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
October 1, 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 Mark Fiemeyer Bob Schabert Logan Messner Samantha Janni

The regular city council meeting was called to order by Mayor Poehler at 7:00 pm on October 1, 2026 in the Council chambers in City Hall.

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

Juberien made a motion to approve September 3, 2026, regular Council meeting minutes. Kraus seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Rodewald made a motion to approve September 22, 2026, special Council work session minutes. Juberian seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

Check#	Vendor	DATE	$AMT	Description
EFT	CITY OF COURTLAND	09/17/26	$291.51	fire hall, comm center, main shed, city office utilities
EFT	IRS	09/18/26	$995.44	federal payroll taxes
EFT	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	09/18/26	$186.00	mn payroll taxes
EFT	PERA	09/18/26	$623.88	PERA contributions
EFT	IRS	10/01/26	$1,101.83	federal payroll taxes
EFT	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	10/01/26	$207.00	mn payroll taxes
EFT	PERA	10/01/26	$681.53	PERA contributions
EFT	COMCAST, INC	10/01/26	$101.96	main st office internet
EFT	MICROSOFT	10/08/26	$17.71	office 365 subscriptionx2
23713	Holm, Julie	09/17/26	$1,118.70	Payroll 8/30-9/12/26
23714	Ubel, David	09/17/26	$1,556.93	Payroll 8/30-9/12/26
23715	Voges, Jessie	09/17/26	$939.69	Payroll 8/30-9/12/26
23716	PROKORE INSPECTIONS, LLC	09/17/26	$7,278.68	remit fees permits may-aug 2026
23717	RENT N SAVE PORTABLE SERVICES	09/17/26	$250.00	porta potty rental - parks
23718	UNITED NATURAL GAS	09/17/26	$42.19	main shed, firehall, wtr plant, city office natural gas
23719	XCEL ENERGY	09/17/26	$1,560.28	office,firehall,wtrtwr,park,lifts,wtrplt,mainshed,st lights
23720	LMCIT	09/17/26	$1,620.00	w/c ins after audit balance
23721	CITY OF NEW ULM	09/10/26	$7,297.41	flow to new ulm
23722	Holm, Julie	10/01/26	$1,157.28	Payroll 9/13-9/26/26
23723	Ubel, David	10/01/26	$1,556.93	Payroll 9/13-9/26/26
23724	Voges, Jessie	10/01/26	$829.00	Payroll 9/13-9/26/26
23725	ALLAN FIEMEYER	10/01/26	$18.00	sharpen lawnmower blades

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23726	BADGER METER	10/01/26	$70.08	beacon web program support meter reading 386 units
23727	BARGEN INCORPORATED	10/01/26	$3,500.00	crack repairs
23728	CLEARWAY COMMUNITY SOLAR LLC	10/01/26	$2,436.91	solar subscription
23729	COURTLAND FIRE DEPT RELIEF-GEN	10/01/26	$25,984.55	state fire aid
23730	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	10/01/26	$5,148.95	kamstup startup kit(meters,ready converter)
23731	EMPIRE PIPE SERVICES	10/01/26	$2,168.40	jetting&vacumming sanitary sewer &2 lift stations
23732	HAWKINS,INC	10/01/26	$1,847.64	water plant chemical supplies(aqua hawk,azone15)
23733	LOFFLER	10/01/26	$59.61	mfp maintenance, color copies(5.74)
23734	MN LIFE INS COMPANY	10/01/26	$4.50	dave life insurance prem
23735	Nuvera	10/01/26	$626.57	office,firehall ph&intnet,wells,wtr twr,wtr plnt intnet
23736	RIVER VALLEY LAWN CARE	10/01/26	$345.20	fall/winter fertilizer parks,fire station
23737	BANYON DATA SYSTEMS	10/01/26	$3,380.00	annual module support fees
23738	LUEPKE OIL & TRUCKING	10/01/26	$614.94	gas-Dave(436.77), fuel(178.17)
23739	IMMENSE IMPACE, LLC	10/01/26	$812.00	annual website subscription
			$76,431.30	
EFT	CITY OF COURTLAND	09/23/26	$20,000.00	transfer from bank ckg to savings in bank
EFT	CITY OF COURTLAND	09/23/26	$550,000.00	transfer from bank ckg to 4M savings

Rodewald filed grant paperwork for updating cybersecurity at water plant. The initial amount is $2,730 for firewall update and additional $4,000 needed for ongoing maintenance program. Pam will update the grant.

Public Utilities: Logan Messner with Schafer Well is present to discuss current issues with wells. Logan reports that the problems of lowered gallons per minute may be attributed to clogged screens and the with records available, these have not been touched since they were drilled in 1990. There are two processes to clean them and since the wells are close together, neither is without risks. The ideal solution is to drill an additional well in order to shut down both wells. The cost estimate for a new well is going to depend on where and how deep; low end about $150,000 and high end about $400,000 for a deep well. Logan recommends pulling one of well pumps, running fresh water in and video the screen area to get idea of what it looks like to make decisions. Rodewald recommends moving forward with videoing one well and also doing a feasibility study for a third well including researching the proposal during water plant upgrade.

Street Committee: Dave has bids for seal coating using new process called replay on our new roads. Bargen bid is $36,908 and second bid from C&C Contracting for $41,000.
Rodewald made a motion to accept bid from Bargen, Inc for $36,908 for street maintenance. Marti seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Dave presents to council for approval purchase of new snowplow at $10,489. Trade in allowance of $3,000 for old plow.
Kraus made a motion to approve purchase of new snowplow. Marti seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Dave is working on the purchase of speed sign to be placed on County Road 24.

Dave brings to council Nicollet Planning and Zoning approval of Uland Gravel Pit Operations for longer hours and implications

Planning Commission notes are in packet. Conditional Use Permit for MN Hardwoods/Mark Schmid was denied at the meeting.

City Clerk: No Report

Rodewald had additional notes from Region 9 on a needs assessment for Community Center. Fee would be $2,000. Pam proposes speaking to Community Center Board going forward.

City Attorney RFP: Holm reports increasing difficulty in reaching our City Attorney, she has emailed Jeremy Berg each of the last three months to get help with an ordinance update and has received nothing. Council discussion on the firm

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may be moving in different direction. Council agrees to have clerk send out Request for Proposal to firms other small cities are using geographically relevant to us.

2027 Water/Sewer Preliminary Budget: Rodewald presents updated spreadsheet based on what previous councilmember Bents had done. Discussion of what is paid for the year and what is to come for remaining months to give more accurate projected costs for 2027. Rodewald suggests creating capital expense plans same as general. Poehler recommends for next month setting up resolutions to set up restricted funds for specific purposes. Rodewald explains the increases coming from New Ulm for sewer rates. Holm to prepare a resolution for next month for sewer increases reflective of increase effective now which is 61cents per thousand.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Holm, City Clerk

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