NORTH BRANCH
—Minnesota—

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CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
CITY HALL, 6408 ELM STREET, NORTH BRANCH, MN 55056

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. AGENDA APPROVAL
   a. Approve Agenda — ACTION

5. PRESENTATION & PROCLAMATION
   a. City of North Branch Legislative Review for 2025 from Larkin Hoffman Public Affairs - Margaret Vesel, Brandan Strickland, and Andrew Carlson — VERBAL UPDATE

6. PUBLIC COMMENT
   Provides an opportunity for the public to address the Council on items that are not on the Agenda. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Please state your name and address for the record. This section is for the express purpose of addressing concerns of City services and operations. It shall not be used to clarify individual's views for political purposes.

7. CONSENT AGENDA
   All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.
   a. Claims — ACTION
   b. Minutes - City Council Meeting - December 9, 2025, 7:00 PM — ACTION
   c. Minutes - City Council Workshop - November 18, 2025 — ACTION
   d. Minutes - Truth in Taxation - December 03, 2025 — ACTION
   e. Approve 2026 Tobacco, Massage, and ROW Licenses — ACTION
   f. Approval of Resolution R-281-2026 authorizing budget carryovers — ACTION

g.	Approval of Resolution R-278-2026 authorizing official signatories and declaring official depositories	ACTION
h.	Approval of Audit Engagement Letter with Abdo for 2025 audit	ACTION
i.	Recieve monthly legal report from City Attorney	INFO
j.	Approval of Resolution R-282-2026 regarding the support of a Minnesota Forward Fund Application	ACTION
k.	Approve Gambling LG220 Permit - Minnesota Deer Hunters Association - Wild River Chapter	ACTION
l.	Approve Gambling LG220 Permit #2 - Minnesota Deer Hunters Association - Wild River Chapter	ACTION
m.	Approval of Commission members for 2026	ACTION
n.	Approval of election results and officer appointments for the Fire Department in 2026	ACTION
o.	Consider approval of job description for Building Official	ACTION

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a.	Public Hearing Continuation for the NW Old Town Street and Utility Project	INFO
b.	Approval of Resolution R-279-2026 Authorizing WSB to prepare plans and specifications for the NW Old Town Project	ACTION

9. STAFF REPORTS

a.	Approval of Resolution R-280-2026 accepting the Annual Appointments and Designations	ACTION
b.	Consider approval of Council Meeting calendar for 2026	ACTION
c.	Finance Update	INFO
d.	Consider Approval of Viking Meadows Preliminary Development MOU	ACTION

10. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL

a.	City concerns for state funding impact to cities/unfunded mandates	INFO
b.	Consider sending a letter to local gas stations related to the consistently higher prices of fuel in the North Branch community.	ACTION
c.	State of the City Address	INFO

11. CLOSED SESSION

a.	Closed meeting pursuant to Minn Stat 13D.05, subd. 3, (c) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase of real property identified as 38791 Forest Boulevard	ACTION

12. ADJOURNMENT

Since we do not have time to discuss every point presented, it may seem that decisions are preconceived. However, background information is provided to the City Council on each Agenda item in advance from Staff and appointed Commissions; and decisions are based on this information and past

experiences. In addition some items may also have been discussed preliminarily at Council Work Sessions. If you are aware of information that has not been discussed, please raise your hand to be recognized. Comments that are pertinent are appreciated. Items requiring excessive time may be continued to another meeting.