

Regular Meeting

**Echo City Council**  
**Monday March 9th, 2026**

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

**Citizens/Guests:** Wayne Petit, Jaden Thedans, Matt Dunphy

**Open Forum:**

**Approval of Minutes & Resolutions:**

Motion to approve, February 10th, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, was made by Councilman Larsen, seconded by Councilman Bendix. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Public Hearing Minutes, was made by Councilman Bendix, seconded by Councilman Gjerset. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

Fire Chief Bryan Nielsen – Replaced the battery in the grass rig that was still under warranty. Several fire firefighters had a training exercise with Wood Lake and a couple other departments involving electric vehicle fires and extractions. They said the training was good and informative.

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

Maintenance Supervisor Bryan Nielsen –Bryan updated the council on the recent water outage that occurred in the city. The city clerk will contact Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water to see the contract that was signed when the city first contracted with them to see who is responsible for the materials in the pit. Would like to see the city get a Facebook page to better inform residents of things going on in the community. Gone March 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Bryan has someone to cover in the event of snow.

Mayor Dan Remmele- Will be out of town March 23<sup>rd</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilman Mark Schettler –

Councilman Darren Gjerset – Inquired about the Minnesota State flag flying at the park. It is the original, so no action required.

Councilman Wyatt Bendix –

Councilman Dan Larsen – Out of town March 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk Pitzl – There is a Weed Meeting in Clarkfield on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> that the clerk will attend for the city to hear the latest on weed control. The clerk will also be attending a Safety and Loss Control Workshop on April 9<sup>th</sup> in Mankato and the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in Rochester June 24<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup>. The city office will be closed on those days. Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30 pm. The city did not have a quorum last year so it will be an open book meeting with the county being in charge of the meeting. The city has the option to continue the open book meetings, otherwise the city needs to have at least one council member certified to be able to have a say in any decisions pertaining to property tax issues. Motion made by Councilman Gjerset, seconded by Councilman Larsen to leave the open book meetings as is and leave the option to gain back control of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

**New Business:** City Wide Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. There recently was a semi tractor trailer parked on a residential street. The city doesn't have a specific ordinance regarding this. The city clerk will do some research to see if there was ever a resolution passed regarding this to prevent damage to the city streets. The issue of golf carts driving on city streets was discussed. The city does have an ordinance pertaining to this issue that requires citizens to have a permit from the city to operate them. The clerk will put a notice on the website and water bills informing residents of this ordinance. The council discussed the large pile of wood at the compost sight. The railroad asked the city if it could bring in 2 loads of trees, but it ended up being significantly more before the maintenance supervisor told them not to bring any more. The council would like to put a sign at the compost site stating that the site is for Echo residents only. The city has been wanting to expand the TIF District within the city to expand options for projects needed within the city. Shannon Sweeney of David Drown Associates suggested waiting until fall to see if the city was rewarded with any grants in order to move forward with any projects. There is a dumpster sitting on a city street that the city would like to be removed. The clerk will send them a letter and have it moved to the property.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion made by Councilman Larsen, 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 Larsen, and second by Councilman Bendix to adjourn regular meeting at 8:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Dan Remmele

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City Clerk- Brian Pitzl