

# CITY OF HAM LAKE

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## CITY OF HAM LAKE CITY COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

The Ham Lake City Council and Economic Development Authority met for its regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 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, Andrew Hallberg, Al Parranto, and Mike Van Kirk

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Attorney, Mark Berglund; City Engineer, Dave Krugler; City Administrator, Denise Webster; and Administrative Assistant, Nicole Wheeler

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

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**3.0 SPECIAL APPEARANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3.1 Anoka County Sheriff Brad Wise, Chief Deputy Bill Jacobson and Lt. Anthony Mendoza, Anoka County Sheriff’s Office – Introduction of Deputies assigned to the City of Ham Lake for 2026 and the Monthly Report**

Anoka County Sheriff Brad Wise, Chief Deputy Bill Jacobson, and Lt. Anthony Mendoza were present. Sheriff Wise stated that the Sheriff’s Department aims to provide the best service possible to the City of Ham Lake. Sheriff Wise stated that he knows the Sheriff’s Contract is not cheap, but they offer great benefits and he knows that it is the Council’s job to advocate for the residents of Ham Lake to get the most bang for their buck. Sheriff Wise stated that there are high tensions between Anoka County and the City of Anoka on where the new jail project should be located and currently, they are in litigation. Sheriff Wise stated that the current jail is falling apart and deteriorating and a new one needs to be constructed.

Mayor Kirkham stated that he has never received complaints about any of the Ham Lake Deputies. All Councilmembers agreed.

Lt. Mendoza gave a summary of the Sheriff’s Report for the month of February 2026.

Lt. Mendoza introduced the current Deputies assigned to Ham Lake for 2026: Day Shift is Nick Duren – 12 years in Law Enforcement, 1 year as a CSO, 11 years as a Deputy; Tanner Shipman – 20 years in Law Enforcement, 14 years working in Ham Lake, Deputy Shipman was the 2024 Officer of

the Year; Power Shift is Matthew Hoefs – 6 ½ years in Law Enforcement, 2<sup>nd</sup> year in Ham Lake; Braden Adams – 3 ½ years in Law Enforcement, 1<sup>st</sup> year in Ham Lake; Night Shift is Blake Petrich – 8 years in Law Enforcement, 2<sup>nd</sup> year in Ham Lake; and Spenser Rawlinson – 5 years in the Military, 3 years with the Sheriff's Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> year in Ham Lake. Lt. Mendoza stated that Investigator Thomas Kvam was not present.

The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked the Deputies for their service and all that they do.

#### **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 March 2, 2026
- 4.2 Approval of claims in the amount of \$199,171.17
- 4.3 Approval of scheduling a Special City Council meeting for Monday, April 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. to interview applicants for the vacancy on the Planning Commission
- 4.4 Approval of Ordinance No. 26-04 amending Article 7, Licenses, regarding Adult-Use Cannabis Business Operations
- 4.5 Approval of Ordinance No. 26-05 rezoning Kohler Farms
- 4.6 Approval of Resolution No. 26-13 adopting the 2025 Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 4.7 Approval of the resignation of Public Works employee Erik Hlivka
- 4.8 Approval of the well usage and maintenance agreement with Jeff Harstad and Heather Wollan
- 4.9 Approval of the quotes for remodeling bathrooms and painting the bay at Fire Station #2

**Motion by Doyle, seconded by Van Kirk, to approve the Consent Agenda as written. All in favor, motion carried.**

**5.0 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS – None**

**6.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – None**

**7.0 APPEARANCES – None**

#### **8.0 CITY ATTORNEY**

- 8.1 Discussion of an amendment to Harmony Estates 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition Development Agreement and adoption of a Resolution No. 26-14

Attorney Berglund stated that the Development Agreement for Harmony Estates 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition was approved last November and part of the development agreement was that the developer would get a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) for all properties that are affected by FEMA before any permits in the development would be allowed. Currently the Developer does not have the LOMA's and is requesting to get building permits for any lots that are not affected by the LOMA's. Attorney Berglund stated that all developers are required to get any lots that need the FEMA LOMA's to be removed before any building permits are allowed as an incentive for developers to get the map amendments completed. Attorney Berglund stated that since there is a federal shutdown, there is now a delay in getting LOMA's and therefore is asking the Council to approve the amendment to the Development Agreement to allow building permits for any lots that do not need a LOMA.

**Motion by Van Kirk, seconded by Parranto, to approve Resolution No. 26-14, to amend Harmony Estates 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition Development Agreement, allowing building permits for the lots in the development that are not affected by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) and are otherwise in compliance with all City, DNR, Watershed, County, State and Federal requirements. All in favor, motion carried.**

**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 Van Kirk, seconded by Hallberg, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:20 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.**



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Nicole Wheeler, Administrative Assistant