

**Red Wing City Council
Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers
April 13, 2026**

Council Members Present: Council President Janie Farrar; Council Members Donald Kliewer, Beth Snyder, Becky Norton, Kim Beise, Vicki Jo Lambert, and Ron Goggin

Members Absent: All members were in attendance

Others Present: Gary Iocco, Mayor; Melissa Hill, City Clerk; Chris Heineman, City Council Administrator; Marshall Hallock, Finance Director; Kyle Klatt, Community Development Director; Mike Warner, Fire Chief; Matt Lenz, Assistant Fire Chief; Nick Sather, Police Chief; Shawn Blaney, Public Works Director; Zach Regnier, Engineering Director; Michelle Leise, Public Information and Engagement Officer

Agenda Item 1

Call to Order

Council President Janie Farrar called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2

Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Farrar led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 3

Excusal of Members

All members were in attendance.

Agenda Item 4

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Beise, seconded by Council Member Kliewer, to approve the agenda as drafted. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7:0.

Agenda Item 5

Proclamations and Recognitions

A. National Library Week Proclamation.

Mayor Gary Iocco read a proclamation declaring April 19 through 25, 2026, as National Library Week in the City of Red Wing. The proclamation recognized libraries as vibrant community hubs connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources, and highlighted that the Red Wing Public Library recorded over 125,000 visits in the past year.

Director Brower thanked the Mayor, the Council, and the community for their support. Director Brower noted that through the end of May, residents are invited to visit the library, fill out a postcard, and share what the library means to them.

B. 2026 Arbor Day Proclamation.

Mayor Iocco read a proclamation declaring Friday, April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day in the City of Red Wing, marking its 28th year as a Tree City USA community. The proclamation recognized the importance of trees to the economy, culture, history, and future of the community and encouraged citizens to support efforts to protect trees and woodlands.

Agenda Item 6

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Agenda Item 7

Public Comment

Council President Farrar reviewed the public comment procedure and provided a reminder about the three-minute time limit.

Margaret Hanson read a written statement on behalf of Sara McCormack Hoffman, Ward 2, Red Wing. The statement expressed concern that the City Council no longer functions as a representative democratic body, citing the elimination of public agenda meetings, the Council Administrator's control over the agenda, and the lack of meaningful dialogue in response to public comment. The statement called on the Council to prioritize representational decision-making.

Melissa Boyd, Ward 4, Red Wing, spoke about a citizen-led meeting titled "Sunshine on City Hall" held on March 21, 2026, at First Lutheran Church, which drew 75 community members. Ms. Boyd noted that Council Members Becky Norton, Vicki Jo Lambert, and Beth Snyder attended and that attendees organized by ward to identify priorities, including government transparency, accessibility to elected officials, investment in public green spaces, programs for teens and youth, and affordable housing.

Ms. Boyd shared that future Sunshine on City Hall meetings are planned to continue civic engagement and ensure community concerns are heard. Ms. Boyd reminded attendees that four City Council Member seats are up for election, with the primary on August 11, 2026, the general election on November 3, 2026, and the candidate filing period running from May 19 to June 2, 2026.

Wendy Johnson, Ward 2, Red Wing, expressed appreciation for the National Library Week Proclamation and shared her experience as a former employee of the Red Wing Public Library. Ms. Johnson described the library as an ideal public service institution, noting its role as the flagship library for the Southeast Consortium and its accessibility to all community members.

Ms. Johnson highlighted the record-breaking summer reading program in 2025, which included children, teens, and adults. Ms. Johnson expressed appreciation for the

library's leadership and staff and encouraged the Council to recognize the value of the institution to the community.

Mary Kernan, Ward 3, Red Wing, shared concerns about a perceived lack of transparency in City government. Ms. Kernan acknowledged the dedication of Council members and expressed a desire for all voices, including those of ward representatives, to be heard and included in decisions made on behalf of the community.

Haven Saoirse, Minneapolis, a social work intern at Fernbrook Family Center in Red Wing, spoke virtually about public transportation infrastructure in Red Wing. Ms. Saoirse noted that clients find the bus system to be unreliable and, for some, too expensive, which has affected their ability to access services. Ms. Saoirse encouraged the Council to work toward improving public transportation over time.

Agenda Item 8

Consent Agenda

Council President Farrar noted that Council members may pull Consent Agenda items for further discussion. Council Member Vicki Jo Lambert pulled Items 8F and 8M.

A. Motion to Approve Bills (Warrant #127184 - 127504, totaling \$2,517,781.29).

B. Motion to Approve Minutes.

- 1. March 23, 2026, Workshop Minutes.**
- 2. March 23, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.**
- 3. April 6, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes.**

C. Motion to Approve Brian Waters to the Sustainability Commission for a Partial Term Expiring December 31, 2026.

Mr. Waters will be filling a vacancy left by the resignation of Joshua Meyer.

D. Motion to Reject all Bids Received for the 2026 Sanitary Slip Line Project and Encumber Funds to Proceed with the Project in 2027.

The City of Red Wing solicited a second round of bids for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation (Slip Line) Project to rehabilitate aging sanitary sewer infrastructure. Bolton & Menk, Inc., the City's consulting engineer for this project, reviewed the submitted bids and determined that all proposals were significantly higher than the engineer's estimate of \$595,950.

E. Actions Regarding the Purchase of Plow Equipment.

The Public Works Department requests authorization to reallocate the remaining funds from the 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), originally approved for the purchase of a plow truck chassis, toward the purchase of plow equipment for that chassis. In addition to this reallocation, staff is requesting that the City Council commit an additional \$79,050 in the 2027 CIP to fully fund the plow equipment. The equipment is not anticipated to be completed or installed until the first quarter of 2027.

1. Motion to Reallocate Remaining CIP Funds for the Purchase of the Plow Equipment and Commit an Additional \$79,050 from the 2027 Capital Improvement Plan for the Remainder of the Funding Needed for Plow Equipment.

2. Motion to Authorize Staff to Approve a Purchase Order with Towmaster for \$170,115.

F. Motion to Approve the Renewal of the Institution Community Work Crew (ICWC) Contract for Two Years and Authorize the Public Works Director to Sign on Behalf of the City.

The current ICWC contract expired on October 13, 2025. The renewal of this two-year contract will provide a crew leader and up to 10 crew members on either five eight-hour shifts or four 10-hour shifts on a weekly basis. The contract has a 0% increase over the last contract. The cost of the contract is \$105,000 per year. Funding will come from the 603 Solid Waste Campus Enterprise Fund, and the General Fund will not be impacted.

Council Member Lambert highlighted the cost savings associated with the Institution Community Work Crew (ICWC) contract. Council Member Lambert noted that the crew provides up to 10 workers from the Red Wing Correctional Facility and that, based on an average staff salary of \$89,000, the City realizes an estimated savings of \$1.32 million to \$2.64 million over the two-year contract term.

Council Member Beth Snyder added that ICWC workers receive skills training while on the job, including forklift operation. Public Works Director Blaney confirmed that forklift training is provided through the program.

A motion was made by Council Member Lambert, seconded by Council Member Snyder, to approve the renewal of the ICWC contract for two years and authorize the Public Works Director to sign on behalf of the City. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7:0.

G. Motion to Accept Proposals for Rehabilitation of Booster Station 8 for \$226,876.92.

Staff is requesting the City Council approve the proposals from Ryan Mechanical, Inc., Automation Services, Inc., and W.W. Goetsch Associates, Inc. for the rehabilitation of Booster Station 8 for \$226,876.92.

H. Motion to Approve Solid Waste Haulers License for 2026 to Harter's Disposal of MN.

I. Motion to Approve a Five-Year Contract Extension with Midwest Storage LLC, DBA Marine Specialties, for Hauling Boats for Storage at the City's Boat Storage Yard.

The current contract for boat hauling services was approved by the City Council in 2019 and included a six-year term. That agreement was set to expire on August 31, 2025.

J. Motion to Approve Sidewalk Café License for Mandy's Coffee and Café, 419 West 3rd Street, Red Wing.

K. Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 8159, Summary Publication Resolution of Ordinance 228, Fourth Series, Repealing and Replacing Chapter 9 of the City Code, Parking Regulations.

L. Motion to Approve a 50-year Lease Agreement with the Red Wing Port Authority for the Use, Management, and Operation of the Levee Road Mooring Clusters near the Red Wing Grain Terminal.

M. Motion to Approve Private Use of Public Property (PUPP) Application for the Red Wing Arts Concert in the Park Series.

Red Wing Arts (RWA) will host free public concerts at the Central Park Bandshell on Wednesdays in June, July, and August, beginning June 3, 2026. They plan to host food truck vendors starting at 6 p.m. Concerts will begin at 7 p.m. and end by 9 p.m.

Council Member Lambert highlighted that the Red Wing Arts Concert in the Park Series has been a community tradition for approximately 50 years, with weekly Wednesday concerts offered for the past decade. Council Member Lambert noted that the series is made possible through a partnership between the City and Red Wing Arts (RWA), supported by local businesses, and that last year's series drew over 1,200 attendees at a single concert and approximately 7,500 total for the season.

A motion was made by Council Member Lambert, seconded by Council Member Norton, to approve the Private Use of Public Property (PUPP) application for the Red Wing Arts Concert in the Park Series. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7:0.

N. Motion to Approve Private Use of Public Property (PUPP) Application for Red Wing Shoes Annual Sales Meeting.

Red Wing Shoe will be hosting its annual sales meeting from May 3 to May 8, 2026. Organizers are requesting no parking in the stalls in front of the Riverfront Center, St. James Hotel, Plant 1, Studebaker Parking Ramp, and the side road between Red Wing Shoe Company Plant 1 and the Armory.

A motion was made by Council Member Donald Kliewer, seconded by Council Member Vicki Jo Lambert, to approve the Consent Agenda, minus Items 8F and 8M. Upon call of the roll, Council Members Norton, Snyder, Farrar, Kliewer, Beise, Lambert, and Goggin voted aye; no nay. Seven ayes; no nays; motion carried.

Agenda Item 9

Motions and General Business

A. Consider Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 8160, Accepting Bid for 2026 Street Reconstruction (E 4th St, E 3rd St, Sanderson St, Green St, and Arkin St).

This project is a street and utility infrastructure replacement project.

Engineering Director Zach Regnier reported that seven competitive bids were received and opened the previous week. Director Regnier noted that the low bid came in under the engineer's estimate and that staff conducted reference checks on the contractor, which returned positive results. Director Regnier stated that the staff recommends accepting the low bid and has no concerns with moving forward.

A motion was made by Council Member Norton, seconded by Council Member Goggin, to adopt Resolution No. 8160, accepting the bid for the 2026 Street Reconstruction. Upon call of the roll, Council Members Snyder, Farrar, Kliewer, Beise, Lambert, Goggin, and Norton voted aye; no nay. Seven ayes; no nays; motion carried.

B. Consider Motion to Approve Changes to the Board, Commission, and Committees Policy.

This proposed policy change would remove the minimum age requirement for voting members and allow high school students to serve as voting members on four of the City's advisory commissions.

Mayor locco introduced the item, explaining that the proposed change would allow students in ninth grade or higher to serve as voting members on a pilot basis on four advisory commissions: Arts and Culture, Human Rights, Sister Cities, and Sustainability. Mayor locco noted that student terms would run from June 1 through May 31, with a maximum of four terms, and that students would fill existing vacancies rather than expand commission membership. Mayor locco stated that RiseUp Red Wing has offered to assist with recruitment outreach, while the application and appointment process would remain the same as for adult applicants.

Council Member Snyder asked for clarification on the number of youth members permitted per board. Mayor locco confirmed that only one student per commission would hold a voting seat, though additional students could serve in non-voting advisory roles.

Council Member Norton raised questions about residency requirements, noting that the draft policy language referenced Independent School District 256 enrollment, which could include students from outside Red Wing through open enrollment. Council Member Norton suggested that student eligibility boundaries should align with the existing membership boundaries of each respective commission rather than a uniform school district standard. Mayor locco agreed with that approach.

City Attorney Amy Mace noted that the City Charter language on advisory members states that advisory members need not be residents, and that the City Clerk could revise the policy language to align student member eligibility with the stated boundaries of each affected commission as established in City Code. Council President Farrar confirmed that the motion would include that clarification.

Council Member Goggin expressed reservations about granting voting privileges to individuals below voting age and raised concerns about students displacing adult applicants who may have a greater stake in commission decisions.

City Clerk Melissa Hill clarified that RiseUp Red Wing had offered to partner with schools to promote the program and encourage student applicants, but that the application and appointment process would remain unchanged.

A motion was made by Council President Farrar, seconded by Council Member Snyder, to approve the changes to the Board, Commission, and Committees Policy, with the clarification that the pilot would run through May 2027 and be reviewed at that time, and that residency language would be revised to align with the membership boundaries of each affected commission. Following the discussion, a vote was conducted, and the motion carried by a vote of 6:1, with Council Member Goggin dissenting.

C. Direct Staff as to How to Proceed with an In-Kind Donation Request of \$345 from Red Wing Arts to Cover the Cost of Renting City Shelters for its Mobile Arts – Art in the Park Event.

Red Wing Arts (RWA) has reserved park shelters for its Art in the Park summer programming and is requesting that the City waive the rental fees associated with these reservations.

Public Works Director Blaney presented the item, noting that the adopted fee schedule does not provide staff with authority to waive or forgive fees and that the request required Council direction.

Council Member Snyder asked whether there was precedent for fee waivers of this kind. Director Blaney noted that the Council has historically taken varying approaches to fee waivers for community events, with some events identified during the budget process as eligible for in-kind support, but that no such direction existed for this request.

Council Member Goggin expressed concern about setting a precedent for waiving fees for nonprofits and suggested the request be directed to the Arts and Culture Commission, which has a budget that could be used for this purpose. Council Member Beise agreed, adding that it would be preferable for organizations to identify funding needs during the budget planning process rather than after events are scheduled. Council Member Kliever asked whether the Arts and Culture Commission had been contacted, and Clerk Hill confirmed it had not.

Clerk Hill noted that disbursements from the Municipal Arts Fund require Arts and Culture Commission approval followed by City Council approval, and that the Commission was meeting that week, making the timing favorable for a referral. Council Member Norton supported referring the request to the Arts and Culture Commission for consideration.

A motion was made by Council Member Lambert, seconded by Council Member Norton, to direct the in-kind donation request from Red Wing Arts to the Arts and Culture Commission for consideration. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7:0.

D. Consider Motion to Approve Access Agreement for City Parcel at Bluff Street & 4th Street.

Administrator Heineman provided a brief overview, noting that the City received an initial request from Xcel Energy to evaluate the City-owned parcel at Bluff Street and 4th Street, and that the proposal had been reviewed by City staff, the City Engineer, and the City Attorney.

Ross Lexvold, Community Relations, Xcel Energy, and Sam Bader, Environmental Services, Xcel Energy, presented background on the parcel and the proposed access agreement. Lexvold explained that the site formerly operated as a Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) from 1873 to 1950 and that Xcel Energy maintains historical records and environmental data related to legacy MGP sites. Bader provided a history of the site, noting that Northern States Power conducted investigation and remediation work in the early 1990s under Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) oversight, and that the site received closure from the MPCA in 2006. Bader stated that, given updated MPCA screening standards and the proximity of the upcoming 4th Street reconstruction project, Xcel Energy is proposing to conduct targeted soil borings to compare current site conditions to the results from the original cleanup. The proposed access agreement would allow Xcel Energy one-time access to the property to complete the evaluation and share findings with the City.

Council Member Norton asked how the agreement would affect the parcel's use as a staging area for the reconstruction project. Lexvold confirmed that the evaluation would be completed before May 8, 2026, ahead of construction, and that surface-level staging would not pose a safety concern. Engineering Director Regnier added that the primary benefit of the evaluation is to identify any subsurface conditions in the adjacent street corridor before excavation begins.

City Attorney Mace highlighted several key provisions of the agreement, including that Exhibit C would restrict future uses of the property to recreational and limited commercial uses — specifically a park, pollinator garden, warehouse, or paved lot — with residential and agricultural uses prohibited. City Attorney Mace noted that the agreement does not determine responsibility for remediation if contamination is found, and that the 1994 indemnification agreement between Northern States Power and the City remains in effect and is not altered by this agreement.

Council Member Norton expressed concern that the use restrictions in Exhibit C would apply regardless of the testing outcome and that the City would be ceding long-term control over the property through this agreement. Council Member

Lambert sought clarification on what would happen if testing found no contamination and confirmed with Lexvold that Xcel Energy would share all data with the City in either case.

Bader noted that Exhibit C includes provisions allowing certain use restrictions, including residential and agricultural prohibitions, to be lifted with written approval from the MPCA. City Attorney Mace confirmed that this pathway exists but cautioned that the parties would need to agree on what constitutes "substantially similar" language in any future covenant.

Administrator Heineman noted that the item had been delayed from the March meeting to allow additional time for legal review, and that the City Attorney's office had worked with Xcel Energy's attorneys to refine the agreement language.

Mayor Iocco expressed support for proceeding, noting that the safety value of knowing current site conditions outweighs the use restrictions, which he characterized as reasonable given the parcel's history. Council Member Kliewer agreed, stating that residential use of the parcel was unlikely regardless of the agreement. Council Member Lambert confirmed with Lexvold that use of the parcel as a park would remain permissible under the agreement.

Council Member Norton stated that while she agreed with the practical limitations on the property's use, she was not comfortable with the City permanently ceding authority over future use decisions through a covenant tied to this agreement and indicated she could not support the motion.

A motion was made by Council Member Beise, seconded by Council Member Kliewer, to approve the cooperative access and covenant agreement for the City parcel at Bluff Street and 4th Street. Following the discussion, a vote was conducted, and the motion carried by a vote of 6:1, with Council Member Norton dissenting.

Agenda Item 10

Communication Items

A. Port Authority Update.

Community Development Director Klatt provided an update from the Port Authority's April 7, 2026, board meeting. Director Klatt noted that the board discussed the Mooring Cluster lease approved earlier in the evening and expressed appreciation for the Council's support in moving the Mooring Cluster replacement project forward. Director Klatt reported that both the Mooring Cluster replacement and the Little River Bulkhead replacement projects have been progressing through the environmental review process for approximately one year and are nearing the construction phase.

Director Klatt outlined the five major projects the Port Authority is focusing on for 2026 and into 2027: the former Central Research Building, Fleischmann Maltery, Jefferson School, a marketing and branding study, and the Port development

infrastructure projects. Director Klatt also noted that the board updated its five-year strategic plan and plan of work for the year.

Director Klatt provided project-specific updates. Regarding Jefferson School, due diligence work is ongoing, including a historical evaluation for potential inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, a Phase 1 environmental report in draft form, and a property survey. The consulting firm New History has been reaching out to potential developers to gather feedback to inform a Request for Proposals (RFP). The goal is to release the RFP by the end of April 2026, review proposals in May, and make a decision on whether to proceed with the sale within the timeframe established in the purchase agreement with the school district.

Regarding Fleischmann Malting, Director Klatt reported that the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) granted an extension on the demolition grant through approximately July 2026. A Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement is being developed for the site and is expected to come before the Council in May 2026. The TIF agreement is also needed by the developer to secure financing.

Director Klatt reported that demolition of the Central Research Building began the week of April 2, 2026, and is proceeding smoothly. Director Klatt also noted that work is continuing on a land feasibility analysis as part of an Office of Energy Transition Grant, in partnership with consulting firm NEOO Partners, and that several Council members participated in a recent stakeholder meeting related to that project.

B. Council Comments.

Council Member Lambert inquired about attendance at the recent wastewater treatment facility public tour. Mayor Iocco reported that approximately 20 to 24 members of the public attended.

Council Member Lambert noted current openings on boards and commissions, including one opening on the Advisory Planning Commission, one on the Arts and Culture Commission, one on the Sustainability Commission, two on the Human Rights Commission, one on the Sheldon Theatre board, and up to four on the Sister Cities Commission. Mayor Iocco noted that a public service announcement promoting the openings had been produced in partnership with Public Information and Engagement Officer Leise.

Council Member Lambert asked Fire Chief Mike Warner to provide additional details on the Explorer Labs fire forensics program referenced in the Council Administrator's status report. Chief Warner explained that the program was developed to address an identified educational gap in fire safety outreach for middle and high school students. Chief Warner noted that staff worked with school administrators to bring fire science education into science classrooms, covering topics including the physical and chemical properties of fire, heat transfer, fire behavior, and fire investigation. Chief

Warner stated that the program also introduces students to career pathways in the fire service and that the department plans to continue the partnership with schools to provide fire safety education from preschool through senior year.

Council Member Lambert requested an update on the City's delegation to China. Mayor Iocco reported that the effort is in early stages, with interest from Xcel Energy and the Prairie Island Indian Community, and that outreach to the City's delegation in China is underway.

Mayor Iocco reported on recent travel and advocacy activities. Mayor Iocco attended a Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI) trip to Washington, D.C., where meetings were held with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Transportation, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army Corps of Engineers, with discussions focused on river dredging and navigation. Mayor Iocco noted that through MRCTI, congressional funding requests were submitted for a new ladder truck and preliminary engineering for the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Iocco also reported on a presentation to the North Dakota Nuclear Committee regarding the experience of hosting a nuclear facility, noting that North Dakota is exploring siting a nuclear facility in the state.

Mayor Iocco noted that Arbor Day is approaching and that Red Wing Shoe Company has donated trees to Resilient Red Wing, with sign-up available through the Resilient Red Wing website. Mayor Iocco reported that the previous week, Administrator Heineman, Mayor Iocco, and Prairie Island Indian Community President Blake Johnson testified before a Senate committee regarding \$4 million in funding for Sturgeon Lake Road, and that the bill was advanced for further consideration. Mayor Iocco also announced that applications for the Mayor for a Day program have been received, with names redacted for review, and that the recipient will be announced at the next meeting.

Council Member Norton reported that, with support from the Council, she coordinated with the Honoring Dakota Project and County Commissioner Linda Flanders to organize a community cleanup on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 2026, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Council Member Norton noted that supplies will be provided and that the Public Works Department will collect the bags following the event.

Council President Farrar reported that she and Council Member Kliewer serve on the Cannon Valley Trail board and noted that significant trail repaving and bridge replacement work is planned that will affect trail access in Red Wing. Council President Farrar noted that Scott Roepke will provide a full report to the Council at a future meeting.

Council President Farrar also noted that a request had been received to have the complaint investigator attend the April 27, 2026, Council meeting. Council consensus was reached to extend the invitation.

C. City Council Administrator's Status Report.

City Council Administrator Heineman clarified that the two direct appropriation requests submitted to Senators Klobuchar and Smith were for a new ladder truck and preliminary engineering for the wastewater treatment plant — not an ambulance as previously referenced. Mayor Iocco acknowledged the correction.

Administrator Heineman reported that the Senate Capital Investment Committee held a hearing on April 7, 2026, at which Mayor Iocco and Prairie Island Tribal Community representative Blake Johnson testified. Administrator Heineman noted that the item has been laid over for possible inclusion in a bonding bill. Finance Director Hallock received communication from the House side indicating that the committee has not yet scheduled a hearing on the item.

Administrator Heineman noted that a Tribal Council ad hoc committee meeting with the Prairie Island Tribal Community is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. and that an update will be provided at the next City Council meeting.

Administrator Heineman reported on a meeting held in Pine Island the previous Friday, attended by approximately 25 city administrators from Congressman Finstad's congressional district. Administrator Heineman noted that the City of Red Wing exceeds the current 10,000-population cap for USDA funding eligibility, but that Congressman Finstad is advocating for raising the cap to 25,000, which would make Red Wing eligible. Administrator Heineman noted that Congressman Finstad is aware of the City's wastewater treatment plant needs and is exploring alternative federal funding pathways. Administrator Heineman encouraged the Council to support any federal legislation that would raise the USDA population cap, noting the potential impact on funding the estimated \$142 million wastewater treatment plant project.

Mayor Iocco added that during the MRCTI trip to Washington, D.C., the EPA indicated that funding for wastewater treatment plants may be available for terms of up to 40 years.

Agenda Item 11

Motion to go into Closed Session - 7:57 p.m.

Council President Farrar recessed the meeting at 7:48 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Council President Farrar read the following statement: The purpose of the closed session is to evaluate the performance of City Council Administrator Chris Heineman. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, sub 3(a), the Council may go into closed session to evaluate the performance of an individual who is subject to its authority.

A motion was made by Council Member Kliewer, seconded by Council Member Beise, to go into closed session. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried 6:1 with Council Member Norton dissenting.

Agenda Item 12

Motion to go into Open Session - 9:59 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Goggin, seconded by Council Member Beise, to go into open session. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7:0.

Agenda Item 13

Adjournment

Council President Janie Farrar adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.


Janie Farrar, Council President

ATTEST:


Melissa Hill, MCMC, City Clerk