

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

MINUTES
September 24, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

B. ROLL CALL: GUSTAFSON_X_ LEEHY_X_ MEYER_X_

MIELKE_X_ WASSENBERG_X_

STAFF PRESENT: LINEHAN_X_

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Leehy motions to approve the agenda;
Approved 5-0

D. PRESENTATION

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. August 27, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Mielke suggests one edit: to correct the "Appreciate the Teacher Event" to "Meet the Teacher Event".

Councilmember Mielke motions to approve the minutes as amended;
Approved 5-0

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through 9/19/25: \$726,374.98

Payroll through 9/9/25: \$28,738.86

Wire Payments through 9/19/25: \$22,159.02

2. Approval of Resolution 25-85 Appointing Monika Chandler to the Environment Commission

Mayor Gustafson motions to approve the consent agenda;
Approved 5-0

H. POLICY ITEMS:

1. Amendment of Debt Levy Schedule to Remove Series 2021A

Linehan explains that the 2021 bond was used for the 2021 pavement management project. It is a 7-year bond that is not callable early. Due to the low interest, it currently has enough funds to not require a debt levy in the final year, which is 2026. Project funds will be used to continue to make remaining payments.

Councilmember Wassenberg motions to approve Resolution 25-86 Amending The Debt Levy Schedule For The \$665,000 Go Improvement Series 2021a Bond;
Approved 5-0

2. Adoption and Certification of the 2026 Preliminary Levy

Linehan explains that each year, the City must set and certify to Ramsey County a preliminary levy by September 30th. Some details from the 2026 General Fund Budget:

- The amount of LGA state aid was increased by an amount of \$1,302 by the Legislature for budget year 2025. LGA will increase from \$862,544 in 2025 to \$863,846 in 2026.
- Fiscal Disparity distribution dollars for 2026 decreased by \$27,872 from the 2025 level.
- Increase of \$138,976 expense for police services with St. Anthony Village.
- An increase in the cost-of-living-adjustment for all employees of 3%.
- Inclusion of a new job classification & compensation payment plan, which will be at a cost of approximately \$20,000.
- A transfer of \$49,000 from Special Revenue Fund 211 – Parking Management. This is the surplus from the pay-by-mobile program. This brought the levy increase down an additional two percentage points.

City staff have worked on lowering the levy by transferring from the reserves and creating a capital expense for a planning consultant for the Les Bolstad Golf Course. The impact on a median-value home is estimated to be \$100 per year. Council appreciates the ability to keep the levy low.

Councilmember Leehy motions to approve Resolution 25-87 Adopting The 2026 Tax Levy For The City Of Falcon Heights, County Of Ramsey, State Of Minnesota;
Approved 5-0

3. Approval of Setting Truth in Taxation (TNT) Hearing Date of Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 at 7:00p.m.

Councilmember Meyer Motions To Approve Resolution 25-87 Resolution Setting Public Hearing Date For The 2025 Budget And Property Tax Levy;
Approved 5-0

I. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wassenberg explains Fall Fest will be on Saturday, October 11, from 1 to 3 PM at Falcon Heights Elementary. There will be fun fall activities for everyone.

Council appreciates that an event will be hosted at the school and in the Northeast Quadrant.

Mielke notes the State Fair Task Force met last week, and they started reviewing the post-fair survey. Mielke attended an event by the Hamline-Midway Coalition, an organization working on improving pedestrian and bike safety in the Hamline-Midway area. During the event, they walked along Snelling and discussed how the cities could be better connected and how to improve walkability and bikeability. All comments were compiled into a recommendation.

Gustafson thanks everyone for their participation in the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and City Council and for creating a Goals and Guiding Principles document for the University to be used in their RFP for finding a developer for the Les Bolstad Golf Course property.

Linehan explains that the University is planning to release the RFP in the next few weeks. They will review responses; if there is a viable developer, this will be brought to the Board of Regents. Then there will most likely be a multi-year contingency. Roselawn over by Community Park is open again. The old collapsed sanitary line was removed, replaced, and connected to Roseville. Contractors are now working on grading and getting the site ready for concrete. Then the park shelter will be delivered and built. In the spring, the playground will be installed, as well as the resurfacing of the parking lot.

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.

Mike McGregor -1884 Sheldon St. – He commends the police for picking up the racial flyers that were spread through the city. He received 2 parking hang tags. He is frustrated with the program. He attended the State Fair, used the parking tag to park closer to the fair, and received a parking ticket. He then received a letter from the St. Antony Police Department stating that the ticket would be dismissed. Mike continues to express his frustration with the program, and requested an apology from various parties.

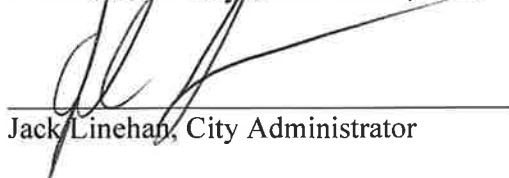
K. ADJOURNMENT: 7:33 PM

Councilmember Wassenberg motions to adjourn;
Approved 5-0



Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 12th day of November, 2025



Jack Linehan, City Administrator