

MINUTES OF THE SHERBURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 17th, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Mayor Warren Olson duly called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Present: Mayor Warren Olson, Council Members Brad Ringnell, Richard Behne, Ronee Beckius, Public Works Operator Paul Schoen, and Deputy Clerk, Sean Devens. Sarah Kramer is absent at 5:00pm.

Open Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Ringnell with one agenda addition. Second by Behne. 4-0 vote. **Carried.**

Approval of Minutes: August 3rd, 2026 Meeting minutes, motion to approve by Ringnell. Second by Beckius. 4-0 vote. **Carried.**

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion to approve by Ringnell. Second by Beckius. 4-0 vote. **Carried.**

- Minutes - August 3rd, 2026
- Checks – GEN: 1958-2016E, 49476-49494
- Approval of Payroll Period 2026-16

Agenda:

1. Reschedule 09/07/2026 City Council Meeting to 09/08/2026 due to Labor Day – **Motion to approve change by Ringnell. Second by Behne. 4-0. Carried.**
2. Resolution 2026-17 – Accepting Donation from Mary Whitehead – **Motion by Ringnell after discussion. Second by Behne.** Roll Call Vote: Ringnell, yea; Kramer, absent; Beckius, yea; Behne, yea; Olson, yea. 4-0. **Accepted.**

Kramer was marked as present at 5:06 pm.

3. **307 West Cargill Lateral Line Discussion:** The Council discussed concerns related to the lateral line and manmade structure at 307 West Cargill. The property owner raised concerns about inflow and infiltration, the elevation of the project, and uncertainty regarding ownership of the lateral line and related structure. The property owner and contractor stated they had spoken with Bolton & Menk within the past week regarding inflow and infiltration. Devens provided an update on current ordinance language and City policy related to lateral lines, noting that the ordinance states property owners are responsible for their property up to the main line. The property owner requested public information regarding any prior contracts between the City and previous property owners. The property owner indicated they may return to a future Council meeting for final discussion. The line was reported to be operating normally as of the meeting date. No motions were made on this item. Council requested public works temporarily cover the manhole with plastic and sandbags, identify ownership of the structure, clarify where city liability begins and ends, and finally research any prior contracts involving the city and previous property owners.

Old Business:

-Movie Theatre Discussion - Clerk updated council on the depositing of donation funds and moving forward to the next steps in repair replacement of movie theatre server. No updates from Council.

Police Chief Report: Trevor Yochim, Sherburn Welcome Police Chief provided statistics and an update regarding Officer Lyon regarding the recent recognition received by the Child & Family Advocacy Center out of Mankato, Minnesota for her recent work with them. Table thanked Chief Yochim and Officer Lyon and recognized Lyon for this accomplishment.

Clerk's Update:

The Clerk updated the Council on daycare abatement ideas, EDA childcare opportunities, budget work with departments, facility needs, resident communications, N. Manyaska St. jetting issues, utility bill payment options, delinquency matters, and park concerns.

Reports from the Mayor and Council Members:

- **Sarah Kramer:** Kramer reported that she had been contacted regarding an abatement process for business tax purposes. She requested additional information so she can better inform local businesses and property owners interested in operating within city limits. Kramer stated that she wants to encourage businesses to come to the community and support future business development. City staff will look into further.
- **Ronnie Beckius:** Beckius asked Public Works whether part-time help would assist with painting curb lines and parking lines. Public Works advised that staff will attempt to complete the work this summer now that the paint striper has arrived.
- **Richard Behne:** Behne reported that he owns property on the south side of town, outside city limits. He stated that Martin County Planning and Zoning had been contacted regarding permitting for his property and that individual contractors had also been contacted. Behne asked why those contacts were made and stated that, if there are questions or concerns, he would prefer to be contacted directly. City staff explained that, because of wellhead protection requirements, dig notifications, and City ordinance processes, certain procedures must be followed to maintain compliance and licensure. Staff noted that they were not aware at the time whether Behne intended to move forward with annexation. Behne stated that he does not intend to annex the property into the City and plans to dig a well instead. Staff clarified that they were attempting to follow City policy and notified Behne of that process. Staff also noted that permits may still be required under City ordinance when matters involve code requirements and wellhead protection.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Ringnell at 5:38p.m. Second by Beckius. 5-0. Carried.

Sean Devens,
Deputy City Clerk

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