

Mayor Ressler presented for the Council's review Accounts Payable and Financial Reports. City Administrator Martens reviewed with the Council the larger bills. After review, the following action was taken:

Motion by:	NEWMAN	Seconded by:	JOHNSON
For:	ALL	Against:	NONE

Motion approving the Accounts Payable and Financial Reports as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called for the Committee Reports. Minutes of the Blooming Prairie Planning & Zoning Board Meeting held September 2, 2025; the Blooming Prairie Public Utilities Commission Meeting held on September 9; the Blooming Prairie Economic Development Authority Meeting held on September 10, 2025; the Blooming Prairie Fire Commission held on September 9, 2025; Blooming Prairie Ambulance Commission Meeting held on September 16, 2025; and the Blooming Prairie Police Commission Meeting held on September 17, 2025 were presented. The following action was taken:

Motion by:	SUNDINE	Seconded by:	NEWMAN
For:	ALL	Against:	NONE

Motion accepting the Committee Reports as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler presented the Steele County Emergency Operations Plan for the Councils consideration. Steele County Emergency Manager Kristin Sailor presented the plan. The Council made the following motion:

Motion by:	NEWMAN	Seconded by:	CLARK
For:	ALL	Against:	NONE

Motion to approve Resolution 25-10-02 adopting and implementing the Steele County Emergency Operations Plan on behalf of the City of Blooming Prairie as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler presented Resolution 25-10-03 Authorizing Facsimile Signatures for the Councils consideration. City Administrator Martens explained that the Auditors require a resolution on file when facsimile signatures are being used. After discussion, the Council took the following action:

Motion by:	CLARK	Seconded by:	SUNDINE
For:	ALL	Against:	NONE

Motion approving Resolution 25-10-03 authorizing the use of facsimile signatures by the Mayor, City Administrator and Finance Director as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler presented Resolution 25-10-04 closing Obsolete Funds for the Councils consideration. The Council made the following motion:

Motion by:	SUNDINE	Seconded by:	JOHNSON
For:	ALL	Against:	NONE

Motion adopting Resolution 25-10-04, closing obsolete funds and transferring any remaining balances as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called on City Administrator Martens for additional information about the Minnesota Paid Leave. City Administrator Martens explained the Minnesota Paid leave structure and the difference in pay structure for different pay scales. After a lengthy discussion, the Council took the following action:

Motion by:	JOHNSON	Seconded by:	NEWMAN
For:	ALL	Against:	NONE

Motion to update the Employee Personnel Policy to allow all employees to utilize sick, vacation or comp time to supplement Minnesota Paid Leave as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler presented setting a date and time for a work session to investigate changes to the preliminary budget. The Council made the following motion:

Motion by:	SUNDINE	Seconded by:	JOHNSON
For:	ALL	Against:	NONE

Motion to set a Council Work Session for Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler presented the WWTP Lead position. City Administrator Martens explained that currently the Blooming Prairie WWTP is being run with the assistance of an A operator as the city does not currently employ a B operator. Recently we have had an employee pass the exam to become a B operator. City Administrator Martens explained that the City should post the position internally for qualified current city employees who are eligible to be promoted to the wastewater lead position. The Council took the following action:

Motion by:	SUNDINE	Seconded by:	JOHNSON
For:	ALL	Against:	NONE

Motion to post the Wastewater Lead Position internally for qualified current city employees for a period of 5 days. Should only one eligible candidate be available for promotion, the City Administrator is authorized to promote that individual to the wastewater treatment plant lead position as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called on City Administrator Martens for additional information on the replacement of the plow truck. City Administrator Martens informed the Council that Public Works Director Motl has been on the search for a used plow truck to replace the 2006 Sterling plow truck. Public Works Director Motl explained the options that he found. After extensive discussion, the Council made the following motion:

Motion by:	NEWMAN	Seconded by:	SUNDINE
For:	ALL	Against:	NONE

Motion to authorize additional monies from the Capital Investment Fund to complete the purchase of the 2012 Freightliner with 27,100 miles as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called on City Administrator Martens for additional information on the 2025 street patching project. City Administrator Martens informed the Council that Public Works Director Motl has gone out for bids to do a patch at 4th Avenue SW from 3rd Street S to just past the townhomes. The patch is about 11,000 square feet. Seykora Asphalt has given a quote for \$57,000.00 and Director Motl is waiting for an additional quote. After discussion, the Council made the following motion:

Motion by:	SUNDINE	Seconded by:	NEWMAN
For:	ALL	Against:	NONE

Motion to contract with the lowest bidder to do an 11,000 square foot patch at 4th Ave SW in the amount of \$57,038.36 or less with additional funds from the Capital fund to complete the 2025 Street patching project as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler presented the sale of the Senior Center for the Council's consideration. City Administrator Martens informed the Council of the sealed bids that were received. The bids ranged from \$25,000.00 to \$52,000.00. City Administrator Martens informed the Council of the timeline as outlined in the contract. After extensive discussion, the Council made the following motion:

Motion by:	SUNDINE	Seconded by:	JOHNSON
For:	ALL	Against:	NONE

Motion to approve the sale of the Senior Center to Steve and Tony Lamotte at a bid price of \$52,000.00 and with the proper easements as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler presented the hiring of firefighters. City Administrator Martens informed the Council that the Fire Department has three applicants for new firefighters and would like to get them on board as the classes will begin in November. The Council made the following motion:

Motion by: NEWMAN Seconded by: CLARK
For: ALL Against: NONE

Motion to approve the hiring of the three firefighters presented, pending successful background checks was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called for Public Comments. There were no public comments received.

Mayor Ressler called on City Administrator Martens for the City Administrator’s Report. City Administrator Martens informed the Council that his office is continuing to prepare for the 2026 budget work session.

City Administrator Martens informed the Council that his office continues to transition all employees to the Microsoft 365 and .gov platforms.

City Administrator Martens informed the Council that he attended a cannabis meeting at Steele County. Some changes will need to be made to our Cannabis Ordinance which will entail a Public Hearing.

City Administrator Martens informed the Council that he attended the Southeast Community Needs Survey presentation in Janesville. Access to the survey information was a caveat to attending.

City Administrator Martens informed the Council that he will be attending the SMMPA Regional Meeting with General Manager Mausbach

City Administrator Martens informed the Council that he will be attending the SEMLM on the 30th of October.

City Administrator Martens informed the Council that the City of Blooming Prairie was approved for State Disaster Aid from the July storm.

City Administrator Martens informed the Council that he and Councilmember Johnson went around meeting business owners on the 218 Corridor and plan to do the same on Main Street and other areas od town as time allows.

Mayor Ressler called on City Attorney Iacovino who recapped last month’s City business.

City Attorney Iacovino informed the Council of the process of how the sale of the Senior Center will look.

City Attorney Iacovino informed the Council that the city will need to enter into an agreement with Steele County for the Police Department record retention.

Mayor Ressler called for Council Member's Reports. City Council Member Sundine inquired whether there was an opening on the Planning & Zoning Board. She was informed that there was no opening at this time.

City Council Member Sundine informed the Council and Administration that she received a complaint about the farmer that is farming the land west of Victory Field drove a combine through the park.

City Council Member Newman inquired about the timeline for the Gaga Ball Eagle Scout project in Central Park. Administration will check with the individual.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Council took the following action:

Motion by:	SUNDINE	Seconded by:	JOHNSON
For:	ALL	Against:	NONE

Motion adjourning the Meeting was duly carried.

Anthony Martens
City Administrator