

City Council Minutes  
November 3, 2025

The Fergus Falls City Council held a regular meeting on Monday November 3, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers. Dale Hexum gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Hicks called the meeting to order, and the following council members were in attendance: Fish, Job, Kvamme, Leighton, Kremeier, Mortenson, Rachels, Kilde.

**Open Forum**

- DuWayne Cookman asked where the trail will be located on the former dairy property and said he reached out to the city's economic development director to encourage him to negotiate with the railroad on the city's behalf.
- Timothy Eklund said their government class attending public meetings to observe how public meetings operate.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion and second were made by Rachels and Fish to approve tonight's agenda with the removal of the temporary easement from the consent agenda and the announcement that the closed meeting will not take place tonight and the motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were approved under **Resolution #197-2025** by Job: Motion approving the open and closed minutes from the October 20, 2025, City Council meeting and the October 29, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion approving the following licenses: Mechanical (2025) All Seasons Heating & A/C; Paving Contractor (2025) Summit Siteworks; Full Liquor (2026) VFW Post 612, American Legion Post 30; Demo/Hauler of Building Waste (2026) Shaw Excavating & Hauling, BC Disposal, Paul Haarstad Excavating; Excavator (2026) Paul Haarstad Excavating; Mechanical (2026) Bjorn's Heating & A/C; 3.2% Malt Liquor (2026) Walmart; 3.2% Malt Liquor and Wine with Strong Beer Authorization (2026) Fabled Farmer; Tobacco (2026) Fergus Liquors. **Resolution #198-2025** extending the lease agreement with the Pebble Lake Golf Course until December 31, 2026. **Resolution #199-2025** authorizing participation in the 2026 traffic marking program with Otter Tail County. **Resolution #200-2025** entering into the Highway and Trail Agreement with Otter Tail County. **Resolution #201-2025** authorizing an encroachment agreement with Federated Church. **Resolution #202-2025** denying a tobacco license for Smoke N Cloud. **Resolution #203-2025** declaring Unit 2073, a 2015 Ford Explorer as surplus equipment and authorizing its disposal. The resolution was seconded by Kremeier and was adopted.

**Economic Development Loan for Shine Therapies for Kids**

Business Development for Fergus Falls (BDFP) has reviewed a \$25,000 loan request for Shine Therapies for Kids LLC. BDFP reviewed the request and recommended the loan be approved at 4% interest over 60 months, a 1% origination fee on the loan amount and a personal guarantee from Kara Johnson. After addressing questions about city loan programs, purposes and the need for children's occupational therapy services, Rachels offered **Resolution #204-2025** approving a \$25,000 Economic Development Loan to Shine Therapies for Kids LLC and authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the related loan agreements, which was seconded by Kilde and was adopted.

**Resolution of Accounts**

Fish offered a resolution authorizing the payments and claims in the amount of \$1,526,416.90, which was seconded by Kilde and was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

*Lynne Olson*