



MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**July 6, 2026 - 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

1. Call to order, moment of silence and flag pledge

Mayor Hellier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Hellier, Council Members Bermel, Lee, Volk, Wolter

Staff Present: Justin Miller, City Administrator; Andrea McDowell Poehler, City Attorney; Joe Masiarchin, Parks & Recreation Director; Allyn Kuennen, Assistant City Administrator; Ann Orlofsky, City Clerk; Brad Paulson, Police Chief; Paul Oehme, Public Works Director; Tina Goodroad, Community Development Director

3. Citizen Comments

The following members of the public addressed the City Council regarding a Conditional Use Permit request that will be considered at a future City Council meeting:

Karin Miller, 17985 Jaquard Path, Lakeville
Steven Buck, 16530 Judicial Road, Lakeville
Kevin McCarty, 5920 W 136th Street, Savage
Surya Ganesan, 7093 184th Street West, Lakeville

4. Additional agenda information

5. Presentations/Introductions

a. National Night Out Proclamation

Police Chief Brad Paulson described the activities that will occur during National Night Out.

Mayor Hellier proclaimed Tuesday, August 4, 2026, as National Night Out in the City of Lakeville.

b. Lakeville Liquors Mid-Year Report

Liquor Operations Director Tana Wold presented the Mid-Year report for Lakeville Liquors.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Wolter, seconded by Bermel, to approve the following consent agenda:

Voice vote was taken on the motion. Ayes - Hellier, Bermel, Lee, Volk, Wolter

- a. Check Register Summary**
- b. Minutes of the 06/15/2026 City Council Meeting**
- c. Extension of on-sale liquor license premises at B-52's for Pan-O-Prog events**
- d. Certificate of Completion related to KTJ First Addition**
- e. Amendment to Master Agreement with Lakeville Lacrosse for Facility Use and Sponsorships**
- f. Approval of purchase of Fire Department Gas Monitor and Calibration System**
- g. Resolution Accepting Donation from the Lakeville Public Safety Foundation**
- h. Approve Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for the 2026 Community Assisted Lake Monitoring Program**
- i. Temporary on-sale liquor license to Lakeville Rotary for Taste of Lakeville**
- j. Resolution Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling for Public Hearing on the 215th Street Improvement Project (CP 26-09)**
- k. Resolution Accepting a Donation from the Lakeville Public Safety Foundation for the Police Department**
- l. Approve Joint Powers Agreement with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization for East Lake Rough Fish Management**

- m. Contract for Fuel Island Upgrades**
- n. Lake Marion Greenway Trail Change Order No. 1**
- o. Joint Powers Agreement Between Dakota County and the City of Lakeville for Engineering and Construction for the North Creek Greenway, East Lake Community Park to Eagleview Drive**
- p. Lakeville Employment Policy Updates**
- q. Agreement with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Local Trail Connections Grant for the Lake Marion Greenway Trail Construction from Ritter Farm Park to Casperson Park**
- r. Agreement for High Speed Garage Door Replacement at the Police Station**
- s. Crystal Lake Education Center Site Improvement Performance Agreement**
- t. 9446 210th Street - Conditional Use Permit**
- u. 9475 212th Street - Conditional Use Permit**
- v. Juniper Triangle Final Plat**
- w. Restoration Covenant Church Site Improvement Performance Agreement**
- 7. Action Items**
 - None
- 8. Unfinished Business**
 - None
- 9. New Business**
 - a. Update on Safety and Operations at the CSAH 50/CSAH 60 Roundabout Dakota County Presentation**

City Engineer Zach Johnson introduced Tyler Krage, Dakota County Traffic Engineer, who provided an update on the safety and operations of the CSAH 50/CSAH 60 roundabout. The presentation was informational and intended to provide the City Council with an opportunity to review the County's findings and provide input as the study progresses.

Mr. Krage reported that the intersection has experienced the highest number of crashes of any Dakota County intersection since the roundabout was constructed in 2015. Between 2023 and 2025, 423 crashes were recorded, resulting in a Crash Rate Index (CRI) of 5.96. He reviewed the County's mitigation efforts since 2016, including public education, enhanced enforcement, signage and pavement marking modifications, pedestrian crossing enhancements, and multiple engineering studies.

Mr. Krage presented three improvement alternatives for Council consideration:

- Option 1: Enhanced roundabout improvements, including pedestrian beacons, buffered lanes, and central island modifications, with an estimated cost of \$100,000 to \$200,000. This option is expected to provide minor safety improvements with no significant reduction in traffic delay.
- Option 2: Enhanced roundabout improvements with right-turn bypass lanes, estimated at approximately \$1.5 million. This option is expected to provide minor safety improvements and some reduction in traffic delay.
- Option 3: Conversion of the intersection to a signalized intersection, estimated at approximately \$4 million to \$5 million. This option is projected to provide the greatest improvements in both safety and traffic operations.

Mr. Krage stated that industry experts consulted by Dakota County, including the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), the Institute of Transportation Engineers, and the Transportation Research Board, indicated that traffic volumes at this location are unusually high for a two-lane roundabout and that few comparable intersections exist nationally. He also noted that MnDOT no longer constructs this style of roundabout.

The County's proposed next step is to initiate the engineering phase by retaining a consultant to further evaluate alternatives and conduct public engagement. The process would include ongoing updates to both the Lakeville City Council and the Dakota County Board, with County Board approval required before advancing to right-of-way acquisition or construction.

Councilmembers discussed the alternatives presented and questioned whether additional or more innovative design options should be explored. Discussion included the lack of speed data collected at the intersection and whether additional traffic calming measures could reduce crashes. Councilmembers observed that vehicle speed and distracted driving appear to be significant contributing factors and reiterated that the County's stated objective is to reduce crashes.

County staff requested the City's partnership in advancing preliminary engineering and evaluating additional design alternatives, noting that work completed to date has

primarily focused on traffic analysis rather than conceptual engineering.

The Council indicated it is not supportive of major modifications to the intersection at this time and expressed no interest in converting the roundabout to a signalized intersection. Councilmembers requested that the County continue exploring additional alternatives before selecting a preferred option and noted that several questions remain unanswered. Councilmembers also stated that, should a future construction project move forward, they do not believe the City should be asked to contribute additional funding, as the City has previously participated financially in the intersection improvements.

No formal action was taken. The Council directed staff to continue coordinating with Dakota County on the development of additional design alternatives.

b. Lakeville Facility Study Update

Parks and Recreation Director Joe Masiarchin and Brian Hjares of HKGi presented an update on the Community Facilities Study, which is being completed as part of the Park System Master Plan. No Council action was required.

Staff summarized stakeholder outreach, site visits, and preliminary community survey results, which identified strong interest in expanded indoor recreation space, additional programming for all ages, improved arts and event facilities, and enhanced athletic amenities. Survey responses also showed broad support for a future community center and emphasized affordability and accessibility.

Councilmembers discussed the City's current shortage of indoor recreational space, requested that potential future facility sites be evaluated, and asked about benchmarking membership costs and facility models in other communities. The consultant confirmed those analyses will be included in the final study.

No formal action was taken. Staff will continue the study and return to the City Council with future updates.

10. Council/Committee Updates

None

11. Announcements

a. Next City Council Meeting July 20, 2026

12. Adjourn

Motion was made by Lee, seconded by Bermel, to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

Voice vote was taken on the motion. Ayes - Hellier, Bermel, Lee, Volk, Wolter

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Ann Orlofsky, City Clerk

Luke M. Hellier, Mayor