

Regular Meeting

**Echo City Council  
Tuesday July 8th, 2025**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Present:** Mayor Dan Remmele, Councilman Mark Schettler, Councilman Wyatt Bendix, Councilman Darren Gjerset, Clerk Brian Pitzl, Public Work Supervisor Bryan Nielsen, Fire Chief Matt Dunphy. Absent was Councilman Dan Larsen.

**Citizens/Guests:** Susan Halliday, Jaden Thedans, Wanye Petit, David Gjermundson

**Open Forum:**

**Approval of Minutes & Resolutions:**

Motion to approve, June 10th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, was made by Councilman Gjerset, seconded by Councilman Schettler. Motion carried with Councilman Larsen absent.

Motion to approve June 30th, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes was made by Councilman Gjerset, seconded by Councilman Schettler, motion carried with Councilman Larsen absent.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-011 Accepting Donations was made by Councilman Schettler, second by Councilman Bendix. Motion carried with Councilman Larsen absent.

**Reports:**

Matt Dunphy- Fire Chief: Had recent training with extracting individuals from crashed vehicles but had issues with the jaws of life. The department will have it looked at. Pork Chop Feed is scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 pm. Councilman Bendix inquired about any broken glass from the cars that were used for the training. He was informed that any glass would be cleaned up and there would be more gravel put down.

Chastity Kuehn- Not Present

Maintenance Supervisor Nielsen – Has cleaned out several storm drains with a couple more to go. Bryan will be spraying for mosquitos when the sprayer gets back from Belview. Will be gone Thursday afternoon and Friday and also August 1-3.

Mayor Remmele-

Councilman Schettler –Asked about if he could use several picnic tables in August. Bryan will drop them off before he leaves for the weekend.

Councilman Gjerset – Wants to know what cash on hand can be allocated to projects. The clerk will see what is available.

Councilman Bendix – Brought up the fact that a fence had been put up on a property in town and asked if they needed a building permit or not. Councilman Bendix was informed that the individual had applied for a permit last year.

Councilman Larsen –

Clerk Pitzl – Informed the council of a new Minnesota program going into effect in January of 2026. Minnesota Paid Leave will allow employees with up to 20 weeks of paid time off per year for various reasons. The program is funded by a payroll tax on employers and employees.

**Old Business:** The city council would like to go ahead with the TIF District Expansion. The clerk will reach out to Bollig Engineering to proceed with the plan.

**New Business:** Motion was made by Councilman Gjerset, seconded by Councilman Bendix to approve a building permit for Susan Halliday for a fence on her property. Motion carried with Councilman Larsen absent. Motion was made by Councilman Bendix, seconded by Councilman Gjerset to approve a liquor license for the Echo American Legion for Echo Days with the condition that no THC infused drinks are allowed. Motion carried with Councilman Larsen absent. Motion made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Bendix to approve Darren Gjerset help with spraying for mosquitos. Motion carried with Councilman Larsen absent and Councilman Gjerset abstaining.

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

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Councilman Bendix, and second by Councilman Schettler to adjourn regular meeting at 7:27 pm. Motion carried with Councilman Larsen absent.

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Mayor Dan Remmele

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City Clerk- Brian Pitzl