7:00 pm Call to Order the Regular Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call; Mayor: Jason Peirce - here

Council Member: Carol Altrichter - here

Council Member: James Eitel - here

Council Member: Wes Holtz – absent

Council Member: Daniel Broucek – absent

Approval of Minutes from August 11th;

Motion to approve minutes from August 11, 2025, Eitel/Altrichter, all in favor, motion carries

Consent of Agenda;

-Resolution 2025-86 will be moved to Fire Department section from Water Department

Motion to approve agenda, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

Approval of Balance Sheet;

Motion to approve the Balance Sheet, Eitel/Altrichter, all in favor, motion carries

Approval of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures;

Motion to approve the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

Approval of Payroll;

Motion to approve payroll, Peirce/Altrichter, all in favor, motion carries

Approval of Payments (Claims);

Motion to approve payments, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

Approval of Utility Billing Information;

Motion to approve Utility billing information, Eitel/Altrichter, all in favor, motion carries

Approval of Bank Reconciliation;

Motion to approve Bank reconciliation, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

**Emergency Services Report**

1. Fire Department

Resolution 2025-84 Approve Acceptance of Donation for Turnout Gear

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-84, Altrichter/Eitel, Eitel-yea, Altrichter-yea, Peirce-yea, all in favor, motion carries

Resolution 2025-87 Hiring of New Fire Fighter

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-87, Eitel/Altrichter, Eitel-yea, Altrichter-yea, Peirce-yea, all in favor, motion carries

Resolution 2025-86 Approval to Apply for DNR 50/50 Grant

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-86, Altrichter/Eitel, Eitel-yea, Altrichter-yea, Peirce-yea, all in favor, motion carries

Motion to approve Fire Department Report, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

1. EMR Department
	1. Captain Maiers applied for a Compeer Grant for equipment

Motion to approve EMR Department Report, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

**Petitions, requests, and communications**

1. Westberg Eischens – 2024 Audit
	* 1. Expenditures exceeded revenues in all 4 funds (General, Water, Sewer, Storm-Water)
		2. The cash balance is strong in the general fund and storm water fund
2. Infrastructure project update
	1. R&R is hoping to be done with mainline sewer on Martha by the end of this week
	2. After they finish sewer, they will jump back and finish sanitary-sewer services
	3. Mike Hansen and Matt Miller met with Form-a-Feed: they expressed concerns about doing work on a large portion of their property late in the season
		1. They are working with them to schedule things- there is a chance things may need to be pushed out until next year
	4. Partial Payment #2 - $83,196.15
		1. Motion to approve partial payment of $83,196.15, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, Eitel-yea, Altrichter-yea, Peirce-yea, motion carries
	5. Bolton and Menk will be sending out mailers and doing door knockers to get lead pipe inventory sent to state
	6. Nate Hardel will reach out to Twin Cities Western Railroad to try lowering the hourly rate from $200/hour down to $96/hour that was originally given to us
3. New Public Hearing Date for Xcel Energy CUP Application- October 13, 2025
	1. Motion to move public hearing date to October 13, 2025 at the normal council meeting at 7pm, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries
4. Prelim Budget
	1. Special meeting
		1. Motion to hold special meeting on budget on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 7pm, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries
	2. Set Date for Truth in Taxation Hearing
		1. Motion to set December 8th, 2025 during the regular council meeting for the truth in taxation hearing, Eitel/Altrichter, all in favor, motion carries

**Ordinances and Resolutions;**

Resolution 2025-72 Accepting Donation for Fire Department

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-72 to accept donation for fire department, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

Resolution 2025-73 Redistributing donation to Relief Association

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-73 to redistribute donation to relief association, Eitel/Altrichter, all in favor, motion carries

Resolution 2025-74 Designation of Small Cities Assistance Funds Motion to approve Resolution 2025-74 to designate small cities assistance funds, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

Resolution 2025-80 Special Event Liquor License- Cactus Jacks

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-80 to approve special event liquor license, Eitel/Altrichter, all in favor, motion carries

Resolution 2025-81Acceptance of Letter of Resignation

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-81 to accept letter of resignation from Laura Ranieri – making her hourly wage, plus $275 biweekly, plus payout all of her sick and PTO, Eitel/Altrichter, all in favor, Eitel-yea, Altrichter-yea, Peirce-yea, motion carries

Resolution 2025-82 Approval to Post Clerk/Treasurer Position

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-82 to approve the posting of the clerk/treasurer position with wages at $25.05-$34.79, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

Resolution 2025-83 Approval of Sick Time Payout

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-83 to approve sick time payout, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

**Reports of Officers, Boards and Committees;**

1. Police Department Report –

Resolution 2025-75 Police Contract Renewal

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-75 to renew the Police Contract for 2026-2027 calendar years – tabled until 9/24/25 special meeting

Motion to approve Police Department Report, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

1. Public Works Reports
2. Maintenance Report

Resolution 2025-76 Approval of Attendance to Fall Expo, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

Resolution 2025-77 Seal Coating & Crack Filling of Streets

-Mayor Peirce asked why the holes were not filled before the Crack Sealing came through

-Nate said it was budget related

-Mayor Peirce asked him to bring it before the council next time to figure out a way to get it done

-This will come out of next year’s budget

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-77, Altrichter/Eitel, Eitel-yea, Altrichter-yea, Peirce-yea, all in favor, motion carries

Resolution 2025-78 Approval of Bid on Tree Trimming

-Nate will be short with current budget

-He said he can pull it from his sign budget

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-78, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, Eitel-yea, Altrichter-yea, Peirce-yea, motion carries

Resolution 2025-79 Approve Purchase of DeWalt Battery Kit

-This will be used to keep up with weed whipping- Nate runs out of batteries to quickly

-Nate will check out the big DeWalt sale at Runnings in November

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-79 to buy when the batteries come up on sale, Eitel/Altrichter, all in favor, motion carries

Resolution 2025-85 Approval to Switch Companies for Fire Ext. Inspections

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-85, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

-Mayor Peirce has requested that Nate check in with the railroad to check what they will do with the hazard it has created from roughness at the tracks

Motion to approve Maintenance Report, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

1. Water/Waste Water Report

-During the street project, there have been a lot of inaccuracies in the map

 -Lines are not where they are supposed to be

 -New maps are being created

Motion to approve Water/Waste Water Report, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

 **Building & Planning & Zoning Permits**

Approved Building Permits;

Unfinished business;

Employee Review:

Miscellaneous;

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn at 8:43pm, Altrichter/Eitel, all in favor, motion carries

By: ATTESTS:

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Jason Peirce – Mayor Laura Ranieri, City Clerk - Treasurer