

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AITKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

September 2, 2025

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Gary Tibbitts, Council Members Julie Miller, Justin Cartie, Chris Dotzler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Henke

ALSO PRESENT: Street Supervisor Lon Nicko, Police Chief Colter Riedel, Tami Jacobs, Kat Robb, Stan Gustafson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Justin Cartie. The motion carried with all voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were included in the consent agenda:

- Minutes – Regular Council Meeting 8/18/2025
- Accounts Payable
 - City
 - Liquor Store
- Gambling Permit Application- Knights of Columbus Event: 9/21/2025
- Public Utilities Commission Minutes; 7/15/2025
- Special Event Permit: Aitkin County Employee 5K & BBQ Event: 9/11/2025

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Justin Cartie. The motion carried with all voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARING

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Apartment Complex is on September 10th at Noon.
- Mayor Gary Tibbitts will attend the State of the Range 2025 on September 17th in Virginia, MN.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- The draft proposed preliminary levy has been reviewed by department supervisors and the budget committee. It is scheduled for adoption on September 15, 2025. The proposed levy of 6.94% increase can be decreased but not increased between now and December.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution No. 2025-09-02A Approving Amendment to CUP PC2024-05-28**
 - On August 20, the Planning Commission reviewed a request from the Apartment Complex Developer. It was determined that the sidewalk that was part of the conditional use permit going towards the east goes through a wetland was no longer feasible. The Planning Commission gave a recommendation to the Council to allow a partial modification to the conditional use permit to allow the sidewalk to start on the west edge of the wetland and continue west to the property line.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-09-02A was made by Justin Cartie, seconded by Julie Miller. The motion carried with all voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS

- None.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- None.

PLANNING & ZONING

- Draft Minutes 8/20/2025

PARK COMMITTEE

- None.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

- None.

AIRPORT COMMISSION

- None.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- None.

EDA

- None.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

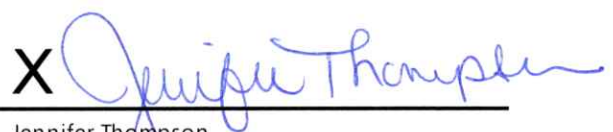
- None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 pm was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Justin Cartie. The motion carried with all voting aye.



Gary Tibbitts
Mayor



Jennifer Thompson
City Administrator