

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 6, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hubbard at 7:03 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; Elise Durbin, Assistant City Administrator; Nate Kabat, Community Development Director; Julie Grove, Economic Development Coordinator; Krista Mark, Communications Coordinator; and Christophe Morschen, City Attorney.

4. Adopt the Agenda

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

5. Visitor Presentation

Ed Driscoll, 2500 Christian Drive, explained that the traffic noise is very amplified at his home. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) told Mr. Driscoll that greenery was intended to mitigate noise, but the greenery was recently torn out. He requested that the greenery be replaced or that other methods, like signage, be implemented to mitigate noise.

Mayor Hubbard asked City Administrator Podhradsky to address the removal of greenery. City Administrator Podhradsky stated that the cause is unclear, but appears to be a miscommunication and error by MnDOT. He noted that MnDOT has been contacted to replace the greenery, provide a timeline for restoration, and he will address the request for signage.

Mayor Hubbard asked about a direct contact for road signage. City Administrator Podhradsky said it would be more efficient to address the signage request and greenery replacement together through MnDOT. Mayor Hubbard thanked Mr. Driscoll for bringing the concerns forward and stated the City would work with MnDOT to resolve the issues.

5.A. Sheri Meyers & Brandondale Residents Association

Sheri Meyers, Administrator of the Brandondale Residence Association, introduced herself and addressed the Council regarding ongoing issues with Haven Park Capital's ownership of the Brandondale Community. She reported significant rent increases, lack of maintenance, and

safety concerns, and urged support for the Manufactured Housing Bill of Rights (HF 2381/SF 2691) to protect residents.

City Administrator Podhradsky acknowledged the concerns, noting that many Minnesota cities face similar issues with privately owned manufactured home parks. He stated the City is collaborating with other municipalities and the Attorney General's office to explore solutions and legislative action. He also cited the City's challenges with emergency access and utilities within Brandondale.

Mayor Hubbard and Councilmembers expressed support for Brandondale residents, recognizing the seriousness of the conditions and emphasizing the need for legislative advocacy. Residents raised additional concerns about safety, maintenance, and communication with Haven Park management. Mayor Hubbard agreed to follow up on local issues, including trees and streetlights, and to continue supporting legislative efforts to protect residents.

6. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Hatfield wanted to draw attention to item 6C on the resolution supporting suburban transit providers, since there was a desire from some to get rid of it. Chaska is a part of a joint powers agreement to have its own transit service that was put in place many years ago, and is lucky to have it. She noted that residents' taxes will not go down if Southwest Transit goes away, and that is a common misconception. Regional sales tax and motor vehicle sales tax pay for it.

Mayor Hubbard encouraged residents to email legislators to ensure that other cities do not opt out of local public transit options.

Councilmember Sheveland highlighted local public transit as essential for residents to get around town for necessities such as food, work, and healthcare, and ease of access is not something to take for granted.

Councilmember Grau said public transit is easy to take for granted, but it is a process to get that funding, takes a lot of work and effort, and he is happy to support this resolution.

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Grau to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through F:

A. 2026 Prosecution Contract

Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the 2026 County Prosecution Contract.

B. Municipal Tort Liability Limits

Motion to direct the City Administrator to inform the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust that the City of Chaska elects not to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statute.

C. Resolution 2025-70 Supporting Suburban Transit Providers

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2025-70 supporting Suburban Transit Providers.

D. Election Judge Hourly Rate Increase for 2026

Motion to approve an increase in the pay of the Head Judge to \$13.41/hr., Asst. Head Judge \$12.41/hr., and Regular Judge \$11.41/hr. for the 2026 election cycle.

E. Adopt resolution 2025-72 awarding Bid for Wells 11 & 12 Pumping Facility

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-72, Awarding Bid for the Wells 11 and 12 Pumping Facility to Municipal Builders, Inc., in the low bid total amount of \$1,189,686.00.

F. Accept Service Area Exception Agreement between Chaska Public Utilities and Northern States Power Company

Motion to accept the proposed Service Area Exception Agreement between Chaska Public Utilities and Northern States Power Company, and authorizing the Mayor and the City Administrator to execute the agreement.

Motion carried.

7. Action Items

7.A. Public Hearing - Adopt Resolution 2025- 71 Approving the City's Application to MN Department of Employment and Economic Development for the MIF Program

Economic Development Coordinator Julie Grove presented the item to the Council and said a representative from Marotta Controls, Heather Nygaard, was there to answer any questions for the Council.

Mayor Hubbard thanked them for being here and for their investment in the community.

Mayor Hubbard opened the public hearing at 8:02 p.m.

Ms. Nygaard thanked the Council for allowing them to be a part of the community and noted that a lot of new jobs will be coming to the area as a result of this program.

Mayor Hubbard closed the public hearing at 8:04 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Sheveland, second by Councilmember Benesh to adopt Resolution No. 2025-71 approving the City's Application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development on Behalf of Marotta Controls Inc. to the Minnesota Investment Program.

Motion carried.

8. Bills

8.A. Accounts Payable Claims Roster 10-6-2025

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Mayor Hubbard 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.

9. Other Business

Councilmember Hatfield

9.A. City Administrator's Report

9.A.i. Bi-Weekly Report Day-Month-2025

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Shared that all through October, residents can bring yard waste to the Dakota Prairie Composting site on Highway 41.
- Mentioned Sip and Shop Saturdays are happening downtown, where residents can drink while shopping at the local businesses.
- Announced upcoming events: Katrina Festival (October 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chaska Event Center), Halloween All-Day (October 25 at Chaska Commons and the Community Center), Deer Weekend (November 8), Tree Lighting (November 23 at Fireman's Park), Small Business Saturdays (November 29), and Hometown Holiday (December 6).

Mayor Hubbard:

- Recapped Staff Appreciation Day.
- Reported on attending the Chaska Yards ribbon cutting last week, and looked through the historic Ernst House that was remodeled and refurbished, along with three other homes.
- Announced the upcoming event: Pizza with a Cop on October 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Redbench.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Benesh to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Motion carried.