

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LITTLEFORK IN THE COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING AND STATE OF MINNESOTA INCLUDING ALL ACCOUNTS AUDITED BY SAID COUNCIL

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Loren Lehman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Roll Call

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Lehman, Councilor Wendt, Councilor Sims, Councilor Thydean

Members Absent: Mayor Mike Fort

Others Present: Holly Hoy, Jerry Anderson, Carlie Anderson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Wendt, seconded by Councilor Thydean, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Sims, seconded by Councilor Wendt, to approve February 19, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilor Wendt, seconded by Councilor Thydean, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Items approved under the consent agenda included:

- Monthly bills for February
- Water and sewer service terminations
- Approve Fire Department Bingo license 3/27/2026
- Koochiching Technology Initiative February Meeting Minutes
- Voyageur Country ATV Club February Meeting Minutes
- Liquor License Renewals – Littlefork Muni & Main Street Pub

Public Hearings

1. None.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications

1. None.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees

Ambulance Department

No report; no representative present.

Fire Department

No report; no representative present.

Maintenance Department

Jerry Anderson provided the maintenance report.

- A quote for an updated ventilation system for the Water Plant is in progress.
- Councilor Thydean asked about replacing aging infrastructure and the expected timeline.
- Anderson reported that the brine tank, the second well house, storm sewer structures, and the main lift station will all need updates or replacement in the future.
- Thydean requested information on potential grants for these repairs.
- Anderson also recommended obtaining a quote for the three remaining propane tanks currently rented by the city (one 250-gallon tank and two 500-gallon tanks). The tanks are typically changed out after sealed propane bids are received.

Financial Report

The financial report was presented by Holly Hoy.

A motion to approve the report was made by Councilor Thydean, seconded by Councilor Wendt. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Little Fork River Watershed

Administrator Hoy provided an update on recent Advisory Committee and the Steering Committee discussions. The focus remains on stormwater and groundwater.

- A Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26th, 2026, at the Littlefork Community Building.
- Councilor Lehman and Councilor Sims will attend
- Councilor Sims will research whether Watershed funds may be used to extend city sewer lines or replace mound systems for residents in need.

New Business

Review & Discuss Lofgren Park caretaker position applicant

Councilor Wendt made a motion to request background checks and references for all applicants, seconded by Councilor Sims. Motion carried.

Voyageur Country ATV letter of support

Councilor Sims made a motion to submit a letter of support for Voyageur Country ATV's application to the Federal Recreational Trails Program Equipment Grant. Seconded by Councilor Thydean. Motion carried.

Grant funds would be used to purchase:

- Two Polaris Ranger Premium Edition side-by-sides
- Two Bear Track aluminum trailers
- One John Deere riding mower
- One Argo amphibious track all-terrain vehicle

Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Wendt, seconded by Councilor Sims. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Attest: Holly Hoy, City Clerk

Approved: Mayor Mike Fort