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Mayor: Lori Warne * City Administrator: Tammy Hansen

Minutes

May 19, 2025

The meeting of the Newfolden City Council was called to order by Mayor Lori Warne at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 19, 2025

Present: Darin Jacobson Lori Warne Adam Gast

Absent: Melissa Bjorgaard Mark Augustine

- 1) *Motion by Councilmember Gast to approve the May 19th agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 2) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to approve the May 19th Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gast and carried.*
- 3) Committee Reports:
 - a. Fire Department:
 - a. Park and Recreation:
 - b. Infrastructure:
 - c. Budget:
 - d. Public Works: Jason will be installing metal flashing onto 4 main line electric poles, in the effort to further prevent squirrels and other animals from interfering with electric service.
- 4) *Motion by Councilmember Gast to approve the Grid Resiliency Grant contract presented by the MN Department of Commerce. Work is expected to commence after July 1, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 5) The council reviewed the lease statements prepared for Lindsey Gilbert and Humblebees detailing their existing lease delinquency. We will continue to work with them to collect and will file the information as presented.
- 6) *Motion by Councilmember Gast approve relocating the City office to city-owned office space located on Minnesota Avenue. This move will make room for necessary office and storage needs and increased support for the Newfolden Senior Center and LAH/BNP. The relocation will include a council meeting space. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson.*
- 7) Marit Martell, City Auditor, presented the 2024 audit report. No findings were reported and the City is in good standing.
- 8) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to approve the Zoning Permit submitted by Marshall County Central School District. A suggestion to locate the tank back by other tanks or in line with telephone and away from traffic flow. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gast and carried.*
- 9) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to approve the donation of excess metal folding chairs, located in the City Pole Shed, and excess card tables to the Fire Department Rummage Sale. Proceeds to be kept by the Fire Department Relief Association.*

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- 10) A report was give regarding planned activities during MCC Community Service Day on May 23. Students will be providing the following services for the City of Newfolden:
- a) City cemetery – clean gravestones
 - b) City Parks – rake leaves, pick-up sticks and garbage
 - c) City Shop – pallet shelving project
 - d) Community Center – Cleaning
 - e) Painting curbs and gutters
- 11) *Motion by Councilmember Gast to approve the In-Home Provider Grant application submitted by Sam Ryba for the amount of \$3,900.00. This will pay 50% of a new fence installation. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 12) *The Council discussed the continuation of providing training and back-up services to the City of Middle River. It was decided that we are not able to provide on-site personnel for this purpose. This is due to growing demands and projects at within the City of Newfolden. We will continue to provide assistance via phone or text.*
- 13) *Motion by Councilmember Gast to approve the submitted claims and timesheets and benefit leave report. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 14) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Gast and carried.*

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Mayor

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