



CITY OF MINATARE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Council President/Acting Mayor Lally called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that a quorum of the Council was present, and City business could be conducted.

1. **Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call: Council present. Also present were: Karen Lojka, Clerk/Treasurer and Utilities Supervisor Chris Lally.**
3. **Excuses: Motion to excuse Mayor Nelson was made by Council Member Costa and seconded by Council Member Main.**
4. **Public Announcements: Fall Clean-up Day is set for October 17th from 8:00 to noon. A small discussion was had regarding keeping the dumpster for longer than one day. More to come on that at a later time.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Items under the Consent Agenda are proposed for adoption by one action for all items unless any member of Council requests that an item be considered separately.)

1. **Approve minutes of the July 14, 2026, City Council Meeting.**
2. **Approve Claims, attached**

Motion by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Costa to approve the Claims and Minutes as submitted. Acting Mayor Lally called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Mayor Nelson. Motion Carried.**

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. **Wayne Kilmer – 911 Advisory Board** Wayne was not in attendance and in accordance with City Attorney Ellison's recommendation last week, this item should be tabled for now.

Motion by Council Member Costa and seconded by Council Member Main to table this discussion until a later date.. Acting Mayor Lally called for the vote. **"AYES": Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. "NAYS": None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Mayor Nelson. Motion Carried.**

2. **Karen Lojka – Budget Transfers per Judy Judy’s requested transfers for this year are:**

General to Street \$28,000.00
Keno to General \$10,000.00
Electric to General \$80,000.00
Sewer to General \$5,000.00
Sanitation to General \$5,000.00

Motion by Council Member Main and seconded by Council Member Ross to approve the budgeted transfers for the year per accountant Judy Hoatson. Acting Mayor Lally called for the vote. **“AYES”: Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Mayor Nelson. Motion Carried**

3. **Chris Lally – Purchase of police pickup for street department use** Chris talked to the Council about purchasing the police pickup to use for the street department use. The red S-10 pickup is on its last leg as far as driving into town for things, etc. Chris would mount the mosquito spraying equipment in the back of the S-10 so would no longer have to pull a trailer to do the spraying. After a small discussion was had, the Council agreed that purchasing the pickup would put it to good use.

Motion by Council Member Main and seconded by Council Member Costa to approve the purchase of the Ford F-150 from the police department, pending an agreement as to the final purchase price the City will pay, up to \$16,000.00. Acting Mayor Lally called for the vote. **“AYES”: Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Mayor Nelson. Motion Carried**

BIDS/PROPOSALS: None

REPORTS: None

OPEN COMMENT: Discussion or action by Council regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comments only.

Chris Lally just mentioned the price of digging the ditch over by 5th Avenue as being \$4.00 per foot. A request to approve that expense will follow as an agenda item at a later date.

Motion by Council Member Costa and seconded by Council Member Ross to adjourn the meeting. Acting Mayor Lally called for the vote. **“AYES”: Lally, Ross, Main and Costa. “NAYS”: None. Abstaining: None. Absent: Mayor Nelson. Motion Carried.**

ADJOURN: 6:25 p.m.

Melissa Lally, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen L. Lojka, City Clerk/Treasurer