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**DATE :** : April 7, 2026  
**TIME STARTED** : 6:31 p.m.  
**TIME ENDED** : 8:23 p.m.  
**MEMBERS' PRESENT** : Councilmember Cornett,  
Cremona, Anderson and Mayor Giefer. Council  
Member Rog  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** : None

Staff members present: City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck and Interim Administrator Clerk, Kristina Handt.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Giefer.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Kevin Helmer, 10235 Jamaca Ave N asked for council permission to plant native trees and shrubs in Bass Lake Park.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Council Member Rog moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Council Member Cremona seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. March 2026 Bill List, \$174,813.33
- B. March 3, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. March 13, 2026 City Council Special Meeting Minutes
- D. March 30, 2026 City Council Special Meeting Minutes
- E. Approve 2026 Washington County Recycling Contract
- F. Approve Washington County SHIP Active Living Grant Agreement

Council Member Cornett moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Council Member Rog seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**STAFF AGENDA ITEMS**

City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Consideration of Resolution Certifying Special Assessments for the 2026 Street Improvement Project-Resolution No. 2026-11

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2 City Engineer Reifsteck presented a review of the background information on the 2026 Street  
3 Improvement Project that includes 66<sup>th</sup> Street North and Great Oak Trail North. Reifsteck also  
4 updated project costs and assessments, street-level cost breakdowns and assessment terms. He  
5 provided answers to residents' previous questions about the city contribution, soft costs, the bid  
6 process, and culverts.

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8 **Motion by Council Member Cremona, seconded by Council Member Rog to open the public**  
9 **hearing. Motion approved 5-0.**

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11 Scott Sinclair, 11765 Great Oak Trail, commented on history of road, the taxes paid for the road over  
12 the last 28 years, soft costs being ridiculous, and the impact of the increased taxes when assessment  
13 and interest are added to current city taxes . Asked council to consider alternative bid obtained by  
14 residents to save each of them \$3,800.

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16 Matt Stonehouse, 11052 66<sup>th</sup> St N, thanked Brad for a good process. Commented on the need to make  
17 sure the road is crowned properly as the lack of proper drainage is what led to some road issues in the  
18 past.

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20 Bob Tillges, 11942 Great Oak Trail, presented a bid he obtained from another company that wasn't  
21 submitted through the city's public bid process. Expressed concern about the two roads being bid  
22 together and the breakdown between the two roads.

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24 Arlys Kath, 11947 Great Oak Trail N, asked why the other bidder that the neighborhood got was not  
25 allowed to bid and can it be considered?

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27 Interim Administrator Handt read written submissions from Jeff and Sue Lund, 11076 66<sup>th</sup> St N  
28 expressing full support for the project and Bob and Mary Michels, 11055 66<sup>th</sup> St N expressing how  
29 much the road project is needed.

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31 **Motion by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Cremona to close the**  
32 **public hearing. Motion approved 5-0.**

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34 **Motion by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Cornett to approve**  
35 **Resolution No. 2026-11. Motion approved 5-0.**

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37 **Consideration of Resolution Accepting Bids and Awarding a Construction Contract for the**  
38 **2026 Street Improvement Project-Resolution No. 2026-12**

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40 City Engineer Reifsteck commented that the low bidder was Winberg Companies LLC in the amount  
41 of \$228,404.34.

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43 **Motion by Council Member Cornett, seconded by Council Member Rog to approve Resolution**  
44 **No. 2026-12. Motion approved 5-0.**

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46 **NEW BUSINESS**

1 **Consideration of Resolution to Accept Donation of Website Design and Authorize Work on**  
2 **Behalf of City-Resolution No. 2026-13**

3 Interim Administrator Handt provided background information about the city's plans to meet ADA  
4 requirements for the website effective April 2027 and the proposal from Celia Wirth to volunteer to  
5 build a new city website including maintaining the current content, and training someone to maintain  
6 it. Information was presented on other websites Wirth had designed and what peer communities  
7 used. A resolution was available for the Council to formally accept the donation of services from  
8 Wirth.

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10 **Motion by Council Member Rog, seconded by Council Member Cremona to approve**  
11 **Resolution No. 2026-13. Motion approved 5-0.**

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13 **Consideration of Amendments to City of Grant Rules of Procedure**

14 Interim Administrator Handt presented the proposed redlines to the City of Grant Rules of Procedure,  
15 mostly discussed at the last meeting with the addition of some spelling and formatting corrections and  
16 the deletion of performance reviews for consultants.

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18 Mayor Giefer presented alternative language for Section 2 D. Public Input as follows:

19 **Proposed Alternative – Public Input Policy (with Recording Notice)**

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21 Residents may speak to the City Council about any item during the Public Input portion of the  
22 meeting. The Mayor will recognize speakers; signing in does not guarantee time at the podium.  
23 Speakers must state and write their name and address, and are limited to two minutes. Up to five  
24 speakers will be heard.

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26 Public Input is recorded as part of the official meeting record. Residents who prefer not to be  
27 recorded may contact the Mayor or Council members directly by phone or email instead of speaking  
28 during the meeting.

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30 The Council generally will not take action on items raised during Public Input. Items may be referred  
31 to staff for follow-up, placed on a future agenda, or handled directly by the Administrator/Clerk if no  
32 Council action is required.

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34 When a public hearing is required by law, the Mayor will invite members of the public to the podium  
35 to provide comments when that agenda item is under consideration.

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37 Giefer explained the proposed changes would add a recording notice and a privacy option for  
38 residents, fixes unclear wording in the current version, uses clear, more concise language throughout,  
39 keeps all existing rules, retains the public hearing statement in a more polished form, and improves  
40 readability and professionalism.

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42 Council Member Anderson asked if there was a reason Public Input was after Consent Agenda.  
43 Residents may want to address council about something on the consent agenda and then it would be  
44 too late. Interim Administrator said there wasn't a reason she had likely just followed an example  
45 from another city but made sense to move it.

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1 **Motion by Council Member Cremona, seconded by Council Member Anderson to approve**  
2 **revising the City of Grant Rules of Procedures as proposed with swapping the consent agenda**  
3 **and public input order and including the proposed alternative provided for Section 2. D.**  
4 **Public Input. Roll Call- Cornett-Nay, Rog-Aye, Cremona-Aye, Anderson-Aye, Giefer-Aye.**  
5 **Approved 4-1.**

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7 **Consideration of Unaudited 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026 Financial Report**

8 Interim Administrator Handt presented the unaudited 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial report, explaining the city's  
9 use of two different financial software systems and the challenges but the goal to go to one by 2027.  
10 She also covered the revenue and expense highlights year to date.

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12 **Motion by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Cremona to accept the 1<sup>st</sup>**  
13 **Quarter Financial Report. Approved 5-0.**

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15 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

16 None

17 **DISCUSSION ITEMS (no action taken)**

18 **Staff Updates (updates from Staff, no action taken)**

19 City Engineer Reifsteck presented his memo for discussion purposes only regarding the schedule and  
20 benefit area alternatives for the 2027 Street Improvement Project. Discussion added clarification of  
21 work session before June council meeting to review draft feasibility study and include a greater city  
22 contribution perhaps up to 30%.

23 Interim Administrator Handt provided an update on code enforcement issues from the building  
24 official's report. NO further review of the Wood Chuck Tree Service complaint is underway as the  
25 property owner as submitted a site plan for the log wall. Additional materials have been submitted for  
26 the CUP application for the Buddhist temple and that is being reviewed for completeness by the city  
27 planner. Handt also shared the spring newsletter has been submitted to the printer and should be in  
28 mailboxes next week. She reminded folks of the spring clean up event on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the new fees.

29 **City Council Reports/Future Agenda Items (no action taken)**

30 Mayor Giefer asked about the request from public comment to allow tree planting at Bass Lake Park.  
31 Council directed staff to bring a resolution to accept the Helmer donation to a future meeting.

32 Council member Cornett asked about setting a date and time for a special council meeting. A special  
33 council meeting to discuss the contract for the city administrator will Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at  
34 9:30am.

35 Council Member Rog asked if the City Attorney had provided information on Gasthaus's 60<sup>th</sup>  
36 Anniversary for the newsletter. Handt responded she didn't get any information and the newsletter  
37 was already at the printers. Rog said he would send information to Handt for the future.

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39 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH 4 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026:**

40 **Council Member Cornett read the following calendar announcements:**

41 **Mahtomedi Public Schools Board Meeting, Monday April 27<sup>th</sup> Mahtomedi District Education**  
42 **Center, 7:00 p.m.**

1 **Stillwater Public Schools Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> Oak Park Learning Center, 5:30**  
2 **p.m.**  
3 **Washington County Commissioners Meeting, Tuesdays, Government Center, 9:00 a.m.**

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5 **ADJOURNMENT**

6 **Council Member Cremona moved to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Council Member Cornett seconded**  
7 **the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

8 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting on May 5, 2026.  
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15 Kristina Handt, Interim Administrator/Clerk

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15 Jeff Giefer, Mayor

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