Mission of the City of Courtland
We envision Courtland as a city with managed growth which offers a high quality of life for individuals, families and businesses at an affordable cost.

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 6, 2026

Members Present: Mayor Al Poehler
Council Member Nathan Marti
Council Member Greg Juberien
Council Member Pam Rodewald
Council Member Justin Kraus

Members Absent:

Others Present: Julie Holm Dave Ubel

The regular city council meeting was called to order by Mayor Poehler at 7:00 pm on August 6, 2026 in the Council chambers in City Hall.

Rodewald made a motion to approve the agenda. Kraus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Juberien made a motion to approve July 2, 2026, regular Council meeting minutes. Marti seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Rodewald made a motion to approve monthly bills. Kraus seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Check#	VENDOR	DATE	$AMT	DESCRIPTION
EFT	IRS	07/09/26	$1,284.26	federal payroll taxes
EFT	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	07/09/26	$206.00	mn payroll taxes
EFT	PERA	07/09/26	$657.57	PERA contributions
EFT	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	07/20/26	$739.00	2026 2nd qtr sales tax
EFT	IRS	07/23/26	$1,069.39	federal payroll taxes
EFT	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	07/23/26	$200.00	mn payroll taxes
EFT	PERA	07/23/26	$663.12	PERA contributions
EFT	CITY OF COURTLAND	07/24/26	$287.20	fire hall, comm center, main shed, city office utilities
EFT	MN UI FUND_PD LEAVE	07/31/26	$213.18	pd leave premium 2nd qtr 2026 reg employees
EFT	MN UI FUND_PD LEAVE	07/31/26	$48.82	pd leave premium 2nd qtr 2026 council_comm
EFT	COMCAST, INC	08/02/26	$101.96	main st office internet
EFT	MICROSOFT	08/10/26	$17.71	office 365 subscriptionx2
EFT	IRS	08/06/26	$995.44	federal payroll taxes
EFT	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	08/06/26	$186.00	mn payroll taxes
EFT	PERA	08/06/26	$623.88	PERA contributions
23642	Holm, Julie	07/23/26	$1,052.05	Payroll 06/21-07/04/26
23643	Ubel, David	07/23/26	$1,556.93	Payroll 06/21-07/04/26
23644	Voges, Jessie	07/23/26	$759.82	Payroll 06/21-07/04/26
23645	CITY OF NEW ULM	07/23/26	$8,001.37	flow to new ulm
23646	COURTLAND MART	07/23/26	$691.20	gas-Dave(408.62)-lawnmower(273.59)-misc(8.99)
23647	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL	07/23/26	$16.20	13 tickets
23648	UNITED NATURAL GAS	07/23/26	$58.50	main shed, firehall, wtr plant, city office natural gas
23649	XCEL ENERGY	07/23/26	$1,782.36	office,firehall,wtrtwr,park,lifts,wtrplt,mainshed,st lights
23650	Holm, Julie	08/06/26	$1,009.27	Payroll 07/05-07/18/26
23651	Ubel, David	08/06/26	$1,556.93	Payroll 07/05-07/18/26
23652	Voges, Jessie	08/06/26	$704.47	Payroll 07/05-07/18/26

23653	BADGER METER	08/05/26	$70.08	beacon web program support meter reading 386 units
23654	BOLTON & MENK, INC	08/05/26	$220.00	eng fees mn hardwoods wetland pdf
23655	CLEARWAY COMMUNITY SOLAR LLC	08/05/26	$2,408.69	solar subscription
23656	CLIFTONLARSONALLEN	08/05/26	$2,449.49	audit services YE2025 final
23657	ECOWATER SYSTEMS OF NEW ULM	08/05/26	$15.25	softner salt fire hall
23658	FASTENAL COMPANY	08/05/26	$40.70	master lock padlocks for water plant
23659	FREEDOM AND GLORY	08/05/26	$675.44	flags
23660	HAWKINS,INC	08/05/26	$1,787.45	water plant supplies (azone 15)
23661	LOFFLER	08/05/26	$57.71	mfp maintenance, color copies(6.88)
23662	LUEPKE OIL & TRUCKING LLC	08/05/26	$429.22	gas-dave(200.29), fuel(228.93)
23663	MN LIFE INS COMPANY	08/05/26	$4.50	dave life insurance prem
23664	Nuvera	08/05/26	$395.36	office,fire hall ph&intnet,lifts,wells,wtr twr,wtr plnt intnet
23665	QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS INC	08/05/26	$231,078.00	lift station repairs shady oak dr, stony point, lagoon dr
23666	RENT N SAVE PORTABLE SERVICES	08/05/26	$208.34	porta potty rental - parks 6/6-6/30/26
23667	RIVER VALLEY LAWN CARE	08/05/26	$275.08	weed & feed at water plant, shady oak/stony pt triangle
23668	RIVERBEND BUSINESS PRODUCTS	08/05/26	$1,590.00	utility billing envelopes
23669	RUNNINGS SUPPLY, INC.	08/05/26	$263.57	candy for parades FD, flag repairs, water plant supplies
23670	COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	08/05/26	$105.88	publish candidate filing notice correction
23671	VALLEY DEMOLITION & RECYCLING	08/05/26	$49.20	loose demo materials lift station updates
23672	WATER CONSERVATION SERVICES	08/05/26	$2,049.53	water leak detection svcs
23673	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL	08/06/26	$9.45	7 tickets
			$266,860.25	
EFT	MN PFA	08/19/26	$141,130.00	PFA Loan Payment

Council Reports: Councilmember Rodewald has been working on topic ideas for community workshops educational and demonstrations, two per month. Rodewald asks council about budgeting funds for these that have a cost. Discussion on topics that would be most beneficial. Additional discussion on city covering costs and is it allowed.

Mayor: Poehler had questions on status of welcome sign. Discussion on contacting Kollmann Concrete on status and checking on other contractor availability should he not be able to complete it.

Street Committee: Mayor Poehler would like during budget to address road conditions and make plans for future work. There are several streets that were done in 1998 and will need replacement.

City Clerk: Holm has been contacted by several Riverview/MaryLane residents about thistles have gone to seed on MN Hardwoods property and what happened to plans with drone spraying. Ubel reports the drone owners would not do it, there were concerns of too close to houses and they do not put herbicide in them. Discussion on hiring Carr's in the spring or having them reach out to landowners. Additional discussion on having landowners provide proof of any spraying application.
Holm asks council to change office hours to Monday through Thursday 8am to 4:30pm and closed on Fridays. Council agrees to change subject to change if feedback is negative.
Holm asks about setting up auto pay for some of utility accounts, Poehler questions how to control what is being paid out and for whom.

Dave Ubel presents ask to install flow meter on main lift station to better track flow to New Ulm. Currently, New Ulm has one on the receiving to register flow for billing and Courtland uses run time to calculate what is being sent. Estimate cost is $27,190 and would be for two meters. There is option to dig and put in one but needs to be larger and relocated to another area and this increases costs. Council on immediate need since savings have been drawn down on lift station repairs. Council tables discussion until next meeting during budget discussions.
Ubel presents ask for Control Secure upgrade for water plant in wake of hacks in water systems in the state. Concerns are the chlorine and fluoride that is put into the system and hacks messing with these. Council discussion on Courtland's risks as ours does not rely on running remotely.

Ubel reports a firefighter was injured during a drill night and has a worker's compensation claim.
Ubel reports an incident during Night Out, a child fell on concrete at edge where there is an overhang that rainwater erodes dirt. Dave will be installing gutter to direct water away.

Ubel report on water leak detection company was out and they found one leak at Ground Zero. There was a pit that used to have a water meter and once dug up they found leak and repaired. Water turned on and another leak was found, dug up again and fixed. This reduced flow by about 30,000 a day. Approximately a week later Dave had a call from Hancock they had water coming out all their doors. They found a split in pipe under shop. Another week later LDR called with no water pressure and water was pooling on ground by the building.

Ubel presents ask to update meters. The style being proposed would be able to listen and help with leak detection. Dave spoke with several cities that have begun using these meters and have found significant leaks once they began using them. Dave has proposal for starter kit that would get setup with online program and 10 meters. Council discussion to get starter package and begin budgeting to replace in sections and new installations will use new meters.

Ubel reports the wells have been maxing out on pumping. Dave has had to turn down the pumping rate as to not drop the level to far. Dave proposes rehabs on the wells. The wells are original, put in 1988. Schafer Well recommends rehab every 10 years to clean screens and suck up sand that has accumulated. Average cost for each well rehab is $40,000. Council discussion to maybe institute a watering ban when the pumping rate gets to a certain point. Poehler asks why this is only coming up now, should this not have been addressed before. Dave reports New Ulm had not done anything until new staff came in and brought attention to it.

Rodewald made a motion to adorn. Juberien seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm

A signed written copy of the minutes is on file in the office of the city clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Holm

Julie Holm, City Clerk