



### **Our Vision**

Red Wing thrives as a vibrant, creative river town that values its natural environment, welcomes all people, and unlocks opportunity for everyone.

### **Our Mission**

We strive to create a sustainable, healthy, accessible, resilient, and equitable community where every person feels at home.

## **Meeting Announcement and Agenda**

### **City Council Regular Meeting City Council Chambers, 315 West 4th Street, Red Wing, MN & Virtually Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:30 PM**

This meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers and virtually via Webex at the same time. Members of the public can join this meeting either in person at City Hall or virtually. [Join the meeting via Webex](#) and type in the password 2026. To join via telephone, please dial (415) 655-0001. Enter access code 2551 218 4427 and password 2026 when prompted.

#### **1. Call to Order**

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **3. Excusal of Members**

#### **4. Approval of Agenda**

#### **5. Proclamations and Recognitions**

##### **5.A. Swearing-in Ceremony.**

Mayor Iocco will introduce and administer an oath of office for each of the newly appointed board and commission members listed below.

1. Kendal Swanson's First Term on the Sister Cities Commission Expiring December 31, 2028.
2. Jim Ross's First Term on the Port Authority Board Expiring January 31, 2029.

##### **5.B. Sturgeon Lake Road Awards Presentation.**

The Sturgeon Lake Road Overpass Project was substantially completed and opened to traffic in the summer of 2025. This project represents decades of effort and collaboration that resulted in a successful project. The Sturgeon Lake Road Project has since been recognized with two awards, which will be presented to the Mayor and City Council by Engineering Director Zach Regnier.

#### **6. Presentations**

#### **7. Public Comment**

Everyone is allowed three minutes to speak on any agenda items and three minutes to speak on any non-agenda items. Non-agenda items will come first; agenda items will follow. Separate sign-up sheets will be available in the lobby. Individuals may only sign up one time per sheet. A person may not give either of their three-minute allotments of time to another person.

7.A. Public Comment Received.

**8. Consent Agenda (Roll Call Required \*)**

The Consent Agenda consists of items that often don't require Council discussion. These items are usually routine business, non-controversial, or have been discussed publicly in the past. These items can be approved by the Council all at once unless a Council member acknowledges they would like to comment or have a discussion on any of these items at this meeting. If no Council member has a concern or comment on any of the consent agenda items, the Council will approve them all at the same time.

8.A. Motion to Approve Bills (Warrant #126547 - 126767, totaling \$1,744,628.67).

8.B. Motion to Approve Minutes.

1. February 2, 2026, Workshop Minutes.
2. February 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

8.C. Motion to Appoint the City of Red Wing's Public Information and Engagement Officer, Michelle Leise, to the Visitors and Convention Bureau (VCB) Board of Directors.

8.D. Motion to Approve Finance Report.

8.E. Motion to Approve Reallocation of \$193,600 in the 2026 CIP from Trickling Filter Roof Replacement to Preliminary Engineering for Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.

Staff is requesting City Council approve the reallocation of \$193,600 from the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan for the sewer utility enterprise fund, from the Trickling Filter Roof Replacement Project, to fund preliminary engineering for the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

8.F. Motion to Approve a Memorandum of Agreement regarding Minnesota Paid Family Medical Leave with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Unions.

The City Council is asked to approve the Memorandum of Agreements listed below. Staff recommends approval.

1. AFSCME Utilities.
2. AFSCME Clerical Technical.

8.G. Motion to Reject all Bids Received for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Slip Line Project. Bolton & Menk, Inc., the City's consulting engineer for this project, reviewed submitted bids and determined that all proposals were significantly higher than the engineer's estimate of \$525,555. Due to the magnitude of the cost overruns, staff is requesting that the scope of work be modified and the project be rebid.

8.H. Motion to Approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Minnesota Public Employees Association (MNPEA) Police Officers Unit, Amending the Collective Bargaining Agreement related to Working Out of Classification.

The City Council is asked to approve the Memorandum of Agreement. Staff recommends approval.

- 8.I. Actions Related to Phase II Bluff Prairie and Savana Restoration Project.  
The Prairie Enthusiasts (TPE) is requesting City permission and a letter of support to apply for a Phase II grant to expand ecological restoration efforts onto City-owned land within the Billings–Tomfohr Conservation Area. The proposed work includes invasive species removal, savanna canopy restoration, and ongoing habitat management consistent with established conservation plans. There is no direct financial impact to the City at this time, as grant administration would be handled by TPE, with City involvement limited to coordination and oversight.
1. Motion to Grant Permission to the Prairie Enthusiasts to Apply for a Grant from MnDNR Conservation Partners Legacy Grant to Fund Prairie Restoration Work on City-owned Property.
  2. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support for the Application.
- 8.J. Actions Related to MN Department of Health Grant Funding for Lead Service Line Replacements.  
Staff is requesting Council authorization to develop and submit a Project Priority List (PPL) Proposal application to the Minnesota Department of Health Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRf) Program for 100-percent grant funding to replace qualified private water service lines within the City of Red Wing. Eligible work includes replacement of all lead service lines, galvanized service lines requiring replacement, and any service lines that contain or have historically contained lead. Grant funding would cover the engineering, design, and construction costs required to complete the replacements.
1. Motion to Authorize Submission of a Grant Application to the MN Department of Health Drinking Water Revolving Fund Program for 2027 Lead Service Line Replacements.
  2. Motion to Authorize Staff to Enter into a Work Order Contract with Bolton & Menk to Develop and Submit Grant Application.
- 8.K. Motion to Approve Private Use of Public Property (PUPP) Application for St. Paul's Lutheran Church Elvis in the Park Concert.  
The event will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Central Park Bandshell. St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold a brief church service at 4 p.m. A musical concert will follow the church service in Central Park. The event is open to the public.
- 8.L. Motion to Approve Private Use of Public Property (PUPP) Application for the 2026 Red Wing Memorial Day Observance.  
The Red Wing Memorial Day Association has submitted an application for the Red Wing Memorial Day Ceremony to be held on May 25, 2026, in Bay Point Park from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. The event will feature a Master of Ceremonies, the Mayor, Color Guard, guest speakers, musical interludes, floral tribute with firing squad and artillery salutes, and TAPS.
- 8.M. Motion to Adopt \* Ordinance No. 228, Fourth Series, Repealing and Replacing Chapter 9 of the City Code.  
On November 10, 2025, Council approved the introduction of Ordinance 228, Fourth Series, amending Chapter 9 of the City Code to improve readability, eliminate redundancies, and make two policy adjustments related to the 300-foot rule and hours of downtown parking enforcement. Council is asked to approve the second reading of this Ordinance.

8.N. Motion to Approve Out-of-State Travel for Mayor Iocco for the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative Meeting.

The Council's travel policy dictates that all out-of-state travel by elected leaders must be approved by the City Council. The Mayor is very active in this group and the trip has been budgeted for. Staff recommends approval.

**9. Motions and General Business (Roll Call Required \*)**

The Council will address each of these items separately. Input from the public on any of these items needs to happen during the Public Comment period at the start of the meeting. The only exception is a Public Hearing.

9.A. Actions Related to 2026 Street Reconstruction (E 4th St, E 3rd St, Sanderson St, Green St, Arkin St).

This project is a street and utility infrastructure replacement project.

1. Conduct Public Hearing.
2. Consider Motion to Adopt \* Resolution No. 8154, Ordering Improvements and Preparation of Plans.

9.B. Actions Related to a Reduction of Sewer Charges Policy.

During the mid-December review of the high/low consumption report, Public Works staff identified increased water usage at the property and notified the owners. Upon inspection, the owners discovered a water leak in the backyard water spigot. At the January 26, 2026, City Council meeting, Ron Toivanen requested a reduction in the sewer portion of the utility bill during the public comment period. Based on comments from the property owner and City Council members, staff brought this request forward for Council consideration. At the February 9, 2026, City Council meeting, the City Council voted to table the motion until the Sewer Reduction Policy could be presented and formally adopted.

1. Consider Motion to Remove from the Table.
2. Consider Motion to Adopt the Sewer Reduction Policy.
3. Consider Motion to Approve a Reduction of Sewer Charges for Terry and Ron Toivanen, Owners of Property Located at 596 East 7th Street, in the Amount of \$224.12.

9.C. Consider Motion to Authorize a Modification to the Current Policy to Fund the City of Red Wing's Perpetual Flower Program.

The City of Red Wing's Perpetual Flower Program was originally designed to be self-sustaining. Because historic pricing has not kept pace with rising costs, the General Fund has had to subsidize the program since approximately 2000. Staff is proposing modifying the funding model so that 50 percent of annual program costs are supported by interest and investment earnings from the Perpetual Flower Care Fund and 50 percent by the General Fund.

9.D. Consider Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 231, Fourth Series, Rezoning Seven Parcels South of the Hwy 61 and Spring Creek Road South Intersection to General Business (B-2).

The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on February 17, 2026, to rezone three parcels owned by Kwik Trip, Inc., and four parcels owned by the City of Red Wing from R-2 and R-1 to B-2. The rezoning is supported by the 2040 Plan/Comprehensive

Plan to promote redevelopment adjacent to the new controlled intersection. The Planning Commission is recommending approval of the rezoning.

- 9.E. Consider Motion to Approve Changes to City Council Member Liaison Appointments. Though not legally required, the Council has a practice of appointing Council members as liaisons to each of the eleven City boards and commissions. The Council has been discussing whether to continue, modify, or discontinue the practice.

## **10. Communication Items**

- 10.A. Council Liaison Commission Reports.

Council members are asked to provide highlights on recent Board and Commission discussions.

- 10.B. Council Comments

- 10.C. Council Administrator's Status Report

## **11. Adjournment**

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