REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APPROVED
For October 8, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
Legacy Center Meeting Room

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Matt Stromsodt at 6:00 pm

Members present; Tammy Johnson, Deb Ness, Josh Veselka, Morgan Ness, Matt Stromsodt

Other present; 4

Changes or Amendments to Agenda: none

Introduction of Late Items: Fire Department Resolution 24-08

Open Forum: Robert Melvie; Gentry addition/ Mike Douglas; Douglas Insurance/ Pump Works quote/ Laurie Stromsodt: John Wynne roof grant & CPR babies/Deb Ness will report Legacy Committee items.

Old Business

- "Jake Braking" – Josh has made inquiries, State signs for #32 and county for #6, ordinance #21 and is waiting on responses.
- Miss North Star Rental of Legacy Center $525.00 – Kaydell Super messaged that the check is in the mail.
- Complaint responses: Rodent/slash pile – He will work with current renter to help get the pile removed. Garbage in Trailer court was picked up on September 11th without city contact. Water draining on to city sidewalk is being routed to the back of the building, by Matt. Sump pump drainage into sewer system, he has called, I haven't heard about correction.
- Middle River Sportsmen's Club Liquor License was passed.
- Letter of support for the library was sent.

New Business

- Fire Department – Resolution 24-08, benefit increase from $1200.00 to $1500.00 paid for by the Fire Relief Fund. Motion made by Josh Veselka seconded by Morgan Ness. All in favor, motion carried.
- Gentry Addition- deep rut issue, possibility of being rolled flat. Chad will do some checking with Melby's, Thompson's, Walton's and Bengtson's.
- City Administrator 90 - day probation: Deb would become a full-time employee with agreed pay amount and health care stipend pay. Motion made by Deb Ness, seconded by Josh Veselka. All in favor, motion carried.

- Marshall County Housing Advisory Board would like to have Middle River's City Administrator serve on their advisory board. Motion by Tammy Johnson, seconded by Morgan Ness. All in favor, motion carried.
- Complaint Review- playground equipment and trees blocking signs; Chad has completed the clearing of the trees and removed the broken piece of equipment. Picture of broken piece will be sent to Deb Zak with the Legacy Committee.
- Water Tower – Northwest Electric found that the cable needs replacing, and they have ordered the cable. The price for the cable and labor will be around $5000.00 Luke also suggested getting a new antenna. Administrator contacted the insurance company about the lightning strike. The deductible is $5000.00. Fire Department mentioned that their pager box was also damaged by the lightning. The repair/replacement cost will be added to the insurance claim. Quote from Ferguson's for new antenna is $525.00. Motion was made to get the cable and antenna on order and have Northwest Electric make the repairs by Josh Veselka, seconded by Morgan Ness. All in favor, motion carried.
- Letter from Hoffman, Philipp & Martell; the city will continue with annual audit.
- Robert Melvie would like to get moving on Lot #5 by building a 30x50 dwelling in the Gentry addition. Motion made to start the contract by Tammy Johnson, seconded by Josh Veselka. All in favor, motion carried.
- 3 CPR babies from the school are being donated to Tri County EMS, motion made by Josh Veselka, seconded by Tammy Johnson. 4 in favor, 1 abstained, motion carried.
- Legacy Center roof Grant with John Wynne: A letter of support needs to be sent, and Deb Ness, Tammy Johnson and Deb Blanchard need to work with John to get him everything needed for grant. Motion made by Morgan Ness, seconded by Josh Veselka. All in favor, motion carried.
- Mike Douglas of Douglas Insurance explained and answered questions on our current insurance coverage. He will resend the July 8th email on items that need to be taken care of at the Legacy Center. Deb Ness will forward to Deb Zak.
- Deb Ness reported that the Rodeo did make a profit and that Sandy Melby will be taking over the AirB&B in November.
- Morgan Ness will forward an email to Deb Blanchard from Kelsey Jensen about possible rental space and office equipment for rent/purchase. Deb will need to respond to see if there was still a need.

Staff Reports

- Public Works – Matt, in Dave's absence, went over quote from MN Pump Works on new lift station. Cost is $17,235.43 without freight. Funds would come from the sewer replacement account. Motion was made by Josh Veselka, seconded by Deb Ness. All in favor, motion carried.
  Dave has been looking into pump sharing with other cities.
- City Maintenance – Chad will talk to Davidson's while they are in town, about street paving in front of Nelson's new garage and a repair needed on River Ave & 2nd St. Door #6 is being left open and that can't continue. Issue with business guests coming in and

equipment being turned off/on. Deb Can speak with business owner. Reducing lagoon the open hours was discussed. Hours be changed to 8-5. Bulk water can be shut down. Chad will talk to Darrel Peterson/Barry Walton about lagoon ditch mowing.

- City Administration-council approved for Deb to attend the MCFOA workshop on October 23rd to learn more about the state's new PFML policy. The bulk waterlog book can come in to be billed out. Deb has sent out 10 delinquent utility letters. Starting January 2026, council meeting minutes will be added to the City's website.

Last month's minutes were reviewed: Motion to approve by Tammy Johnson, seconded by Josh Veselka. All in favor, motion carried.

Last month's financials were reviewed: Motion to approve by Josh Veselka, seconded by Tammy Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting to be held November 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn Meeting made by Tammy Johnson, seconded by Deb Ness. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38

Respectfully submitted by:

Deb Blanchard

City Administrator