

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
April 13, 2026
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Ressler, Council members Sundine, Newman, Johnson and Clark

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Martens, Deputy City Clerk/Finance Director Zwiener, City Attorney Iacovino, Kay Fate of the Steele County Times, Public Works Director Motl and Chris Harber of Ulland Brothers

Absent: None

Mayor Ressler called the Regular City Council Meeting to order on April 13, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Ressler led the Council, and others present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ressler presented the Consent Agenda for the Council's approval. Included in the Consent Agenda were the following:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of March 9th, 2026 – Regular City Council Meeting
3. Approval of the Hiring of Pine Springs Pool Lifeguards
4. Accept the Claremont Chamber of Commerce Donation of \$2,164 for Park Equipment
5. Accept the Resignation of Nathan Taarud, PT Police Officer
6. Accept the Resignation of Jeremy Wangen, BPF
7. Approve Street Closing – BP Cancer Group – September 10th-13th
8. Approve Temporary Liquor License – Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce

The Council made the following motion:

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

Motion approving the Consent Agenda as presented was duly carried.

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:	SUNDINE	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 Public Utilities Commission Meeting held on March 10, 2026; The Blooming Prairie Economic Development Authority held on March 11, 2026; the Blooming Prairie Fire Commission held on March 10, 2026; the Blooming Prairie Police Commission Meeting held on March 18, 2026 and the Blooming Prairie Ambulance Commission held on March 3, 2026, were presented. The following action was taken:

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

Motion accepting the Committee Reports as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called on City Administrator Martens to present the bids for the purchase of a new payloader. Two bids were received on time. One from Ziegler Cat in the amount of \$145,510.57 and one from John Deere in the amount of \$184,154.02. A late bid came in from Titan Machinery, but that bid came in at \$170,716.00. The Council took the following action:

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

Motion to accept the low bid of \$145,510.57 for the capital purchase of a new payloader from Ziegler Cat as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called City Administrator Martens for information on the purchase of a TV and Cart for use in meetings. City Administrator Martens informed the Council that he would like to purchase a TV and a cart for use in meetings. This will allow remote options for contracted parties and others to present to the Council without having to travel to Blooming Prairie. After discussion, the Council made the following motion:

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

Motion to approve the purchase of a TV and a cart for remote meetings for both Council and departments as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called on Public Works Director Motl to discuss the proposed public works summer schedule. Public Works Director Motl proposed four nine-hour shifts and a 4-hour Friday shift for the summer projects. After discussion, the Council made the following motion:

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

Motion to approve the Public Works Director to adjust the schedule as necessary for summer work as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called on City Administrator Martens for information on the 2026 street repair plan. City Administrator Martens informed the Council that Public Works Director Motl had originally planned to repave 4th Ave SW as a project that was left over from the 2025 road construction season. The lowest quote for this project is \$56,219.75. Public Works Director Motl would also like to see Memorial Drive completed this season. The lowest quoted costs for this project is \$150,894.75. Quotes were received from Seykora Asphalt and Ulland Brothers. By completing both projects this year, the City of Blooming Prairie is saving \$4,500.00 mobilization fee along with the difference in the price next year. After lengthy discussion, the Council took the following action:

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

Motion accepting the lowest bid from Ulland brothers to mill and overlay Memorial Drive in the amount of \$150,894.75 and mill and overlay 4th Ave SW in the amount of \$56,219.75 using storm sewer funds for the curb and gutter, using funds carried over from last year for 4th Ave SW and using funds from the capital fund minimizing the amount of sealcoating by \$40,000.00 as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called for Public Comments. There was no public requesting to be heard.

Mayor Ressler called on Public Works Director Motl for a Public Works report. Public Works Director Motl informed the Council that the pickleball court striping will be completed as soon as there are steady enough temperatures.

Public Works Director Motl informed the Council of repairs needed at Pine Springs Pool and the 3rd Street North repairs needed.

Public Works Director Motl informed the Council that the stump grinder has been delivered and the new woodchipper is on the way.

Mayor Ressler called on City Administrator Martens for the Administrator's Report. City Administrator Martens informed the Council of what he has accomplished this month along with recognizing employee birthdays and employment anniversaries.

Mayor Ressler called on City Attorney Iacovino for the City Attorney's report. Attorney Iacovino informed the Council of the steady criminal cases this month.

Mayor Ressler called for Council Member's Reports. City Council Member Sundine informed the Council that the Blooming Prairie Recreation Association will be purchasing permanent soccer nets for Victory Field. These nets will be donated to the City of Blooming Prairie and will require the public works department to mow around.

City Council Member Clark reminded Administrator Martens and Public Works Director to work on the snow emergency ordinance before winter.

At this time Mayor Ressler closed the meeting pursuant to MN Statute Section 13D.05, subd. 3(a) to evaluate the performance of City Administrator Martens.

The meeting was reopened at 8:05 PM.

Mayor Ressler stated that the performance evaluation of City Administrator Martens was satisfactory.

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

Motion by: SUNDINE

Seconded by:

NEWMAN

For: ALL

Against:

NONE

Motion adjourning the Meeting was duly carried.



Anthony Martens
City Administrator