farniok for his community perspective and service to the City.

b. Hennepin County Commissioners, Kevin Anderson and Heather Edelson

Edelson presented the following Hennepin County Statistics:

- In 1852 Hennepin County (HC) was established before the State was created in 1858
- Both Commissioners serve 16 cities each
- There are 45 Cities in HC
- 1.3 Million residents
- Eight Fortune 500 Companies
- 100+ lakes and rivers including Lake Minnetonka as the largest in HC
- 607 Square Miles
- 11 Watershed Districts

Edelson said the County has adopted a \$3.15Million budget in 2026 and presented the following:

Revenue highlights:

- Property taxes were the largest area and increasing which is unsustainable
- Fees for service which spiked in 2026
- Federal Government funds have been reduced

Expenditures:

- Health and Human Services is the largest cost area
- HC Medical Center received state funding to keep it open
- Capital Improvements less infrastructure

Kevin Anderson addressed the City Council by saying over the last few years HC has had a greater reliance on property taxes due to mandates from the State and decreases in federal funding.

Anderson listed the following:

- Tax Capacity and value both at 1%
- Commercial tax revenue has stabilized after hitting bottom
- Anderson listed 2026 Federal cuts in funding:
- SNAP - \$8Million
- FEMA - \$2.8Million
- 2027 County and Hospital Cuts Anticipated
- SNAP (Food Security) - \$20Million
- HUD (Housing Security) - \$12Million
- Medicaid – TBD but will be a substantial amount to reimbursements to HC.

- HCMC – HC has received funding to keep the hospital stable but Medicaid services are being cut by the federal government. 40% of trauma patients are from outside Hennepin County and 86 of 87 MN Counties sent patients to HCMC.
- Hospital Board has been dissolved and will not have elected officials as Board Members making decisions on the hospital. The transition of the HCMC board will take place in January 2027.
- Early Voting goes into effect this year
- HC is providing \$9K to offset staffing concerns with smaller HC cities
- Youth Crisis Stabilization Center opened December of 2025 - Shortage of facilities and beds for this 24/7 type of care. This care is typically for a shorter duration of 30-60 days with a focus on intensive, secured and trauma-informed care.
- Public Safety Headquarters opened in Plymouth
- Westonka Library scheduled to be open early next year

Holt asked about road crossing flashers for the Dakota trail crossing Commerce Blvd. Holt said he had a concern regarding parking and fishing along the County Road at the Interlachen/Black Lake Channel bridge. Holt said there are issues with parking on the bridge being a safety concern. Prich said there is 100 feet of parking on the bridge currently.

c. Water Treatment Plant Funding Update, Imihy

Holt said he reached out to many members of State Government and other entities to advocate for funding for the Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Holt said ultimately the retiring chair of the MN Senate did not offer funding to cities which had received state funding previously. Holt said the City will need to assess next steps for funding a Water Treatment Plant (WTP).

Imihy provided the timeline which was laid out at a previous meeting to fund the WTP. Imihy said the timeline would incorporate approval of the Financial Management Plan and Utility Rate Study. Imihy added the final designs for the WTP are being completed and ready for permitting and bidding. Imihy said during the Fall of 2026 the City Council would make final approval of the project.

Imihy said the City water supply is not treated and the iron and manganese in the water would be treated by a WTP. Imihy said a WTP would save taxpayers from in-home solutions and would protect and preserve City infrastructure.

Imihy listed the following:

Next Steps

Design and Bid – 80% of the WTP has been designed and will be completed by the end of summer and ready to go out for permit approval and cost estimates/bidding.

Utility Rate Study – August decision on a preliminary approval to give rate instruction to staff. Imihy said there will be a communication plan to give residents more information which include:

- Mayor Video
- One-page handouts at community events

- Special water edition of the Mound Compass
- Updates on WTP on social media and City website

Castellano said it was important for residents know what costs will be increased to pay for the WTP.

Imihy said utility rates will increase whether a WTP is built or not as extra funds are needed for debt reduction to the funds to be solvent.

Pugh said the expectations of residents are the new WTP will improve water quality. Prich said it takes a year to eighteen months for the iron accumulation to be flushed out of City infrastructure.

Imihy said utility rates will increase prior to the build out of a WTP to provide for debt service.

7. Public Hearings

Trapp thanked the Council for allowing all three public hearings to be put together. Trapp said the amendment to the zoning code allows for clarification of setbacks for corner lots.

Trapp said the humane pet store regulations were a request from a resident. Trapp said staff worked on the regulations with commission with one of the provisions was to not have pets and dogs staying overnight. Trapp said there are provisions in the zoning code specific to pet stores and to make sure pet and veterinary services are separated from pet stores.

Trapp said the accessible parking areas of the City Code were not reflective of the need for increased size of parking stalls to allow for wheelchair access.

Mayor Holt opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. No one was present to come forward. Mayor Holt closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

- a. Approve Ordinance No. 05-2026 and Resolution No. 26-39 Amending Chapter 129, Corner Lot Setbacks, Smith

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

Ordinance No. 05-2026; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 129 ZONING TO CLARIFY THE SETBACK REGULATIONS FOR CORNER LOTS

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

Resolution No. 26-39: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION BY TITLE AND SUMMARY PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. §412.191, SUBD. 4, OF AN ORDINANCE CLARIFYING REGULATIONS FOR CORNER LOTS IN CHAPTER 129 ZONING

- b. Approve Ordinance No. 06-2026 and Resolution No. 26-40 Amending Chapter 129, Humane Pet Store regulations, Smith

Mayor Holt opened and closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

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

Ordinance No. 06-2026: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REGULATIONS OF CHAPTER 129 ZONING TO ADD HUMANE PET STORE REGULATIONS

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

Resolution No. 26-40: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION BY TITLE AND SUMMARY PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. §412.191, SUBD. 4, OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING HUMANE PET STORE REGULATIONS TO CHAPTER 129 ZONING

- c. Approve Ordinance No. 07-2026 Amending Chapter 129, design standards for parking stalls, Smith

Mayor Holt opened and closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

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

Ordinance 07-2026: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REGULATIONS OF CHAPTER 129 ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKING STALLS

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- a. Code of Conduct, Imihy

Imihy presented the Code of Conduct policy for Council, Boards and Commissions. Imihy said the Code of Conduction will prescribe standards of behavior and provide a structure for formal complaints to City Manager, investigation, City Council hearings and potential censure. Imihy said removal of a Board or Commission member would need a 4/5ths vote of the City Council while a recall of a public official is not possible in statutory cities.

Imihy added that the City Council discussed the areas of the Code of Conduct which include the areas of:

- Open Meeting Law
- Conflicts of Interest
- How to work with Staff or the Public
- Use of social media
- Interacting with the Media
- Use of City Logos

Discussion ensued with staff and Council on what would be the repercussion if a member refused to sign a conflict of interest.

MOTION by Castellano, 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 some of the items about Mound in the West Lakes free magazine were inaccurate and they should be contacted to update their information regarding Mound.

Council Member Castellano – Nothing to report

Council Member Herrick – Nothing to report

Council Member McEnaney – Absent

Mayor Holt – Holt asked if there will be a meeting scheduled on June 9th. Dickson said there may be items which cannot wait to the second meeting in June. Holt said he wanted to warn residents that Bartlett Blvd. will be closed from June 1-July 10 in front of Surfside Park.

b. Comments/Reports from City Manager: Dickson said there will be a closed meeting after the adjournment of the regular meeting.

Landsman read a discloser regarding the closed session after the adjournment of the meeting. Landsman said the closed session will pertain to employment litigation which may impact City funds.

c. Next City Council Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn

MOTION by Herrick, 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