

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 14, 2026

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 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, Kevin Castellano, and Michelle Herrick.

Members absent: None

Others present: City Manager Jesse Dickson, City Clerk Kevin Kelly, Ryan Prich Public Works Director, City Attorney Scott Landsman, City Engineer Matt Bauman, Orono Police Chief Chad Stensrud, Chris Carlson, AJ Chouanard, Suzanne Schmidt, Helen Canning and Paula Larson.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adopt Agenda
MOTION by McEnaney, seconded by Pugh, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.
Motion carried.
4. Public Comments
Chris Carlson, 5950 West Branch Road, said he owns properties in Mound which he mows. Carlson said there are many illegal signs placed on his and City property which he has to mow around. Carlson said he would like to see more enforcement of the removal of the signs including fines to control the activity.

At 6:26 p.m. a motion was made by Herrick, seconded by Pugh, to reopen the Item 4., Public Comments. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

AJ Chouanard, 2105 Village Trail, said the City should do something about the water quality in Mound. Holt said the City is replacing water infrastructure and will be voting in August on a plan for building a water treatment plant.

Suzanne Schmidt, 2986 Highland Blvd. and 2887 Halstead Lane, said the water at her residences was tested and were found to have arsenic, magnesium and phosphates which has created cancer and neurological disorders in several people around the area in the last 6-8 months. Schmidt said the drinking water was tested at four different sources in the two residences. Prich said he will connect with Schmidt to go over her specific water situation.

5. Consent Agenda
 - a. PULLED
 - b. Check Registry for May & June 2026, Erdmann
 - c. Resolution No. 26-37 Approve Appointment of Election Judges, Kelly
 - d. Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$101,925.50 to TanksCo, Inc. for the Reconditioning of Well No. 8 – Hercules Tower; PW-26-10, Prich
 - e. Pay Request in the amount of \$27,415.00 to KLM Engineering for construction management, supervision and inspections of Reconditioning of Well No. 8 – Hercules

- Tower, Prich
- f. PULLED
 - g. Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$141,960.30 to GMH Asphalt for 2026 Street and Utility Improvements, PW-26-01 & PW-26-02, Bauman
 - h. Resolution No. 26-49 Support for SW Trails Association FY 2027 Grant to the Minnesota DNR, Imihy

MOTION by McEnaney, seconded by Pugh, to approve consent agenda items 5b, c, d, e, g and h. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

- i. PULLED Item 5a – Approve Minutes of the June 23, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting, Kelly
Castellano said the Mayor was listed as absent instead of actually being in attendance at the meeting. Castellano requested the meeting minutes will be corrected.

MOTION by Pugh, seconded by McEnaney, to approve the amended June 23, 2026 CC Meeting Minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

PULLED Item 5f, Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$1,138,736.70 to Minger Construction for the Water Treatment Improvements – Phase 2, PW 25-12, Bauman

Herrick questioned the payments to Minger Construction particularly the extra pay requests for additional traffic control costs. Bauman said the extra costs were related to the Bartlett Blvd. traffic control.

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

6. Presentations

- a. Orono Police Department with the June 2026 Activity Report, Spencer
Orono Police Chief Chad Stensrud introduced himself to the Council. Stensrud said he worked in Orono Police Department (OPD) for 17 years previously and was Captain in Robbinsdale for four years. Stensrud said he is happy to be back in the Lake area. Stensrud gave the activity report and said there was a burglary of a nearby business and there isn't any surveillance video of the scene. Stensrud said most of the activity in the last month was generally standard calls for service.

Pugh said the City has a consistently high number of DWI's and alcohol related offenses. Pugh said is there a way to get the City to be a little drier. Stensrud said the liquor establishments could receive more staff training on who not to serve. Stensrud said he there are options for people to take ride shares from liquor establishments and he said he doesn't mind to see cars in parking lots of liquor establishments after hours.

Herrick asked Stensrud for traffic statistics on Westedge Blvd. during the construction detour. Holt said he did talk to an OPD officer who said they are stopping vehicles is there is an issue.

Castellano asked about OPD staffing. Stensrud said a cadet is ready to fill the one open position with the Orono Police Department and should be ready to go in August. Castellano asked about any big changes to the OPD budget and Stensrud said no big changes.

7. Public Hearings

8. Old Business

a. Avon Park Play Equipment Decision, Prich

Prich presented the options for the playground sets for Avon Park. Prich said the survey data was presented to four different companies for their playground concept designs. Prich said those concepts included the following:

- New Play Equipment
- Installation
- New surround
- Fiber Mulch
- Shade and Caregiver seating
- Swings, slides, and climbing structures

Prich presented a number of slides from three companies:

- Flagship Recreation
- MWP Recreation (GameTime)
- Northland Recreation (Little Tikes)

Prich presented the costs and color schemes of each option.

Prich said the Parks Commission recommend Option 3A from Northland Recreation (Little Tikes) in a blue/white color scheme.

Discussion ensued about costs and adding features to the options presented which include an ADA ramp and path to the play area, arm rests and a shaded bench option. Discussion included approval of option 3A in a green color scheme.

MOTION by Pugh, seconded by Herrick, to approve Option 3A, play equipment design for Avon Park from MWP Recreation (GameTime) in a forest green color scheme with a cinnamon-colored shade and a foam-colored railings and bench. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. New Business

10. Announcements

a. Comments/Reports from Council Members:

Council Member Pugh – Pugh said she was out of town and didn't have anything to add.

Council Member McEnaney – McEnaney said she went to Music in the Park at Lost Lake Commons Park and everybody really enjoyed the location. Holt said he also attended the event and Daruma was one of the two Food Trucks at the event. Holt said one of the comments he received was the sound was amazing at Lost Lake Commons Park. Holt said he would like to see more events at Lost Lake Park in 2027.

Council Member Castellano – Castellano said he had nothing to add.

Council Member Herrick – Herrick said she didn't have anything to add

Mayor Holt – Holt said there will be a special water treatment plant related newsletter coming soon. Discussion ensued about the description of the water situation in Mound and the cost of the Water Treatment Plant. Holt reviewed the contents of the newsletter to the Council which include dates in August, October and December where bids are offered, received and awarded.

b. Comments/Reports from City Manager: Dickson said he received a call from the staff who organize Music in the Park. Dickson said the staff would like to hold their next event at Lost Lake Commons Park in August. The Council said they agreed.

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

11. Adjourn

MOTION by McEnaney, seconded by Herrick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



Attest: Kevin Kelly, Clerk



Mayor Jason R. Holt