

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

AGENDA - AMENDED
MINUTES

October 22, 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

1. Roseville Area School District – Capital Project Levy for Technology Referendum

Linehan explains representatives from the Roseville Area School will present information on the proposed capital project levy for technology. If approved, the levy would provide a dedicated source of funding of \$6 million per year for 10 years to update the school security and ensure access to technology learning tools.

The presenters noted that the district has previously received community support for a 2017 bond referendum to upgrade school buildings, and an operating levy increase in 2021, which runs through 2031. They highlighted that, unlike cities or counties, school districts can only raise additional revenue through state funding set by the legislature or voter-approved ballot measures.

The proposed levy would support key areas, including safety and security, student learning, cybersecurity, infrastructure, and communication. Representatives emphasized that the district does not intend to increase student screen time, acknowledging community concerns. For a median-value home of \$350,000, the estimated tax impact would be an additional \$18 per month, or \$218 per year. Without dedicated funding, these technology and safety costs would need to be absorbed by the general fund, resulting in potential budget cuts. Additional information and a tax impact calculator are available on the district's website.

The Council thanked Roseville Area Schools for their presentation and asked several clarifying questions. The district noted that technology upgrades can improve school accessibility, such as providing translation capabilities, and support the shift toward digital learning tools and subscription-based curriculum, which continue to rise in cost.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. September 10, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
2. September 10, 2025 City Council Special Workshop Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Meyer motions to approve the meeting minutes;
Approved 5-0

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through 10/17/25: \$380,391.23
Payroll through 10/7/25: \$22,375.98
Wire Payments through 10/17/25: \$22,878.65
2. Approval of City Licenses
3. Approval of Pay Estimate #5 to Bituminous Roadways, Inc. for the 2025 Pavement Management Project
4. Approval of Pay Estimate to Bituminous Roadways, Inc. for Repairs Made Related to 2021 Pavement Management Project
5. Approval of Resolution 25-96 Authorizing All Energy Solar Change Order for City Hall CT Cabinet Installation
6. Authorization of Inspection and Repairs for Plow Truck Units #16 and #12 Not to Exceed \$11,000
7. Approval of Postage Meter Lease for City Hall
8. Approval of Ordinance 25-06 and Summary Ordinance 25-06 Amending the 2025 Fee Schedule to Add Fee for Lower Potency Hemp Retailer Registrations

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

Linehan explains that leasing the postage meter was added as an amendment because staff received a quote for a refurbished machine, but Loffler only has 1 left. City Hall currently does not have a postage meter; leasing one would save considerable staff time. Last year, the City Council adopted ordinances authorizing cannabis businesses to operate within the City. As part of that action, the City also amended its fee schedule to include registration fees for cannabis businesses following licensure with the State of Minnesota. It was recently identified that an additional fee category is needed for businesses seeking registration as lower-dose hemp edible retailers. The State of Minnesota has established a maximum local registration fee of \$125 for the initial registration and \$125 for each annual renewal.

H. POLICY ITEMS:

1. Request for Proposals – Les Bolstad Golf Course Redevelopment Consultant

Linehan notes staff is releasing an RFP for a planning consultant to assist with the redevelopment of the Les Bolstad Golf Course, and will serve as an extension to city staff. \$60,000 is budgeted in 2026 for this work. Gustafson adds the timeline will work out as the city will most likely select a consultant as the University is closing their RFP. Linehan points out that selecting a developer is up to the U of M. Mielke wonderings if the U is still interested in supporting the city with consulting costs. Linehan adds they want to be supportive, but no formal agreements are in place. Staff has been working positively with university staff.

Councilmember Leehy motions to authorize staff to release the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Planning and Land Use Consulting Services related to the Les Bolstad Golf Course redevelopment;
Approved 5-0

2. Consideration of Falcon Heights - Lauderdale Lions Club's Use of City Hall Parking Lot for Holiday Tree Sales and Approval of 2025 Holiday Tree Sales License

Linehan explains the Lions Club has a long-standing tradition of selling Christmas trees at Community Park. Funds received from this sale are put back into the community. Because of the uncertainty around the renovation of Community Park, Staff is seeking the Council's support to allow the Falcon Heights - Lauderdale Lions Club to sell holiday trees from City Hall this year.

Leehy wonders about liability. Linehan explains the Lions Club has committed to support for the Community Park. It would be best to have a formal use agreement in place in the future.

Bob Tomlinson appreciates the support from the council and from staff.

Councilmember Mielke motions to approve the Falcon Heights - Lauderdale Lions Club's request to sell holiday trees from City Hall, approve the 2025 Holiday Tree Sales license, and authorize staff to negotiate a use agreement;
Approved 5-0

I: INFORMATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mielke explains the Environment Commission met last week, reviewing code around gardens and boulevard trees. Public works will be picking up and planting trees in the following weeks. Additionally, they are reviewing a green to-go ordinance, requiring compostable containers. State Fair Task Force met, reviewing data and putting together a final report for recommendation to the Council. The Nine North board met as well.

Meyer notes the Planning Commission will meet next week.

Leehy announces a Human Rights Day event on Tuesday, December 9, at City Hall with a focus on food insecurities. Various local organizations will present on their needs and services.

Wassenberg thanks everyone who attended the Falcon Heights Fall Festival.

Gustafson adds that the St. Anthony Police Department will be holding a Trunk or Treat event at their City Hall. Gibbs Farm will host a Halloween event. He recommends children carrying lights when going trick-or-treating.

Linehan notes that Community Park is moving along; footings are being put in for support beams. The splash pad will be poured next, following getting all the water features put in. The Planning Commission will host a public hearing on a conditional use permit for a proposed day care in the Falcon Town Square building to support residents. Additionally, on November 12, rental license holders were invited to an open house to discuss upcoming proposed changes to rental ordinances.

J: COMMUNITY FORUM:

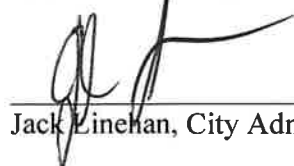
Please limit comments to 3 minutes per person. Items brought before the Council will be referred for consideration. Council may ask questions for clarification, but no council action or discussion will be held on these items.

K: ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 PM

Councilmember Leehy motions to adjourn the meeting;
Approved 5-0


Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 10th day of December, 2025


Jack Linahan, City Administrator