

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AITKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 20, 2026

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Gary Tibbitts, Council Members Chris Dotzler, Jason Henke, Julie Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Justin Cartie

ALSO PRESENT: Street Supervisor Lon Nicko, Tami Jacobs, Kat Robb, Amy Collins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Remove: Draft Lease PS0416 (MN State Patrol / Aitkin PD) under New Business for further negotiation.

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Jason Henke, seconded by Chris Dotzler. The motion carried with all voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were included in the consent agenda:

- Minutes – Regular Council Meeting 1/5/2026
- Accounts Payable
 - City
 - Liquor Store
- Financial Reports as of: 12/31/2025
- 2026 City Meeting Schedule (Updated to include Easter Holiday)
- MOA – COA & AFSCME PFML

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- None.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Union Negotiations are still ongoing. Mediation with the Supervisory Group is scheduled for March 6, 2026 and still in conversation with the Administration group due to a cancellation.
- City Administrator Jen Thompson to attend the Economic Development Association of Minnesota Conference on January 22 & 23, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Community Business Partnership (CBP) Loan Application for Aitkin Commercial, LLC**
 - Amy Collins and Christian Collins with Aitkin Commercial, LLC submitted an application for a CBP Loan in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a Capital Equipment Purchase. Aitkin Commercial, LLC owns the building that Rosallini's is located in. Rosallini's currently has a CBP Loan through the City. Discussion was held and the EDA determined the businesses are separate. The EDA reviewed the application on January 15, 2026 and recommend the approval of the CBP Application for Aitkin Commercial, LLC for \$15,000.00 for a Capital Equipment purchase.

A motion to approve the CBP Application for Aitkin Commercial, LLC was made by Jason Henke, seconded by Julie Miller. The motion carried with all voting aye.

• ~~Draft Lease PS0416 (MN State Patrol / Aitkin PD)~~

- **Draft ICE US HWY 169 & 210 Report**

- Preliminary information from MnDOT with proposed changes at the intersection of HWY 169 & 210. There is no timeline set and it has been discussed at Public Works Committee Meetings.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Draft Minutes; 1/12/2026 Mtg.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

- None.

PLANNING & ZONING

- 1/21/2026 Mtg. Canceled

PARK COMMITTEE

- Draft Minutes; 1/13/2026 Mtg.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

- None.

AIRPORT COMMISSION

- 1/22/2026 Mtg. Canceled

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- None.

EDA

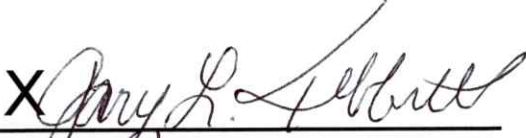
- None.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Jason Henke. The motion carried with all voting aye.

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Gary Tibbitts
Mayor

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Jennifer Thompson
City Administrator