

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

MINUTES
March 12, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 PM

B. ROLL CALL: GUSTAFSON_X_ LEEHY_X_ MEYER_X_

MIELKE_X_ WASSENBERG _

STAFF PRESENT: LINEHAN_X_ JOHNSON_X_

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Linehan draws attention to a late addition of Consent Agenda Item 8

Councilmember Meyer motions to approve the agenda;
Approved 4-0

D. PRESENTATION

1. Office of Congresswoman Betty McCollum – Update on FY2026 Community Project Funding

Staff Member Charlie Hammond from the office of Congresswoman Betty McCollum provides an update regarding community project funding. He explains that Congress members can locate funding to request for community projects coming from municipalities in their district. Hammond provides a complete list of Community Project Funding secured by Congresswoman McCollum since 2022. While funding for 2026 is pending final passage, Staff Member Hammond recommends municipalities submit project proposals sooner rather than later. Once the 2026 application period is announced, there is a fast turnaround time between the announcement and the deadline.

Mayor Gustafson thanks Staff member Hammond for his attendance.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. February 12, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Meyer motions to approve the meeting minutes;
Approved 4-0

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. ~~Consideration of Revocation of Municipal Business License~~

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through 3/5/25: \$97,148.44

Payroll through 2/25/25: \$27,472.39

Wire Payments through 2/25/25: \$17,206.14

2. Approval of Resolution 25-18 Selecting Cedar Forest as Picnic Shelter and Restroom Supplier for Community Park Renovation Project
3. Approval of Resolution 25-19 Approving the Joint Powers Agreement Among Members of the Ramsey County Geographic Information Systems Users Group
4. Approval of Resolution 25-20 Accepting Resignation of Jared Mehlhaff from the Environment Commission
5. Approval of Resolution 25-21 Approving a Contract with Electro Watchman, Inc for the Installation of a Lenel/S2 Netbox Access Control System for City Hall
6. Approval of Resolution 25-22 Authorizing the City to Accept Grant Funds Through the University of Minnesota Good Neighbor Fund
7. Approval of Resolution 25-23 Request for Proposal (RFP) for Classification and Compensation Study Consultant.
8. Approval of Resolution 25-24 Authorizing Husky Construction Inc. to be Awarded the 2025 Pavement Management Project Tree Removal Contract

Linehan explains Consent Agenda Item 2 and provides an updated quote with pricing from Cedar Forest. Some items were removed, and updated pricing was provided today. This brought the total cost down from \$350,000 to \$313,000. Consent Agenda Item 8 is part of the 2025 PMP project in the Falcon Woods neighborhood; there is some tree removal needed for stormwater improvements. The reason for a last-minute addition is the need to comply with environmental regulations, requiring trees to be removed sooner than anticipated. Public Works and Engineering will work with the residents in the neighborhood on the coordination. The trees are located in the stormwater easement. Mielke wonders how many trees will need to be removed. Linehan is unsure, but the tree's location determines the removal.

Gustafson thanks Jared for his time on the Environment Commission.

Mayor Gustafson motions to approve the consent agenda;
Approved 4-0

H: POLICY ITEMS:

I. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Leehy notes that on Monday, March 17, the Community Engagement Commission will have its first meeting of the year. There are two vacancies on the commission, and she recommends that residents apply.

Mielke explains that the Climate Action Team met last week, and other Falcon Heights organizations were brought in to help with the goal setting. She also attended the swearing in of the new Ramsey County Commissioner, for District 3.

Gustafson explains that some council members and Administrator Linehan attended LMC's Day at the Hill and met with Representative Leigh Finke to discuss local priorities. They also met Senator Clare Oumou-Verbeten to discuss regional priorities with Roseville and Lauderdale.

Linehan notes that on March 1, the SAPD officially transitioned to be the police agency for Falcon Heights. They had a Coffee with a Cop at Amber Union this morning. The AARP Tax Appointments at City Hall are fully booked. Public Works has American Environmental going around the city to clean and televise the main sewer, all the systems are cleared this year. Upper Cut is also going around trimming and removing boulevard trees. Currently, the City is working on getting a tree replacement program up and running, but there is not a one-for-one replacement.

The council points out hearing positive stories since the police transition.

J. COMMUNITY FORUM:

Please limit comments to 3 minutes per person. Items brought before the Council will be referred for consideration. Council may ask questions for clarification, but no council action or discussion will be held on these items.

Georgiana May – 1477 California Ave. W.

Georgiana wonders how large McCollum's funding requests can be. She suggest using funding for the implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

K. ADJOURNMENT: 7:26 PM

Councilmember Leehy motions to adjourn;
Approved 4-0



Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 23rd day of April, 2025



Jack Linehan, City Administrator