



City of Blaine

City Council

May 19, 2025 | 7:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

MINUTES

1. Call to Order by the Mayor

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by Mayor Sanders followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Tim Sanders, Councilmembers Chris Ford, Leslie Larson, Chris Massoglia, Tom Newland, and Jess Robertson.

ABSENT: Councilmember Terra Fleming.

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; Deputy Police Chief Joe Gerhard; Finance Director Jason Zimmerman; Director of Administrative Services Scott Johnson; City Attorney Tom Loonan; Public Works Director Nick Fleishhacker; and City Clerk Catherine Sorensen.

4. Awards - Presentations - Organizational Business

4.1. 2025-117 National Public Works Week Proclamation
 Sponsors: City Council

Mayor Sanders read a proclamation in full for the record declaring May 18 through May 24 to be National Public Works Week in the City of Blaine and thanked all public works staff for their outstanding work.

5. Communications

None.

6. Open Forum

Open Forum is an opportunity for the public to share comments, concerns, or input on other items. While open forum is not intended to provide for response or discussion opportunities, if follow-up is needed, city staff will work to contact the speaker(s) outside of the meeting to arrange for that follow-up. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes with a maximum of 15 minutes set aside for open forum.

Mayor Sanders opened the Open Forum at 7:09PM.

Tom Madigan, 12037 Vermillion Street NE #C, explained he was concerned with how the pond across from his property had completely algaed over. He indicated he was concerned with the potential odor and how his property values would be adversely impacted. He requested the City budget funds for the pond cleanup.

There being no further input, Mayor Sanders closed the Open Forum at 7:10PM.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda:

All items listed under the "Consent Agenda" are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Councilmember Massoglia requested the removal of consent agenda Item 7.5 for further discussion.

Councilmember Newland said he would be abstaining from approval of Schedule of Bills Paid.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved as amended, removing Item 7.5 for further discussion.

Motion adopted 5-0-1 (Councilmember Newland abstained).

7.1. 2025-118 Schedule of Bills Paid
 Sponsors: Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director

7.2. 2025-119 Approval of Minutes
 Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

7.3. 2025-120 Motion to Approve a Tobacco and Tobacco Products License for RMA Investments dba X-Golf, 298 Northtown Drive NE

Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

- 7.4.** ORD 25-2576 Second Reading of Ordinance to Amend Article VIII.- Legalized Gambling Sec. 22-383. Lawful Gambling and 22-384. Additional Regulations
Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

- 7.5.** RES 25-84 Resolution to Approve a Premise Permit for Lawful Gambling Activity for Community Charities of Minnesota at X-Golf located at 298 Northtown Drive NE
Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

Councilmember Massoglia shared concerns with the proposed organization being located in Mankato and explained he preferred local organizations being approved for premise permits for lawful gambling activities. For this reason, he recommended the request be denied.

Moved by Councilmember Massoglia, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to deny a Resolution to Approve a Premise Permit for Lawful Gambling Activity for Community Charities of Minnesota at X-Golf located at 298 Northtown Drive NE.

Councilmember Newland indicated he supported the recommendation from Councilmember Massoglia.

Councilmember Ford stated he did not see any bearing on where the business was located, noting they would still be providing charitable gambling funds to the community.

Motion to deny passed 5-1 (Councilmember Ford opposed).

- 7.6.** 2025-121 Motion to Approve a Tobacco and Tobacco Products License for Holiday Stationstores, LLC located at 9305 Central Avenue NE
Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

- 7.7.** 2025-122 Motion to Approve Carnival License for Amusement Attractions for the Blaine Festival
Sponsors: Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk

- 7.8.** 2025-123 Motion to Allow J.R. Stelzer Co. to Work on the Memorial Day Holiday, May 26, 2025, and Juneteenth Holiday, June 19, 2025, on Water Tower 2 Rehabilitation Project, Improvement Project U2315 (I/P 24-21)
Sponsors: Nick Fleischhacker, Public Works Director

8. 7:00 PM - Public Hearing and Items Published for a Certain Time

None.

9. Development Business

- 9.1.** ORD 25-2577 First Reading to Adopt an Interim Ordinance for a Moratorium on Accessory Dwelling Units (Case File No. 25-0018/SAS)
Sponsors: Sheila Sellman, Assistant Community Development Director

Community Development Director Thorvig stated an interim ordinance is being proposed to temporarily prohibit the construction and approval of both attached and detached accessory dwelling units (ADUs), in order to allow time for the completion of zoning research and the development of appropriate long-term policies. Staff noted one application for an ADU was presented to the city prior to this moratorium being put in place.

Declared by Mayor Sanders that Ordinance No. 25-2577, "First Reading to Adopt an Interim Ordinance for a Moratorium on Accessory Dwelling Units," be introduced and placed on file for second reading at the June 2, 2025 Council meeting.

10. Administration

- 10.1.** RES 25-83 Resolution to Approve a Purchase From the SBM Fire Capital Fund
Sponsors: Michelle Wolfe, City Manager

City Manager Wolfe stated the SBM Fire Department is requesting the purchase of an engine and a rescue truck. This purchase is proposed to be funded through the SBM capital improvement fund that the city of Blaine manages on behalf of SBM fire and its member cities. She reviewed a memorandum from SBM Chief Dan Retka outlining a request to place orders for two pieces of equipment. The engine and rescue truck would replace existing units, and are consistent with the approved capital plan. Chief Retka presented this plan to the city council at the September 16, 2024 workshop, which was subsequently included in the formal capital improvement plan (CIP) adoption at the December 16, 2024 city council meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to adopt a Resolution to Approve a Purchase from the SBM Fire Capital Fund.

Motion adopted unanimously.

11. Other Business

Mayor Sanders and Councilmember Robertson supported the council adding Airbnb/VRBO and

short term rentals to an upcoming workshop meeting.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Newland, seconded by Councilmember Robertson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24PM.

Motion adopted unanimously.



Signed by

Tim Sanders, Mayor

Signed by

Catherine M. Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk