

MINUTES
Workshop and Special Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2026 – 6:30pm
City Council Chambers – 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette, Minnesota

Present: Mayor Curt Tauber; Councilors Dave Reed, Tom Polich, Logan VanDeest; Utilities Superintendent Allan Fox; Utilities Assistant Brennan Moldan; Clerks/Treasurers Sandy Burger and Cori Reinhart

Absent: Councilor Andrew Hartley

Guests: Kayla Altmann, Scott Portner, Heidi Portner, Angie Hartmann, and Tadd Ulrich

Mayor Tauber: Called workshop to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

(1) Civic Duties descriptions.

Discussion of duties to remove, duties to combine, addition of Park & Recreation Liaison. Reinhart to draft updated document for Council review; will be on agenda for next regular Council meeting.

(2) Fencing at ball park.

Open discussion and verbal understandings: Park & Rec to obtain at least two bids, fundraiser for new fencing, bring bid(s) to Council, volunteered to remove old fencing; moneys raised for fencing to pass from Park & Rec to City and City to pay contractor(s) as the park is City property; Fox to be point of contact for contractor(s) and confer with Park & Rec should any issues arise during construction/installation of fencing; City to contribute remaining funds from 125th Celebration to fencing project; there is \$1,000.00 donation from Gibbon Area Lions and an anonymous donation in General Fund already designated for fencing project; Mayor Tauber to provide final 125th Celebration fund contribution amount to Park & Rec after Clerk consults the budget for confirmation; what to do with old fencing will be an agenda item at the next regular Council meeting.

(3) Additional topics as requested by representative(s) of Lafayette Park & Recreation, if any representative(s) in attendance.

- a. Discussion and consensus between Council and Park & Rec to keep the current agreement as to responsibilities for the park.
- b. Hockey Day Lafayette was a success; attendees expressed interest in, and Park & Rec suggested to Council for, the warming house to have regularly scheduled open hours. Warming house will be on the agenda for the next regular Council meeting.
- c. Meat BINGO Friday, February 6, 2026. Park & Recreation Board meeting Sunday, March 1, 2026; two Councilors to attend.

Mayor Tauber: Called special meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Motion by Polich, second by VanDeest to approve Agenda; all ayes, motion carried.

1. Early payoff of the Equipment Bond.

Motion by VanDeest, second by Polich to approve early payoff of Equipment Bond; all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Tauber: Closed special meeting at 7:22pm to discuss a property option for a new well on parcel 15.841.0555 as allowed by Minnesota Statute 13D.05 subd.3(c)(3).

Mayor Tauber: Reopened special meeting at 7:51pm.

Adjourn:

Motion by Reed, seconded by VanDeest, at 7:51pm.

Next Meeting: The next regular Council meeting is on Monday, February 9, 2026, to be held at 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette.

Corina Reinhart – City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by Council on: February 18, 2026