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CITY OF HAM LAKE CITY COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

The Ham Lake City Council and Economic Development Authority met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brian Kirkham and Councilmembers Jim Doyle and Al Parranto

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmembers Mike Van Kirk and Andrew Hallberg

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney, Mark Berglund; City Administrator, Denise Webster; Finance Director, Andrea Murff; and Deputy City Clerk, Dawnette Shimek

1.0 CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M. – Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3.0 SPECIAL APPEARANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

These items are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in normal sequence. (All items listed on the Consent Agenda are recommended for approval.)

4.1 Approval of minutes of February 2, 2026

4.2 Approval of claims in the amount of \$174,780.50

4.3 Approval of the 2027 Budget for the Upper Rum River and Sunrise River Watershed Management Organizations

4.4 Approval of not waiving the monetary limits on municipal tort liability coverage

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Parranto, to approve the Consent Agenda as written. All present in favor, motion carried.

5.0 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS – None

6.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – None

7.0 APPEARANCES

7.1 Finance Director Andrea Murff, 4th Quarter Financial Report

Finance Director Murff gave the financial report for the 4th Quarter of 2025. Finance Director Murff reported on the Overall Cash Position by Fund Type increasing by approximately \$1,932,375 from

December 31, 2024. Finance Director Murff stated this increase is due to having higher returns on investments and not having as high as capital expenditures as in previous years. Finance Director Murff stated the overall General Fund, before audit entries, had \$819,000 of revenues excess of expenditures due to receiving higher than anticipated investment gains, costs for operating Fire Station #3 coming in under what was anticipated, and less spending in the Public Works and Park Departments. The City Council thanked Finance Director Murff.

8.0 CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Berglund stated that there was a workshop meeting before the Council meeting to discuss cannabis. Attorney Berglund added that the City Council discussed amending the City Code regarding cannabis sales.

9.0 CITY ENGINEER – None

10.0 CITY ADMINISTRATOR – None

11.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

11.1 Committee Reports – None

11.2 Announcements and future agenda items – None

Motion by Parranto, seconded by Doyle, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:08 p.m. All present in favor, motion carried.



Dawnette Shimek, Deputy City Clerk