

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 16, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hubbard at 7 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Mayor Hubbard and Councilmembers Benesh, Grau, Hatfield, and Sheveland.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator; Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; Kevin Wright, Communication Director; Elise Durbin, Assistant Administrator; Marshall Grange, Parks and Recreation Director; Nate Kabat, Community Development Director; Liz Hanson, City Planner; Christophe Morschen, City Attorney; Matt Haefner, Water and Sewer Director; and Matt Clark, City Engineer.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Benesh to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

5.A. Growth Through Opportunity Swearing In Ceremony

Police Chief Ryan Seibert provided details on the Growth Through Opportunity program and its history.

Mayor Hubbard conducted the Oath of Office for Griffin Williams and Aidan Coughlin.

Emergency alerts were heard in the Chambers. Councilmember Grau asked what the emergency procedure is in case they need to shelter in place. City Administrator Podhradsky stated they would leave the room through the main doors and go directly down the stairs. He advised against using elevators.

5.B. Brooks Ridge Homeowners Association request for Railroad Quiet Zone

Scott Morse, 542 Sweet Water Path, requested that the Council implement a quiet zone near his home. He explained that when he first moved to the area, the railroad near his home was only used twice per week. However, there are closer to six trains that run each day now. There is a horn most mornings at 3:00 a.m. The railroad is a financial concern in terms of home value and also a health concern. Mr. Morse pointed out that he has been speaking with Staff about the issue. He recommended that future developments near railroads be required to include more noise mitigation efforts.

City Administrator Podhradsky noted Staff met with the railroad a few years back about noise concerns. The railroad had implemented noise mitigation siding. The railroad had a temporary issue with construction where they were unable to use the regular noise mitigation efforts. Also, the railroad has stated it will review its horn regulations to ensure the noise isn't extensive. He provided additional details on other railways in the City and the cost of additional noise mitigation efforts.

Mayor Hubbard asked if there is a grant opportunity to help alleviate the financial burden. City Administrator Podhradsky stated he isn't aware of any. However, the City must be equitable in handling the noise mitigation efforts. Another Chaska neighborhood has already paid for noise mitigation.

5.C. Appreciation to Chaska Police Department

Jen Welvaert, 632 Dresden Circle, explained that a group of residents and non-residents alike thank the Council for their public service. She also thanked the Chaska Police Department for calmly handling the recent peaceful protests.

Mayor Hubbard acknowledged that the recent shooting of political leaders was a dark day in Minnesota's history. She thanked the commenter for her words.

City Administrator Podhradsky pointed out that two Chaska Police Department officers were involved in the capture of the shooter.

6. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

6.A. Approve the June 2, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Sheveland, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2025, City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Benesh to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through I:

A. Adopt Resolution 2025-30 Pertaining to the Expenditure of City Funds by/for Employees
Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-30 Pertaining to the Expenditure of City Funds for/by Employees and incorporate it into the Chaska Employee Handbook.

B. Approve Transient Accommodation - Hazeltine National Golf Club
Motion to approve the 2025-2026 transient accommodation license effective June 16, 2025, through April 30, 2026.

C. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-31 Approving the Final Site & Building Plan for 316 Lake Hazeltine Drive/Beckman Coulter/PC #2025-09
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-31 approving the Final Site & Building Plan for the building addition at 316 Lake Hazeltine Drive.

D. Approve Temporary On Sale Intoxicating License for Flags and Honor of MN

Motion to approve the Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating License TW 25-05 for Flags and Honor of Minnesota, which allows them to serve intoxicating beverages at their car, bike, and tractor fundraising event, on August 2, 2025.

E. Approve Temporary On Sale Intoxicating License for Chaska Lions Club

Motion to approve Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating License TW 25.06 for the Chaska Lions Club, that allows them to serve intoxicating beverages at Chaska City River Days, on July 25th – 27th, 2025.

F. Development Agreement between City of Chaska and Coventry Properties of Chaska, LLC

Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the Development Agreement between City of Chaska and Coventry Properties of Chaska, LLC.

G. Approve Alphabet Junction's Request to Terminate the Chaska Community Center Lease Agreement Early

Approve early termination of the Chaska Community Center Lease Agreement effective August 1, 2025.

H. Adopt Resolution 2025-34 - Approving 2025 Performance Measures

Motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2025-34 Approving 2025 Performance Measures.

I. Resolution 2025-35 Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Cable Television Franchise Agreement and Proposed Cable Television Franchise Ordinance

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-35 calling for a public hearing on the proposed cable television franchise agreement and proposed cable television franchise ordinance.

Mayor Hubbard expressed her excitement for the final building plan approval at 316 Hazeltine Drive, referring to Consent Agenda Item 7.C. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-31 Approving the Final Site & Building Plan for 316 Lake Hazeltine Drive/Beckman Coulter/PC #2025-09.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. Public Hearing and Resolution 2025-33 Authorizing Execution of a Tax Abatement Agreement for Beckman Coulter Expansion

City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council, and Assistant City Administrator Elise Durbin provided a presentation on it.

Mayor Hubbard opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

No one wished to address the Council.

Mayor Hubbard closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Benesh, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt Resolution 2025-33 authorizing approval of the Property Tax Agreement between the City of Chaska and Beckman Coulter.

Motion carried.

8.B. Implement an Electric Utility Franchise and Franchise Fee with both MVEC and Xcel
City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council, and Administrative Services Director Noel Graczyk provided a presentation on it.

8.B.i. Adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1063 Granting Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative an Electric Utility Franchise

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1063 Granting Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative an Electric Utility Franchise.
Motion carried.

8.B.ii. Adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1064 Implementing an Electric Energy Franchise Fee on Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative

Motion by Councilmember Sheveland, second by Councilmember Benesh to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1064 Implementing an Electric Energy Franchise Fee on Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative.
Motion carried.

8.B.iii. Adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1065 Granting Northern States Power Company an Electric Utility Franchise

Motion by Councilmember Benesh, second by Mayor Hubbard to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1065 Granting Northern States Power Company an Electric Utility Franchise.
Motion carried.

8.B.iv. Adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1066 Implementing an Electric Energy Franchise Fee on Northern States Power Company

Motion by Councilmember Sheveland, second by Councilmember Grau to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1066 Implementing an Electric Energy Franchise Fee on Northern States Power Company.
Motion carried.

8.B.v. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-32 To Approve Summary Publication of Ordinances 2025-1063, 2025-1064, 2025-1065, and 2025-1066

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Benesh to adopt Resolution No. 2025-32 To Approve Summary Publication of Ordinances 2025-1063, 2025-1064, 2025-1065, and 2025-1066.
Motion carried.

9. Bills

9.A. Accounts Payable Claims Roster 16-6-2025

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Sheveland to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Hatfield, Sheveland, Benesh, Grau, and Mayor Hubbard. Voting nay: None
Motion carried.

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.A.i. Bi-Weekly Report 16-6-2025

Councilmember Grau:

- Thanked Mayor Hubbard for her public comments regarding the recent tragedy.
- Encouraged the public to respect other points of view and reminded everyone that people tend to have more in common than not.
- Pointed out that part of Hwy 41 is now closed. He suggested signage be added to the construction area to indicate which roads do not have throughways.
- Thanked volunteers who prepared the baseball fields to showcase Chaska.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Noted Chaska Pride is June 21, 2025.
- Stated Picnic with Police is June 25, 2025.
- Pointed out June is Pride Month and also National Public Safety Month.
- Thanked Mayor Hubbard for her public comments regarding the recent tragedy. She explained that those who demonstrated peacefully are representative of Minnesota.

Councilmember Sheveland:

- Stated that instilling values in people begins at home.

Councilmember Benesh:

- Acknowledged the difficult events from over the weekend. He stated that the United States is no place for political violence.

City Administrator Podhradsky:

- Noted there will be two work session items at an upcoming meeting: Municipal Services Building rendition and the next year's budget.

Mayor Hubbard:

- Thanked Staff for their work over the weekend.
- Explained that her children were scared about the shooting and the list of targets.
- Reiterated that they can have disagreements and still be kind to one another.
- Noted she has received several comments about speeding e-bikes and cars ignoring crosswalks. She encouraged folks to be respectful of one another, to be aware of pedestrians, and to abide by the traffic laws. City Administrator Podhradsky pointed out that the City is working to promote pedestrian safety through signage, lights, and community education.
- Added the Community Market is June 19, 2025.
- Stated Family Night in the Ballpark is June 22, 2025.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Sheveland to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Motion carried.