

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Of the
City of Northfield Council
January 27, 2025**

The regular meeting of the City of Northfield Council was held on Monday January 27, 2025 via Zoom.

Council members attending: Barbara Durbin, Patricia Martin, and Gay Harmon

Council members absent: Tracy Walker

City officials present: Mayor Randolph Chappell, Treasurer Charles Veeneman, City Engineer Adrian Oliver and City Clerk Lucy Martin

City officials absent: Police Chief Tom David

Guests: Jody Nalley

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Randolph Chappell.

Motions were made, and voted to approve the appointment of Steve Levy and Larry Schafer as council members. This brings the council up to six members.

MINUTES: Minutes for the November 2024 meeting were approved.

CITY ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer distributed financial reports prior to the meeting for activity in December 2024. They included:

- General Fund Income Statement & Balance Sheet
- Northfield Schedule of Investments
- Road Fund Income Statement & Balance Sheet

CITY CLERK

- Taxes collected as of today: 382 bills \$336,364.41
Outstanding: 11 bills, \$34,168.16 (5 Commercial, 6 Residential)
Total plan: 393 bills, \$370,532.57
- Lucy will update the NF website with the new council information.

POLICE REPORT

January

- Several calls from Northfield Neighbors about the traffic issues and power outage caused by down power lines. There were also several weather-related calls and highway road conditions.
- 3 Calls for service transferred over from LMPD
- 3 House watch checks
- 2 Non-injury Accidents on private property
- 2 Domestic Incidents property disputes at the apartments
- 1 Accidental overdose at the nursing home
- 1 Intoxicated teen was located in the neighborhood and returned home safely to the parents
- 2 Homeless persons were given assistance and taken to a shelter

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Lime Ridge sidewalk repair. In progress, utility work must be completed first.
- City street and stop signs to be painted and straightened. In progress, weather permitting (May).
- Striping in progress, a vendor has been contacted. Also weather permitting.
- Trish requested removal of a sign from her property.

OLD BUSINESS

- In progress: NF Main Entrance signage update (Tracy). This will be revisited when highway construction is completed.
- In Progress: Fence down along US42. City attorney has confirmed that Northfield may replace the fence.
 - Tracy has the completed survey of the affected area to determine property line.
 - Tracy will get some cost estimates (\$75K placeholder until firm estimate received). Quotes in progress.
 - A permit will be required to proceed further.
 - Fence design to be determined after a decision is made to replace/repair parts of the fence, or to rebuild the entire fence.
 - There is an effort to include the affected residents in the process.
- Still in planning: Northfield citywide leaf pickup, (\$20K placeholder until firm estimate received). Joe's lawn care proposed \$120 per house, per event (minimum 12 homes). Tracy will get proposed dates (prefer Mondays). Communication will be distributed then date(s) are confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Trash/Recycling bidding will begin in April. Trish volunteered to assist.
- LG&E light poles need paint. This is an LG&E responsibility. Adrian will follow-up.
- Fox Creek Ct. retaining wall damaged by snow plow, Lawnco will need to address.
- Fenley office building rent request (space for NFPD). There is no contract agreement in place for rent. Trish suggested contacting Norton to see if they would be interested in hosting our police.

PARKING LOT

- Speed Hump Policy: Second Reading on hold pending Traffic Engineer input, and final report. Randy has contacted two engineers. There would also need to be an ordinance. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

OTHER

Our guest Jody Nalley introduced himself and asked to be considered when we discuss our landscaping needs. The Mayor was not sure when our contract with Lawnco expires, but said he would keep Nalley's Lawn Service in mind, and thanked Jody for attending.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.
The next meeting of the Northfield City Council will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025.

Lucy Martin, City Clerk

Randolph L. Chappell, Mayor City of Northfield