



City of Hill City Minutes
January 2026 Council Meeting
January 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Hill City Community Room

Note: Please silence your electronic devices during the meeting. Thank you.

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

3. Guest Speaker

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
- b. Approve

Account Balances as of January 5, 2026. Checking \$484,854.72, MM \$29,032.57, CD \$510,591.40

Checking Account December Reconciliation

Claim's - 12/30/2025 \$34,483.73, 1/9/2026 \$579,884.35, 1/13/2026 \$536.53

EFT's - 12/1 payroll \$11,382.66, 12/1 PERA \$2,984.52, 12/1 Fed Taxes \$2,774.90, 12/2 Withholding Tax \$1,287.79, 12/9 November Sales Tax \$8.00, 12/15 Payroll \$14,349.52, 12/15 PERA \$3,312.57, 12/15 Fed Taxes \$3,939.67, 12/29 Payroll 11,614.35, 12/29 Fire & 1st Responder Payroll \$1,920.87, 12/29 PERA \$3,751.66, 12/29 Fed Taxes \$4,028.76, 1/5 Withholding tax \$2,237.78, 1/6 Sales Tax \$30.00, 1/12 Payroll 12,202.18, PERA 3,199.24, Fed Taxes \$2,932.55

Transfer - \$0.00

- c. Reports – Public Works, Fire, Police, Clerk
No Police Report.

Motion made to approve the above consent agenda items.

Motion made by Council Member Semler, Seconded by Council Member Hilton.

Voting Yea: Mayor Lange, Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich

5. Public Forum – 3-minute limit

6. Reports:

- a. Mayor and Council

Mayor Lange had a busy month with talking with citizens about law enforcement, dealing with the Lake Ave project, went to Pine River water treatment plant. Received an letter as to why we did not go for funds for a wter treatment plant. teh mayor responded stating we are currently building a plant using federal funds.

Benson talked with the Keisler House about making more raised garden beds. Should have bid for next weekend.

Hilton was asked why Paul Bunyan could come into town. Because of federal fund and the city already have internet service they won't come here.

There is a dead tree behind Harry's on the South side of Henrietta Ave. George Casper said he would have to look to see if it is on the city right-of-way.

b. Engineer

Andrew Beadell gave his report.

c. CEDA

Jessica Pellinen gave her report.

d. Land Use Committee

e. Events & Planning Committee

Pellinen has been running the events committee. Does the city really want her to be using her time running this committee? Business should be the voice for this group.

f. Personnel Committee

Has not met. Would like to have a sit down with the employees individually for a review. Do a half hour before each meeting over the next few months. Give the council questions.

g. Facilities/Equipment Committee

Has not met. Committee is not needed.

h. Park Committee

7. Old Business

a. Quote for Plumbing for the Fish Cleaning House

Casper talked with Seth Amundson about the plumbing for the fish cleaning house. He stated we have to wait until spring The State inspector want to do a test on the lines that George put in

8. New Business

a. Approve Resolution 2026 - 1 Setting the 2026 Appointments

roll call

Motion made by Council Member Goodrich, Seconded by Council Member Hilton. Voting Yea: Mayor Lange, Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich

b. Sewer Line connection issues at 104 Elm St N

Residential sewer backed up into the house. back in 2009 the line was to be replaced but it wasn't done. Homeowner not reliable, city will have to pay for the replacement. County Commissioner stated he felt the county should pay for half. we don't have the invoice yet to know the cost.

- c. Culvert Runway Pay Application in the amount of \$75,130.00 to Subsurface, Inc

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Motion made by Council Member Hilton, Seconded by Council Member Goodrich.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lange, Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich

- d. Airport Culvert lining Draw Request in the amount of \$78,826.00.

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Motion made by Council Member Goodrich, Seconded by Council Member Hilton.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lange, Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich

- e. Approve Pay Application #13 in the amount of \$430,522.00 to McGough construction

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Motion made by Council Member Goodrich, Seconded by Council Member Semler.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lange, Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich

- f. Water Treatment Plant Draw Request #13 in the amount of \$457,282.00.

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Motion made by Council Member Goodrich, Seconded by Council Member Hilton.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lange, Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich

- g. Legislative-Citizen Commission of Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) has issued its 2027 Request for Proposal (RFP) for funding from Minnesota's Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

LCCMR is a grant that has just opened. Jessica asked Andrew if he knew if this would enclud replacement of the existing trail. Andrew suggested contacing them directly.

- h. Approve Banners for Street Poles

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Motion made by Council Member Goodrich, Seconded by Council Member Hilton.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lange, Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich

- i. Rental of Boat Slips - The Park Committee recommends \$10/day and \$1,000/Season with 2 seasonal sites.

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Motion made by Council Member Hilton, Seconded by Council Member Goodrich.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lange, Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich

- j. 2026 Blandin Grant open is January for upgrading public spaces. Do we want to have a committee?

Not needed

- k. Set up a meeting to discuss the Fee Schedule. Change from an Ordinance to a Resolution.

April 14 5:30 pm

- l. Approve Council pay for December.

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Motion made by Council Member Goodrich, Seconded by Council Member Semler.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lange, Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich

- m. Clerk Meyer would like to attend the Municipal Clerks & Finance Officers Association (MCFOA) annual conference March 25 - 27. Early Bird (Prior to Feb 24) Registration \$395.

plus lodging

, Seconded by Council Member Goodrich.

Voting Yea: Mayor Lange, Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich

9. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Wednesday, January 14th – Water Treatment Plant meeting 10 am – Fire Hall
Wednesday, January 28th – Water Treatment Plant meeting 10 am – Fire Hall

Tuesday, February 10th - Regular Council Meeting 6 pm - Hill City Community Room

JAnu 18 fishing day 4th grade. hill city and mcgregor kids

10. Adjourn

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Motion made by Council Member Goodrich, Seconded by Council Member Benson.
Voting Yea: Mayor Lange, Council Member Benson, Council Member Semler, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Goodrich