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CITY OF HAM LAKE CITY COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

The Ham Lake City Council and Economic Development Authority met for its regular meeting on Monday, September 21, 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: Acting Mayor Al Parranto and Councilmembers Jim Doyle, Andrew Hallberg, and Mike Van Kirk (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Brian Kirkham

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney, Mark Berglund (arrived at 6:04 p.m.); 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

Scott Coggins of Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT) stated that according to the Minnesota Supreme Court, cities can choose if they want to use electronic poll pads or paper rosters for elections. Mr. Coggins also stated that he would like Anoka County to rewrite their resolution and withdraw the threat letter sent to cities if they don't use the electronic poll pads.

Sue Peterson stated that she supports ACEIT and would like Ham Lake to go back to paper rosters.

Jon Liebsch, 16008 3rd Street NE, Ham Lake, MN, stated that he agrees with ACEIT and would like Ham Lake to go back to paper rosters. Mr. Liebsch stated there is no time savings when using an electronic poll pad versus a paper roster.

Christine Dahlman, 17540 Highway 65 NE, Ham Lake, MN, had three items to discuss. Ms. Dahlman inquired about the road easement pertaining to her property and asked if it could be vacated by the City and given back to her property. Ms. Dahlman stated that Flock Cameras can be abused and that she is still trying to get information from her data request through Anoka County. Ms. Dahlman stated that she is concerned about a Muslim woman that stopped her vehicle on Highway 65 NE and appeared to be praying on the side of the road; as this is a safety issue.

3.0 SPECIAL APPEARANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Lt. Anthony Mendoza, Anoka County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report

Lt. Mendoza gave the summary of the Sheriff's Report for August 2026 and stated that scams have been on the rise in Ham Lake. It isn't just senior citizens that are being scammed. Lt. Mendoza stated that Ham Lake residents lost \$70,000 during the month of August due to scammers becoming more

sophisticated in spoofing phone numbers and using names of sheriff's deputies to swindle money from residents.

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 September 8, 2026
- 4.2 Approval of claims in the amount of \$1,607,242.81
- 4.3 Approval of a Proclamation proclaiming September 17 - September 23 as Constitution Week
- 4.4 Approval of Resolution No. 26-40 requesting funds from the Metropolitan Council Planning Assistance Grant to complete the 2050 Comprehensive Plan update
- 4.5 Approval of appointing Levi Boyer to the open position of the Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization (URRWMO)
- 4.6 Approval of accepting the 2026 bituminous overlay project and commencing the one-year warranty period
- 4.7 Approval of New Tobacco Licenses for Hop and Vine, LLC dba Hop and Vine, 1434 147th Avenue NE, Suite #102, Ham Lake, MN and Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Kwik Trip #1790, 14323 Johnson Street NE, Ham Lake, MN
- 4.8 Approval of new Liquor Licenses:
On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale
 - The Burrow MN dba The Burrow, 1434 147th Avenue NE, Suite #101, Ham Lake, MN
Off-Sale
 - Hop and Vine, LLC dba Hop and Vine, 1434 147th Avenue NE, Suite #102, Ham Lake, MN
3.2% Off-Sale
 - Kwik Trip, Inc., dba Kwik Trip #1790, 14323 Johnson Street NE, Ham Lake, MN

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Van Kirk, 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 – None

8.0 CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Berglund stated there was a Code Committee meeting relating to Elwell Farms and he has been in contact with their Attorney.

9.0 CITY ENGINEER

Engineer Krugler stated Crosstown Shopping Center is still under construction and please follow the signage and take extra time to get to the businesses.

10.0 CITY ADMINISTRATOR – None

11.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

11.1 Committee Reports

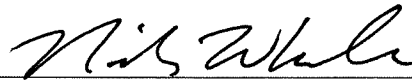
Councilmember Hallberg stated that he attended a meeting with Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization (SRWMO) to discuss joining the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership. Councilmember Hallberg stated that the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) is all or none and Ham Lake was the only member city to vote no. Councilmember Hallberg stated that he didn't feel it would be beneficial to Ham Lake and voted no on behalf of Ham Lake. Councilmember Hallberg stated that Ham Lake is only a tiny part of the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership and joining would increase our exposure and potentially open the City up to lawsuits.

Councilmember Hallberg stated that he attended a meeting at North Metro TV. They have made some changes to balance their budget, which included limiting content coverage and reducing staff.

Councilmember Parranto stated that he has attended Code Committee meetings with Councilmember Van Kirk regarding Elwell Farms.

11.2 Announcements and future agenda items – None

Motion by Van Kirk, seconded by Hallberg, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. All present in favor, motion carried.



Nicole Wheeler, Administrative Assistant