



NORTH BRANCH —Minnesota—

Kevin Schieber
Mayor

Robert Canada
Councilmember/Acting Mayor

Jeff Goulet
Councilmember

Jim Ibinger
Councilmember

Patrick Meacham
Councilmember

**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
CITY HALL, 6408 ELM STREET, NORTH
BRANCH, MN 55056**

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BRANCH IN THE COUNTY OF CHISAGO AND IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Schieber called the North Branch City Council meeting to order at 6 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kevin Schieber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Kevin Schieber, Councilmember Jeff Goulet, Councilmember Jim Ibinger,
Councilmember Patrick Meacham, Councilmember Robert Canada

Absent:

Remote:

Others Present:

Notes:

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

a. Approve Agenda

ACTION

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Robert Canada

SECONDER: Patrick Meacham

AYES: Kevin Schieber, Jeff Goulet, Jim Ibinger, Patrick Meacham, Robert Canada

ABSENT:

NOTES:

5. PRESENTATION & PROCLAMATION

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.

Wes Ringquist, Bailey Tepoorten, Lisa Kath, Jesse Anderson, Laura Anderson, Rachel Anderson, and Sam Rogstad signed up for Public Comment.

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.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Jeff Goulet

SECONDER: Robert Canada

AYES: Kevin Schieber, Jeff Goulet, Jim Ibinger, Patrick Meacham, Robert Canada

ABSENT:

NOTES:

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| a. Claims | ACTION |
| b. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - June 10, 2026, 6:00 PM | ACTION |
| c. Receive schedule of activities update for the NW Old Town Project | INFO |

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. STAFF REPORTS

10. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL

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| a. Advisory Committee updates | VERBAL
UPDATE |
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A joint meeting was held between the City Council and the Planning Commission. The discussion resulted in meaningful progress and provided the Planning Commission with clearer direction as they continue developing recommendations. Topics discussed included side-yard setbacks, building design standards, and residential density, including apartment complexes.

Mayor Kevin Schieber thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works Department for their hard work in making this year's Midsummer Days a success. City Administrator Matthew Hill added that the Public Works Department provides a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes support for Midsummer Days, as well as ongoing maintenance of the City's parks.

The Louisiana-Pacific groundbreaking ceremony was held on June 23rd and was a great success. The company is investing \$150 million in its facility in the industrial park and will create more than 125 new jobs. Mayor Kevin Schieber thanked everyone who attended the groundbreaking and recognized the many individuals whose efforts helped bring Louisiana-Pacific to North Branch.

The Finance Committee reported that the City's liquor stores continue to perform well. While retail sales

remain below historical highs, both gross and net profits are meeting expectations. The committee also discussed future staffing and investment plans for the City.

The Public Works Advisory Committee discussed the Northwest Old Town investment project, including whether it should be postponed and funding redirected to other priorities. The committee also reviewed leaf pickup services and data on resident participation. Staff will present this information and potential recommendations to the City Council in July.

Council Member Patrick Meacham raised the topic of high utility users, such as data centers, and proposed that staff begin working with the Planning Commission to develop action items and recommendations regarding future data center development. The City Council reached a consensus to move forward with this effort.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The North Branch City Council Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Kevin Schieber
SECONDER:	Robert Canada
AYES:	Kevin Schieber, Jeff Goulet, Jim Ibinger, Patrick Meacham, Robert Canada
ABSENT:	
NOTES:	