

Regular Meeting

**Echo City Council  
Monday April 14th, 2026**

The regular city council meeting of the City of Echo Minnesota was called to order by Mayor Dan Larsen at 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Present:** Mayor Dan Larsen, Councilman Wyatt Bendix, Councilman Mark Schettler, Councilman Darren Gjerset, Maintenance Supervisor and Fire Chief Bryan Nielsen, Clerk Brian Pitzl.

**Citizens/Guests:** Paul Jurek, Bollig Engineering

**Open Forum:** Paul Jurek from Bollig Engineering was present to update the council on the progress of the Small Cities Development Program Grant that Bollig is applying for on behalf of the city. The city should know by this fall if they are receiving this grant. Motion made by Councilman Bendix, seconded by Councilman Gjerset to approve the 5-year Continue with Task Orders Agreement from Bollig Engineering. This agreement does allow the city to look at other engineers for projects if the city sees fit. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was had regarding the Meter Pit where the Rural Water equipment is. Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water would like the city to move the system to an above ground shed. At this time, the city and Bollig are both waiting for a quote from Rural Water to see what the cost would be and if there is any way that the city could share the cost with Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water.

**Approval of Minutes & Resolutions:**

Motion to approve, March 9th, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, was made by Councilman Bendix, seconded by Councilman Schettler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes, was made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Bendix. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-25 Truck Parking on Residential Streets was made by Councilman Bendix, seconded by Councilman Schettler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-007 Accepting Donations was made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Bendix. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

Fire Chief Bryan Nielsen – Activity with the department has been relatively quiet. The department recently had a retirement supper to honor 2 newly retired firefighters and was well attended.

1<sup>st</sup> Responders Chief Chastity Kuehn-

Maintenance Supervisor Bryan Nielsen – City wide clean-up is scheduled for Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to Noon.

Mayor Dan Larsen

Councilman Mark Schettler –

Councilman Darren Gjerset – Talked with BNSF regarding the dumping of trees and brush cleared by the tracks near Hanley Falls at the city burn site. The original understanding was that there would be a couple loads dropped off at the site but ended up being significantly more. BNSF informed the city of who did the hauling and Councilman Gjerset contacted them regarding the situation. Motion made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Gjerset to send the company a bill for \$1000 to cover any disposal costs regarding the debris. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Wyatt Bendix –

Clerk Pitzl – City Auditor will be at the May council meeting to go over the 2025 audit with the council.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Motion made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Bendix to hire Smith Lawn Care of Redwood Falls for mowing of the cemetery for the 2026 season at a cost of \$350 per time which includes trimming. Motion carried unanimously. The city council would like a sign put at the city burn site stating that the site is for Echo residents only. Two quotes were received for the sign with a Motion made by Councilman Gjerset, seconded by Councilman Bendix to approve the quote from CE Signs of Lucan at a cost of \$176.08. Motion carried unanimously. There will be a meeting regarding a Conditional Use Permit for a hog barn to be built in Section 9 in Echo Township which is near the city's wastewater ponds. The meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 7:30 pm. There will also be a public hearing on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2026 at 12:30 pm regarding the proposed repair of County Ditch 1B.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion made by Councilman Gjerset, seconded by Councilman Bendix to approve the consent agenda consisting of Bills, Payroll, and Bank Information. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Councilman Bendix, and second by Councilman Gjerset to adjourn regular meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Dan Larsen

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City Clerk- Brian Pitzl