

**Wykoff City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026**

A meeting of the Wykoff City Council was held in the Council Room at 106 Gold St. N. on June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Attendees included Mayor Ryan Breckinridge, Jeff Hare, Jane Baker, Missy Musel. Also, present City Administrator, Becky Schmidt. Absent: Barb Fate

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Agenda: Mayor Breckenridge called for any additions to the agenda.

Motion made by Musel and seconded by Baker to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Breckenridge called for approval of the consent agenda.

City Administrator Schmidt noted there were several additions to the treasurer's report.

Motion made by Baker and seconded by Musel to approve the revised consent agenda.

Motion carried 4-0.

Visitors:

Jennie Moreland – Sewer system concern. Moreland requested Whitney do an in-camera inspection of the sewer lines beginning at the home being flooded and working backward to identify the source of the issue. If the inspection shows the Gateway sewer system is the cause of the flooding, Moreland agreed to pay Whitney's expenses. If the issue is not traced back to the Gateway, the owner pays Whitney's expenses. Moreland asked the council what plans are made to alleviate the owner's concerns and prevent the owner from having sewer problems.

Jacob Tenold – Insurance representative present on behalf of Paula Jobes. A request was made for insurance coverage to be placed on Jobes' homeowners' insurance to cover a dangerous dog. According to state and city statutes, the Jobes' dogs do not meet the status of a dangerous animal. Looking for clarification on who determined that the animal is a dangerous animal.

Michael Staudinger – Neighbor of Jobes. Never seen the Jobes dog as being vicious or dangerous.

Joshua Jobes – Owner of dogs in question.

Jobes stated he would not keep dogs that are vicious or dangerous when having small children and neighbors. He is taking precautions to keep the dogs on their own property.

Clint Laganieri – Addressed two incidents of attack from the same dogs. First incident - Laganieri's girlfriend was walking with Laganieri's dog when one of Jobes' dogs ran out at her. She kicked the

dog. The dog stopped and the girlfriend was able to get away. Laganieri spoke with Paula Jobes and stated, "If the dogs are vicious and they come at me, I will kill them."

Second incident - Laganieri's dog was terrorized by Jobes' two dogs. One dog had jumped Laganieri's fence, and the other dog was pacing along the fence. Laganieri contacted the sheriff department and city office because it was the second attack by the same dogs. Laganieri waited 2.5 hours and the sheriff department never arrived. Laganieri received a police report stating the City Administrator told the sheriff department the city council would take care of the issue.

Paula Jobes –

Apologized for her dogs leaving the yard and causing problems on May 12th. On May 13th Jobes wrote a letter to the neighbor and apologized. Jobes promised her neighbor the dogs would be kept on a leash.

Jobes Received a letter from the city stating her dogs have been listed as potentially dangerous. Jobes cited the MN State Statute guidelines for dangerous animals and stated that her dogs did not meet the criteria. Jobes enquired who in Wykoff can designate which dogs are dangerous or potentially dangerous?

Jobes listed the following steps they are taking to resolve the issue: Her dogs are microchipped, muzzled, on a 4-foot leash, and enrolled in obedience classes. Jobes contacted her insurance company. The dogs have been temporarily rehomed until this issue is resolved.

Assie Schultz – Acquainted with Airedale breed of dogs.

Schultz has never observed the breed growling, show their teeth, or jump aggressively.

Angela Terrance – Questioned why the city would set an annual license fee for potentially dangerous animals.

Brenda Staudinger – Neighbor of Jobes. No problem with the neighbor's dogs.

Maggie Ramaker – Pond in backyard. Street water runs through gully into the pond. Gully is getting deeper. Ramaker asked if a culvert could be installed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WWTP – Whitney, Breckenridge, Hare

Rick Whitney reported to the council the list as stated below:

Water Department - Operations and Maintenance

- Completed and submitted Fluoride Report (MDH)
- Chlorine feed rate adjusted
- Hydrants flushed
- Advised KLM to resubmit new proposal per Becky for payment concerns

- Conducted daily chlorine and fluoride sampling
- Conducted rounds and checks
- Sent quarterly fluoride and disinfection samples
- No violations or exceptions

Wastewater Department – Operations and Maintenance

- Cleaned WWTP office and lab operations
- Completed all sampling as required by permit and regulations
- Completed monthly DMR submitted to MPCA - no limit exceedances or violations
- Performed five video inspections
- Pumped fuel out of WWTP generator
- Performed locates as needed (John out).

Whitney addressed that the city water pressure was low on several occasions because a construction company purchased city water to complete road work outside of town. Whitney suggested the city purchase a hydrant meter and a back flow preventer to keep our water safe.

Motion made by Musel and seconded by Baker to purchase a Hydrant Meter and Back Flow Preventer at the cost of \$4500.

Motion carried: 4-0

Fire Department – Fire Chief Mike Lund reported.

- Two calls this month.
- New fire truck will be arriving soon.
- CHS donated \$6000 to the fire department for a CO2 monitor and \$5000.00 donation for new ropes, helmet lights, and harnesses.
- Approval of gambling license to raffle a golf cart during Fall Festival.

Motion made by Hare and seconded by Musel to approve of the gambling license.

Motion carried 4-0.

First Responders – Cory Bremseth, First Responder Director was unable to attend. Schmidt gave Bremseth's report.

- Six calls this month.
- Received the LUCAS & ZOLL devices. Will be scheduling a training meeting.
- Had several calls with Chatfield Ambulance and are planning to do training with them.

Personnel Committee – Fate & Musel

No report.

Streets – Breckenridge, John Baker, Jane Baker, Rick Whitney

John Baker reported:

- Some patchwork on the roads has been completed.

- Whitney contacted the contractor of the South Gold Street duplexes concerning the dip in the road. Contractor will take care of the issue.

Community Outreach - Fate & Baker

Baker reported the committee met to brainstorm new ideas.

Park & Recreation – Baker and Hare

- Hare reported the committee is working on grants for ballfield lights. Over sixty kids are participating in the softball program.
- On June 12th horseshoe pits will be installed. City purchased equipment. Jeff Erding donated time and materials to build the pits. Jake Gaynor is donating his time, an excavator, dirt, and sand.

Join Trails Board Outreach – Schmidt, Fate, Burmeister, Montgomery

No report.

Zoning – Jason Hare – Permit for an accessory building met all necessary requirements.

Motion to approve the zoning permit was made by Musel and seconded by Baker.

Motion carried 3-0.

Council member Hare abstained.

Sheriff's Report

No report

Mayor's Report

No report

Old Business:

Picnic – A musical group from Lanesboro will be performing from 5-7. A bounce house has been secured. Fillmore County Pork Producers are donating food. Schmidt will get all other necessary supplies from Sam's Club.

Jeff Hare asked if the free-will donations collected from the picnic could be put into the Park & Recreation Committee account instead of Fall Fest Committee account.

Motion made by Baker and seconded by Musel to donate the picnic's free-will donations to Park & Rec Committee.

Motion carried 4-0.

Schmidt announced that at 5:30 there will be a presentation to honor our Fire Fighters and EMS Department. Following the presentation there will be a flag burning ceremony.

Affidavit from Jeff Hare:

Hare addressed the Conflict-of-Interest issue from the previous council meeting. Hare is not profiting from this sale, has met all the criteria, and has turned in an affidavit.

Motion to accept the affidavit was made by Musel and seconded by Baker.

Motion carried 3-0. Hare abstained.

Fire Hall Heating System

Motion made by Musel and seconded by Baker to accept Southeast Mechanical Inc. bid for the fire hall heating system.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10**A Resolution Approving a Contract in Which a Public Officer Has an Interest**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wykoff has considered entering into a contract for the purchase of Fire Hall new heating system; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Hare is a public officer of the City and has a financial interest in the proposed contract as follows:

- Name of officer: Jeff Hare
- Position with the City: Council Member
- Nature of the interest: HVAC Contractor
- Goods/services to be provided: new heating system for fire hall; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the contract is necessary for the conduct of City business and that the price to be paid by the City is as low as, or lower than, the price at which the same or similar goods or services could be obtained from other sources reasonably available to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that entering into the contract is in the best interests of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wykoff as follows:

1. The City Council hereby approves the contract with Southeast Mechanical for new heating system.
2. The Council specifically finds and determines that:
 - The essential facts regarding the officer's interest in the contract have been fully disclosed;
 - The contract price is as low as, or lower than, the price at which the same goods or services could be obtained elsewhere; and
 - The contract is in the best interests of the City.
3. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction on behalf of the City.

Motioned by Mayor Breckenridge Seconded by: Baker

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Breckenridge - Yes

Jane Baker- Yes

Barb Fate- Absent

Jeff Hare- Abstained

Missy Musel- Yes

Motion Carried 3-0

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Wykoff this eighth day of June 2026.

Mayor _____ **Attest: City Clerk Administrator** _____

New Business –

- Set fee for Annual Licensure for Potentially/Dangerous Dogs

Our ordinance states the owner of a potentially dangerous dog needs extra insurance on their home. Administrative fee schedule needs to be set. The home will need to be inspected annually, special tags, additional paperwork, and signs erected indicating potentially dangerous dogs.

Schmidt clarified why the city cancelled the Fillmore County Sheriff call recently. The first incident with the dog was not reported to the Sheriff's office. We had two complaints on file so that is why it was kept in-house so the situation could be preceded to the next step. Musel questioned who decides when an animal is potentially dangerous. Schmidt stated that the Office and Council made the decision to determine if an animal is potentially dangerous. We need to set an amount for any potentially dangerous animal.

Hare stated we need to discuss this issue and it should not have been a phone poll decision. We need to hear both sides of the story and have an open conversation.

Mayor Breckenridge made a motion to set the annual license fee for potentially dangerous animals at \$200.00. Baker seconded the motion.

Opposed: Musel and Hare

Tie vote. Motion failed. 2-2

Discussion tabled until July council meeting.

Resolution for \$2500 Truck Donation from (Spring Valley VFW Bingo) 2026-11

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION TO THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Wykoff is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 et seq. for the benefit of its citizens and is specifically authorized to accept gifts.

WHEREAS, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the cash amounts set forth below to the city:

<u>Name of Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Spring Valley VFW	\$2500

WHEREAS, all such donations have been contributed to the city for the Wykoff Fire Dept new fire truck

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Wykoff, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The donations described above are accepted and shall be used to establish and/or operate services either alone or in cooperation with others, as allowed by law.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Musel and seconded by Hare.

Roll Call Vote

Jeff Hare - Yes
Barb Fate - Absent
Ryan Breckenridge - Yes
Jane Baker - Yes
Missy Musel – Yes
Motion carried 4-0

Passed by the City Council of Wykoff, Minnesota this eighth day of June, 2026.

Mayor _____ **Attest:** City Clerk Administrator _____

- Fall Clean-up Day is set for Saturday, September 12th.
Clean up for our city's 150 celebration!
- Jobs Dog Complaint/Appeal
As of today, the dogs are deemed as potentially dangerous.
Appeal – Musel made a motion to rescind the dogs as potentially dangerous. All restrictions would be removed. Hare stated we need to set boundaries to avoid someone being attacked. We need proof that the dogs would not cause any harm. Baker expressed concern that the dog had jumped a fence. No second to the motion. Motion denied.
Currently, the dogs are considered potentially dangerous. Owners have abided by using a leash when outside, dogs walked by an adult, and muzzled. Owners still need to install a fence and acquire additional homeowners' insurance.
- Approving new Policy for Election Judges – State of MN requires all election judges be employees of the city.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

City Administrator

Date of Approval