

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 Planning & Zoning Board held on January 5, 2026; the Blooming Prairie Public Utilities Commission Meeting held on January 13, 2026; The Blooming Prairie Economic Development Authority held on January 14, 2026; the Blooming Prairie Fire Commission held on January 13, 2026; the Blooming Prairie Police Commission Meeting held on January 21, 2026 and the Blooming Prairie Ambulance Commission held on January 6, 2026, were presented. The following action was taken:

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

Motion accepting the Committee Reports as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler presented the Pay Equity Report for 2026. City Administrator Martens informed the Council that the 2026 Compliance Report has been generated and per testing identified by the State of Minnesota, the City of Blooming Prairie has complied with and has passed the pay equity test. The Council took the following action:

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

Motion to adopt and approve the Minnesota Pay Equity Compliance Report as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called on City Administrator Martens for information on a Smoke-Free Ordinance. City Administrator Martens informed the Council that Abigail Nachreiner from Steele County Public Health has reached out to inquire of the City of Blooming Prairie would be interested in looking at a smoke-free public places cannabis ordinance. After discussion, the Council instructed City Administrator Martens to invite Public Health to the March City Council meeting.

Mayor Ressler presented the purchase of a stump grinder. City Administrator Martens presented the two quotes they received. The Sanco Equipment quote is \$10,558.56 and the Northland Farm Systems quote is for \$10,178.13. The Council made the following motion:

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

Motion to approve the purchase of a new stump grinder from Northland Farm Systems in the amount of \$10,178.13 as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler presented the purchase of a wood-chipper. City Administrator Martens informed the Council that the purchase would be shared purchase with the Blooming Prairie Public Utilities. City Administrator Martens presented the quote from Lano Equipment in the amount of \$46,371.60 and the quote from Tri-State Bobcat in the amount of \$38,031.60. The Council took the following action:

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

Motion to approve the purchase of a new wood-chipper from Tri-State Bobcat in the amount of \$38,031.60 and that the cost be shared equally by the City of Blooming Prairie and the Blooming Prairie Public Utilities in the amount of \$19,150.80 each as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called on City Administrator Martens for information about the placement of yield signs at the intersection of 5th Place SW entering onto 4th Ave SW and at 5th Circle SW entering onto Memorial Drive. After discussion, the Council made the following motion:

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

Motion to approve Public Works to install yield signs at the intersections of 5th Place SW/4th Ave SW and 5th Circle SW/Memorial Dr as presented was duly carried.

Mayor Ressler called on City Administrator Martens for information about the replacement of the flashing crosswalk sign on Highway 218 and 2nd Street SE. City Administrator Martens informed the Council that the Flashing crosswalk sign was damaged during a storm and the person who hit it was not found. At the time of the meeting, quotes were not available. The Council will revisit the replacement at the March Council meeting.

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

Mayor Ressler called on General Manager Mausbach for an update of the Utilities Department. General Manager Mausbach informed the Council that during Polar Vortex Fern, the Blooming Prairie Public Utilities were called on to run generators. General Manager Mausbach informed the Council that the plant ran well with some gelling.

General Manager Mausbach informed the Council that Engine 7 is having turbo issues.

General Manager Mausbach informed the Council that there are two routes left on the AMR project.

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 some of the things completed this month and that the Blooming Prairie Police Department is aggressively working on snow removal ordinance violations.

Mayor Ressler called for Council Member's Reports. Council Member Newman informed the Council that he'd like to work on contracting a garbage hauler to help save on wear and tear on city roads.

City Council member Sundine suggested working on an odd/even snow emergency ordinance.

Mayor Ressler closed the meeting citing MN Statute 13D.03 to discuss the City's labor negotiations strategy with the LELS Local #606 Police Officers Union.

The City Council meeting was reopened at 8:00 P.M.

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

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

Motion adjourning the Meeting was duly carried.



Anthony Martens
City Administrator