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DATE : : May 5, 2026
TIME STARTED : 6:30 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 8:14 p.m.
MEMBERS' PRESENT : Councilmember Cornett, Rog,
 Cremona, and Mayor Giefer
MEMBERS ABSENT : Council Member Anderson

Staff members present: City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck, City Planner Jennifer Haskamp, City Attorney Amanda Johnson and Interim Administrator Clerk, Kristina Handt.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Giefer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Council Member Cornett moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Council Member Cremona seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC INPUT

Theresa Palumbo, 10740 Inwood Ave N, read the petition she plans to share with neighbors to have portions of 105th St N and Inwood Ave N paved from their current gravel state.

Jamie Kreeger, 7390 73rd Ct N, requested a traffic signal at CSAH 12 and Inwood Way N and asked for Council's support in working with Washington County.

Denise Jacobson, 8255 114th St N, addressed the Council about dust control concerns on Ironwood Ave and 114th St N, the bumpiness of the road, the widening of the road, concerns about the substrate and its ability to hold the binder of chloride and is requesting better dust control and road substrate.

Cindy Lamarucciola, 11332 Ironwood Ave N, also spoke about the dust problem and roads are unsafe to even walk sometimes especially by the guardrails.

Bill Jacobson, 8255 114th St N, reiterated concerns about the substrate not built to handle all of the traffic on the road, it's dangerous, health issues with dust, bumpiness so bad sometimes can't control car. He suggested a stop sign be added at 114th St N and Ironwood Ave N.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. April 2026 Bill List, \$261,519.62**
- B. April 7, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes**
- C. April 15, 2026 Special City Council Meeting Minutes**

- 1 **D. Approve Resolution No 2026-14 Accepting Donation from Kevin Helmer**
- 2 **E. Award Quote for Calcium Chloride**
- 3 **F. Approve Resolution No. 2026-18 Approving Quote for the 2026 Pavement**
- 4 **Management Project**
- 5 **G. Approve Certificate of Plat Correction for Elliot’s Crossing 1st Addition**

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7 **Council Member Rog moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Council Member**
8 **Cornett seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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10 **REGULAR AGENDA**

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12 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-15, Elliot’s Crossing 2nd Addition Final Plat**

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14 City Planner Jennifer Haskamp provided background on the Elliot’s Crossing development noting
15 this is the second phase. The Elliott Crossing preliminary plat included approval of two (2) phases.
16 The final plat for Phase I was approved on November 4, 2024. Summaries of both project phases are
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20 included approval of two (2) phases. The
21 final plat for Phase I was approved on
22 November 4, 2024. Summaries of both
23 project phases are provided below: **Phase I**
24 *(Approved)*

Phase I included twelve (12) rural residential
lots ranging in size from 7.5 - 18.4 acres and
two (2) outlots. The residential lots are
accessed via a new cul-de-sac (Keswick
Court), which is approximately 1,998.3-foot
in length and connects to 75th Street N to the
north.

25 **Phase II**
26 *(Subject Application)*

Phase II includes platting five (5) new rural
residential lots ranging in size from 5 – 8.18
acres and two (2) new outlots. Outlot A
aligns with the three golf holes that are a part
of the Indian Hills Golf Course lying south of
the new subdivision and Outlot B will remain
as open space. Lots will be accessed via a
new cul-de-sac (Elliot Lane N), which is
approximately 1,928-foot in length and
connects to Lake Elmo Ave N to the east.

27 As part of the preliminary plat process Phase II identified a sixth lot at the terminus of 69th St N on
28 the south side of PID 2603021430002. The parcel was platted as Outlot B in conjunction with Phase I
29 and is not proposed to be re-platted as part of the second addition plat. As such, if the project
proposer wants to develop the parcel in the future they will need to re-plat the parcel and the
conditions associated with development of the lot will remain applicable as noted below and restated
within the Development Agreement.

30 **SUMMARY OF PHASE II:**

- The general subdivision configuration and lot sizes are consistent with the approved preliminary plat for Phase II, however lot 6 at the terminus of 69th St N will remain as an

- 1 Outlot to Phase I. Minor adjustments have been completed to meet the conditions of the
 2 preliminary plat.
- 3 • Phases II will not connect via roadways to Phase I due to the presence of wetlands and the
 4 golf holes which are located within the replat of Outlot A.
 - 5 • The subdivision will be subject to architectural design standards through the Homeowners
 6 Association (HOA).
 - 7 • Outlots A and B are proposed to remain open space. Outlot A will be replatted to align with
 8 three golf holes that are part of the Indian Hills Golf Course. The holes were relocated and
 9 placed in an easement in 2020/2021 through an amended CUP, the CUP should likely be
 10 updated to reflect the replat and legal description. The Outlot will become part of the amended
 11 CUP and all associated conditions of approval.
 - 12 • Each lot is proposed to be served by a private well and septic system. The Preliminary Plat
 13 identified primary and secondary drainfield systems and septic reports/boring logs for each
 14 lot, which are consistent with Final Plat plan set.
 - 15 • The cul-de-sac serving Phase II lots is connected to CSAH 17. An access permit, and any
 16 required improvements, must be obtained from Washington County prior to any site work or
 17 building permits being issued. The developer is working with the County to obtain the permit,
 18 however, at this time of this application has not received their permit approval.

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 20 **Motion by Council Member Cornett, seconded by Council Member Rog to approve Resolution**
 21 **No. 2026-15. Motion approved 4-0.**

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 23 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-16, A Resolution Proclaiming May 30, 2026 Gasthaus**
 24 **Bavarian Hunter Day in the City of Grant**
 25 Interim Administrator Handt provided a brief background on the request to honor Gasthaus during the
 26 business’s 60th Anniversary and noted the resolution provided in the packet by Council Member Rog
 27 declaring May 30, 2026 Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter Day in Grant and providing more historical
 28 background on the business.

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 30 **Motion by Council Member Rog, seconded by Council Member Cremona to approve**
 31 **Resolution No. 2026-16. Motion approved 4-0.**

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 33 **Consideration of the 2027 Budget Calendar**
 34 Interim Administrator Handt presented a proposed budget calendar for developing the 2027 budget
 35 beginning with work sessions in July and August.

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 37 **Motion by Council Member Cremona, seconded by Council Member Rog to approve the**
 38 **proposed 2027 Budget Calendar with additional work sessions in July and August . Motion**
 39 **approved 4-0.**

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 41 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-17, Resolution Authorizing Authority of the Personnel**
 42 **Committee and Discussion of City Administrator Next Steps**

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 44 City Attorney Johnson posed a number of questions for council’s consideration on how they wanted
 45 to move forward following the expiration of Interim City Administrator Handt’s contract on May 24,
 46 2026. She asked Council the following questions:

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- 1. Do you want to repost a City Administrator position?
- 2. Do you want to go back to a City Clerk model?
- 3. Do you want to engage a consultant (such as Redpath) for Treasurer services?
- 4. Do you want to reach out to any of the previous resumes the Council received?
- 5. Do you want to hire a temporary administration consultant? a. Scott Saehr would be available to assist but cannot dedicate full-time efforts.
- 6. Do you want to explore search firm options (note, these cost \$25-45k)?

Council direction was to post for a full time City Administrator/Clerk and a part time 16 hours a week Treasurer/Deputy Clerk. Council also wanted a parallel path to pursue interim help such as consultants for treasurer services and administration. The Personnel Committee will revisit the previous resumes submitted for the Clerk/Administrator role. The Council did not want to explore search firm options. The Personnel Committee comprised of Mayor Giefer and Council Member Cornett will prepare postings, do initial screenings and interviews and have wide authority to carry out the search process with the Council approving any hires or contracts. City Attorney Johnson will update the resolution with the names of the committee members and clarify it's for the roles of city administrator, clerk and treasurer.

Motion by Council Member Cremona, seconded by Council Member Cornett to approve Resolution 2026-17 as amended, Motion approved 4-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (no action taken)

Staff Updates (updates from Staff, no action taken)

Interim Administrator noted the Building and Code Enforcement Officials' report in the packet as ongoing efforts on code enforcement.

City Attorney Johnson mentioned broadband discussions that have been happening and deferred to the Mayor for more information.

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

Mayor Giefer asked the Council if they would like Mike Bradley to come to a work session to discuss broadband franchising. The Council was in agreement. Giefer noted the Ramsey Washington Cable Commission would need to approve as they would pay his fees so he will follow up after that. Giefer shared there was a meeting next Friday about the stoplight with Commissioner Miron. Giefer asked Interim Administrator Handt to share the concerns shared during public comment about roads with the city's contractors. Giefer reported that Clean Up Day went well with 60 vehicles and about 120 people participating. 11.58 tons of trash were collected. Giefer thanked the council members who were onsite helping that day.

Council Member Cremona reminded folks that should would not be at the June meeting and not able to participate remotely.

CLOSED SESSION

1 **Motion by Mayor Giefer, seconded by Council Member Cremona that Pursuant to the holding**
 2 **in Prior Lake American v. Mader, there is no land use decision before the Council at this time,**
 3 **instead the sole purpose for this closed session is to discuss the allegations made by Mark**
 4 **McGrath’s attorney in what he identifies as his “fifth and final complaint”. Therefore,**
 5 **balancing the policies served by the attorney-client privilege and the open meeting law, absolute**
 6 **confidentiality is needed in this case because there is no application of any kind before the**
 7 **Council that may be served by the open meeting law. The City shall hold a closed session in**
 8 **accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec.13.D.05, subd. 3(b) as permitted by attorney-client privilege.**
 9 **Approved 4-0.**


10 **Council recessed for 5 minutes.**

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 13 **ADJOURNMENT**

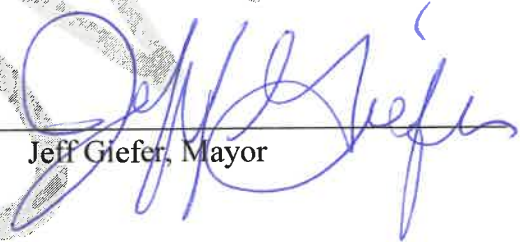
14 **Council Member Cremona, seconded by Mayor Giefer moved to return to open session and**
 15 **adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.**

16 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting on June 2, 2026.

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 Kristina Handt, Interim Administrator/Clerk



 Jeff Giefer, Mayor

