

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

MINUTES
October 8, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 PM
- B. ROLL CALL: GUSTAFSON_X__ LEEHY_X__ MEYER_X__

MIELKE __X__ WASSENBERG_X__

STAFF PRESENT: LINEHAN_X__ HENRICKSEN_X__

- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- D. PRESENTATION

- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. September 3, 2025 City Council Workshop Meeting

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

- F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. 2025 Pavement Management Project (PMP) - Assessment Hearing and Approval of Resolutions 25-89 and 25-90 Accepting the Assessment Rolls

Henricksen explains the 2 neighborhoods and streets that were a part of the project. The completed improvements were full-depth reclamation of the streets in both neighborhoods, including curb, gutter, and spot storm repairs as well as stormwater improvements and trail rehabilitation. He provides an overview of the project timeline. There are minor punch list items that need to occur, as well as a warranty inspection in the spring of 2027. The total project cost was \$1.4 million, partially paid for through assessments and various local and state funds. Henricksen explains the Falcon Heights Assessment Policy. He then provides updated project costs. The City received competitive bids, and the total costs came in lower than estimated in the feasibility study. In Falcon Woods, there is a per-parcel assessment, and this decreased from \$3,850 to \$2,104. In Northome, there is a front footage assessment, and this decreased from \$30.53 per foot to \$22.47 per foot, with the average being \$1,201 per parcel. After the council approves the assessment rolls, residents can pay partially or all up front in the first 30 days. After this period, the assessment rolls will be turned over to Ramsey County to be collected in 2026 through property taxes with 5.485% interest. There is the option to make a hardship deferral. There is also the option to appeal to the district court.

1954 Autumn St.

The homeowner believes that the work is not finished and that payment should not be due until 30 days after work has finished.

Councilmember Leehy motions to close the public hearing by consent.

Meyer wonders when the final punch list items will be completed. Henricksen explains the project is substantially complete apart from restoration items and clean up, but that doesn't mean the city should not start the assessment process. Linehan adds that the city holds the final payment until restoration is completed up to standards in the spring of 2026.

Leehy wonders what the warranty inspection in 2027 entails. Henricksen notes that during this inspection, they assess the quality of the work

Councilmember Wassenberg Motions To Approve Resolution 25-89 Adopting And
Confirming Assessments For 2025 Pavement Management Project – Northome;
Approved 5-0

Councilmember Meyer Motions To Approve Resolution 25-90 Adopting And
Confirming Assessments For 2025 Pavement Management Project – Falcon Woods;
Approved 5-0

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through 10/3/25: \$220,897.84
Payroll through 9/23/25: \$23,823.16
Wire Payments through 10/3/25: \$14,821.32
2. Approval of Sewer Cleaning and Televising Payable
3. Approval of Resolution 25-91 Appointing Emily Schmall to the Community Engagement Commission
4. Approval of Resolution 25-92 Authorizing the Application for the Select Committee on Recycling & the Environment (SCORE) Grant
5. Approval of Resolution 25-93 Authorizing ICMA Conference Travel
6. Approval of Resolution 25-94 Authorizing the Application for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Community Tree Planting Grant
7. Approval of Resolution 25-95 Authorizing an Amendment to Tax Increment Finance District #1-3 for Parcel Number Correction
8. Approval of Repayment Request for Tax Increment Finance District #1-3
9. Approval of Pay Voucher #1 to New Look Contracting, Inc. for the Community Park Construction Project

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

H: POLICY ITEMS:

I: INFORMATION / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wassenberg explains that the Parks & Recreation met on Monday to discuss different fall and winter programming for residents and management of the community garden

rules and regulations. Fall Festival will be at Falcon Heights Elementary School on Saturday, October 11, from 1 to 3 PM.

Leehy encourages residents to join the Fall Festival. The Community Engagement Commission will meet later this month.

Meyer explains the Planning Commission is also meeting later this month. He announces that he is ending his campaign for re-election. He notes it has been an honor and a pleasure serving.

Mielke recommends everyone get their COVID shots.

Gustafson notes Human Rights Day will be in December around food security, he looks forward to the Fall/Winter newsletter coming out in the next weeks.

Linehan states that staff are getting ready for Fall Festival and are excited to partner with the elementary school on this event. School Board members will be present to discuss the upcoming referendum, as will Carol Coffee and the public safety agencies. The parts for the shelter have been delivered to the Community Park, and contractors have installed the new storm drainage system as well as poured concrete for the shelter base. New solar panels will be installed at City Hall as part of the solar on public buildings program. The Les Bolstad RFP will be released in the following week.

J: COMMUNITY FORUM:

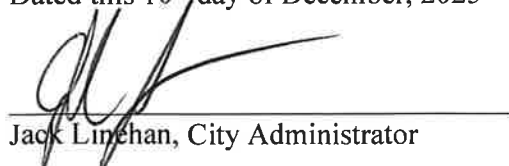
Please limit comments to 3 minutes per person. Items brought before the Council will be referred for consideration. Council may ask questions for clarification, but no council action or discussion will be held on these items.

K: ADJOURNMENT: 7:33 PM

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


Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 10th day of December, 2025


Jack Linehan, City Administrator