



**AGENDA FOR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Call to Order**
 - Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Council Changes
 - Staff Changes
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. February 4, 2025
5. **Audience Participation** (10-minute time limit for items not on the agenda)
6. **Consent Agenda** (items approved with one motion)
7. **Scheduled Public Hearings**
8. **Old Business**
9. **Regular Agenda**
 - A. Resolution Approving Lawful Gambling Premises Permit – Resolution #15
 - B. Street Superintendent Position
 - C. 2025 City Archery Deer Hunt Recommendation
 - D. Ash Tree Removal Project at Knollwood Park
 - E. Resolution to Approve a Grant Application to the Taylor Family Farms Foundation - Res. #16
10. **Other Items and Communications**
 - A. Council Items
 - B. Staff Items
11. **Paid Bills and Claims – For Informational Purposes**
 - A. City of Redwood Falls Accounts Payable Summary
12. **Adjournment**

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF REDWOOD FALLS, MINNESOTA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Redwood Falls City Council was called to order in the Municipal Chambers on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Roll call indicated Mayor Tom Quackenbush and Council Members Matt Smith, Denise Kerkhoff, Jim Sandgren, Larry Arentson, and Shannon Guetter were present, constituting a quorum.

Also present were City Administrator Keith Muetzel, Finance Director Kari Klages, City Attorney Trenton Dammann, Public Works Project Coordinator Jim Doering, and Deputy City Clerk Caitlin Kodet.

City Administrator Muetzel requested to add Consent Agenda item 6C - Peart's Bar and Lounge LLC On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Liquor License Application.

A motion was made by Council Member Sandgren and seconded by Council Member Arentson to approve the agenda. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Kerkhoff and seconded by Council Member Guetter to approve the January 21, 2025, minutes as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member Arentson to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. City Assistance with Celebrate Redwood Falls – Fire & Ice Festival
2. Distributed Electric Generation Rules Report & Update
3. Peart's Bar and Lounge LLC On-Sale and Sunday On-Sale Liquor License Application.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Street Superintendent Darrell Bowers was present to introduce the Street Sweeper Replacement.

Mr. Bowers stated the 2025 operating budget includes \$400,000.00 to replace a 2015 model year TYMCO regenerative air street sweeper. The street department has operated TYMCO regenerative air street sweepers since 2006. A regenerative air sweeper uses a combination of suction and high-velocity air to pick up debris. This type of sweeper works well on smooth surfaces such as paved streets without large pieces of debris. While researching the sweeper replacement, street department staff tested an Elgin mechanical broom sweeper. This sweeper design uses rotating brushes to sweep and collect debris and is well-suited for construction sites and other areas that contain larger pieces or volumes of debris.

Mr. Bowers stated both sweeper designs are available for purchase through the State Purchasing Program. The TYMCO Regenerative Air Sweeper from Environmental Equipment and Services is quoted at \$352,531.34. The Elgin Mechanical Broom Sweeper from Macqueen Equipment is quoted at \$344,351.25. After field-testing both sweeper models, Staff is recommending the purchase of the TYMCO regenerative air street sweeper for the following reasons:

1. Staff is currently fully trained to operate the TYMCO regenerative air sweeper.
2. The TYMCO sweeper can be driven to the Twin Cities for routine maintenance while the Elgin sweeper will need to be transported by semi-truck which results in higher transit costs for the Elgin Sweeper.
3. It is anticipated that the TYMCO sweeper will have lower long-term maintenance costs over the life of the machine.

A motion was made by Council Member Sandgren and seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the Street Sweeper Replacement purchase in the amount of \$352,531.34. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Works Project Coordinator Jim Doering introduced Resolution No. 12 of 2025 – Resolution of Support for the State of Minnesota Capital Budget Request for the Redwood Falls Municipal Airport and the Swayback Bridge Rehabilitation Projects.

Mr. Doering stated Resolution No. 12 is a resolution of support for the State of Minnesota Capital Budget request for \$3,386,000.00 in 2025 general obligation bonds for the Redwood Falls Municipal Airport runway, pavement, lighting and storm water improvements. In addition, a separate request for \$1,300,000.00 in 2025 general obligation bonds for the Swayback Bridge Rehabilitation Project is also being made.

Mr. Doering stated the first submission is for \$3,386,000.00 to be used in conjunction with \$4,046,000.00 in federal airport improvement plan (AIP) funding to complete the entire scope of \$7,432,000.00. This project has been submitted in prior bonding years and Staff recommends this project be ranked first.

Mr. Doering stated the second submission is for \$1,300,000.00 in 2025 general obligation bonds for rehabilitating the Swayback Bridge. The bridge was re-decked in 2012-2014 and since has faced FEMA declared flood disasters of 2014, 2018 and 2019 in addition to two State declared disasters of 2017 and 2023. Since the County rehabilitation, the bridge has endured five major flood events over these past 10 years. As a result, the Swayback project entails tuck pointing of all the granite block, coffer dam diversion to tuck point and repair 9 piers, their abutments, pier cap replacement and to replace any missing granite block.

Mr. Doering stated Staff recommend approval of Resolution No. 12 in support of both submissions for Airport and Swayback Bridge rehabilitation funding. When two applications are made in the same year, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) requires that they are prioritized based on available funding. This is a non-bonding year, but the hope is that some form of bonding bill is accomplished this session. Senator Dahms' office asked for the bill language prior to the start of session. The Airport Project is currently SF 146, and the Swayback Bridge is waiting to be introduced. There are no house companion bills at this time, but Representative Torkelson is expected to author the bills in the house once they work out their differences.

A motion was made by Council Member Guetter and seconded by Council Member Kerkhoff to waive the reading of Resolution No. 12 of 2025 – Resolution of Support for the State of Minnesota Capital Budget Request for the Redwood Falls Municipal Airport and the Swayback Bridge Rehabilitation Projects. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member Arentson to approve Resolution No. 12 of 2025 – Resolution of Support for the State of Minnesota Capital Budget Request for the Redwood Falls Municipal Airport and the Swayback Bridge Rehabilitation Projects. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Library Director Connie Lechner was present to introduce Resolution No. 13 of 2025 – Resolution Accepting Donations to the City.

Ms. Lechner stated Resolution No. 13 of 2025 authorizes accepting a donation from the Redwood Area Library Foundation in the amount of \$26,459.04. The donation is to cover expenses incurred due to the upcoming Expansion and the removal of trees in the area of construction. Staff is requesting approval to accept the financial donation from the Redwood Area Library Foundation for the Expansion expenses.

A motion was made by Council Member Sandgren and seconded by Council Member Guetter to waive the reading of Resolution No. 13 of 2025 – Resolution Accepting Donations to the City. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Kerkhoff and seconded by Council Member Arentson to approve Resolution No. 13 of 2025 – Resolution Accepting Donations to the City. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

HR Coordinator Sheila Stage was present to introduce Resolution No. 14 of 2025 – Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Redwood Falls on Behalf of its Human Resources Department.

Ms. Stage stated the Human Resources Department desires to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to maintain access to federal data in support of its duties to conduct background checks as provided by law. The purpose of this Joint Powers Agreement is to memorialize the requirements for the Human Resources Department to obtain access and the limitations that apply to the information that the Human Resources Department obtains.

A motion was made by Council Member Kerkhoff and seconded by Council Member Arentson to waive the reading of Resolution No. 14 of 2025 – Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Redwood Falls on Behalf of its Human Resources Department. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Sandgren and seconded by Council Member Smith to approve Resolution No. 14 of 2025 – Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Redwood Falls on Behalf of its Human Resources Department. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Works Project Coordinator Jim Doering introduced the Request to Waive Sanitary Sewer Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Surcharges.

Mr. Doering stated the owner of Lot 2, Block 10 of Hitchcock’s Second Addition, ID 88-423-1860, submitted a request to waive \$200.00 in I&I Surcharges. There was a procedural issue with the I&I program where it began levying surcharges for failure to act to have the sewer line fixed within the 90-day period. The inspection was in August and surcharges were levied in October and November. The new owner of the property was unaware of the failure to act and called inquiring. At that point it was revealed that a non-compliance letter was missed, and the owner was not notified post inspection. The letter levies noncompliance to the owner and outlines the 90-day timeline they have to meet ordinance requirements. This notification includes a list of licensed contractor contacts in which to assist in meeting compliance. The new owner is requesting the two, \$100.00 surcharges totaling \$200.00 be removed from billing, as they were not properly notified of non-compliance, post inspection. Given the owner’s timely cooperation and securing of a contractor, Staff advocates that there is a hardship and recommends waiving the I&I surcharges.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member Guetter to approve the Request to Waive Sanitary Sewer Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Surcharges. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Works Project Coordinator Doering provided an update on the \$1,000,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Education for the Library Expansion Project. Staff has been working to finalize the grant agreements and working with Engan Associates to complete the grant funding requirements.

Bills and Claims were presented to the Council for informational purposes. No questions, comments or concerns were raised.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Arentson and seconded by Council Member Guetter to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ATTEST:

Keith Muetzel
City Administrator

Tom Quackenbush
Mayor

AGENDA RECOMMENDATION

Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

Agenda Item: Resolution No. 15 of 2025 – A Resolution Approving A Lawful Gambling Premises Permit

Recommendation/Action Requested: Read the proposed Resolution or make a motion to waive the reading of the Resolution. Discuss the proposed Resolution. If there are no concerns, adopt proposed Resolution by motion in accordance with Chapter 4 of the City Charter.

Summary/Overview: The City of Redwood Falls periodically receives Minnesota Lawful Gambling Applications from organizations requiring City approval of the gambling applications and verification that the gambling premises is located within the corporate limits of the City of Redwood Falls. In January 2013, Council approved Resolution No. 4 of 2013 authorizing the City Administrator or a designee to sign Minnesota Lawful Gambling applications without prior approval by City Council. A recent gambling permit application was denied by the Minnesota Gambling Control Board because of the date of the Resolution used for approval on the application. The Gambling Control Board is requesting City approval by Resolution within 6 months of the application. The attached Resolution is requesting approval for the Redwood Area Hockey Association's premises permit application for The Peart's Bar and Lounge at 101 Front Street East.

Staff is requesting approval of Resolution No. 15 of 2025.

Attachments: Resolution No. 15 of 2025
LG214 Premises Permit Application

RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LAWFUL GAMBLING PREMISES PERMIT

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood Falls allows gambling licenses to be issued within the city;

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood Falls periodically receives Minnesota Lawful Gambling Applications from organizations requiring City approval of the gambling applications and verification that the gambling premises is located within the corporate limits of the City of Redwood Falls;

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood Falls by Resolution No. 4 of 2013 has delegated authority to the City Administrator or his/her designee to sign these applications. This delegation of authority shall continue until revoked or modified by subsequent action of the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD FALLS, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

That the Redwood Area Hockey Association request for a premises permit to conduct gambling at The Peart's Bar and Lounge located at 101 Front Street East is hereby approved.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Redwood Falls, Minnesota this 18th day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

Keith Muetzel
City Administrator

Tom Quackenbush
Mayor

(City Seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
18th day of February 2025.

Notary Public

MINNESOTA LAWFUL GAMBLING
LG214 Premises Permit Application

Annual Fee \$150 (NON-REFUNDABLE)

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO LG214

1. If the premises is leased, attach a copy of your lease. Use **LG215 Lease for Lawful Gambling Activity**.
2. \$150 annual premises permit fee, for each permit (non-refundable). Make check payable to **"State of Minnesota."**

Mail the application and required attachments to:
Minnesota Gambling Control Board
1711 West County Road B, Suite 300 South
Roseville, MN 55113

Questions? Call 651-539-1900 and ask for Licensing.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name: Redwood Area Hockey Association License Number: 04345
Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Siri Youngkrantz Daytime Phone: (320)212-0074
Gambling Manager: Steven Opdahl Daytime Phone: (507)430-4880

GAMBLING PREMISES INFORMATION

Current name of site where gambling will be conducted: The Peart's Bar and Lounge

List any previous names for this location:

Barney's Burger and Grill

Street address where premises is located: 101 Front St E
(Do not use a P.O. box number or mailing address.)

City: OR Township:	County:	Zip Code:
Redwood Falls	Redwood	56283

Does your organization own the building where the gambling will be conducted?

Yes No If no, attach LG215 Lease for Lawful Gambling Activity.

A lease is not required if only a raffle will be conducted.

Is any other organization conducting gambling at this site? Yes No Don't know

Note: Bar bingo can only be conducted at a site where another form of lawful gambling is being conducted by the applying organization or another permitted organization. Electronic games can only be conducted at a site where paper pull-tabs are played.

Has your organization previously conducted gambling at this site? Yes No Don't know

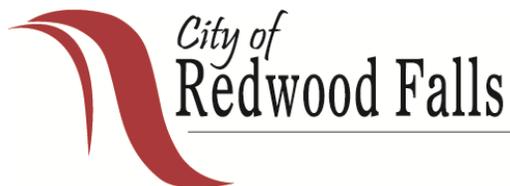
GAMBLING BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION; MUST BE IN MINNESOTA

Bank Name: Bremer Bank Bank Account Number: 00334110

Bank Street Address: 101 E 4th St City: Redwood Falls State: MN Zip Code: 56283

ALL TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT OFF-SITE STORAGE SPACES

Address (Do not use a P.O. box number):	City:	State:	Zip Code:
<u>901 Cook St</u>	<u>Redwood Falls</u>	<u>MN</u>	<u>56283</u>
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Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

AGENDA RECOMMENDATION

Agenda Item: Street Superintendent Position

Recommendation/Action Requested: Staff recommends approval of an employment offer to Darren Hacker.

Summary/Overview: The current Street Superintendent will retire on April 30th of this year and the hiring committee has completed the selection process for the next Superintendent. The position was posted internally, and an application was received from Darren Hacker. Darren is the foreman in the street department and has worked in the street department for 6 years.

City administration is supportive of transitioning Darren into the Street Superintendent position. This transition will occur over a 3-month training period and become official on April 28, 2025. During the training period Darren will shadow the current superintendent and share oversight of all department operations. The attached employment offer outlines the specific terms of employment.

Attachments: Employment Offer



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Human Resources Coordinator
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February 3, 2025

Mr. Darren Hacker
38816 State Hwy 68
Morgan, MN 56266

Dear Darren,

We are pleased to offer you the full-time position of Street Superintendent. This offer is contingent upon Council approval on February 18, 2025, and effective on April 28, 2025.

- Your starting salary will be \$3,128.00/bi-weekly or \$81,328.00/year, this is a salaried position, pay grade 10, step 1 and will include a one-year probationary period.
- In January each year you will be eligible for a COLA increase as established by the City Council for all employees.
- On your anniversary date for this position, you will be eligible for a Step Increase with a satisfactory evaluation.
- This position is not represented by a Collective Bargaining Group or Union.
- You will continue to be eligible for all full-time employee benefits.
- You will now be eligible to participate in the HCSP with the Non-Union Group. Your contribution will be \$40.00 per paycheck.
- Vacation and sick leave benefits will remain the same in your new position as Street Superintendent.
- The Street Superintendent position receives a \$550.00 Clothing Allowance as outlined in the Personnel Policy.

Congratulations Darren, on your new position.

Sincerely,

Sheila Stage
HR Coordinator

By signing below, I acknowledge I have received the foregoing information regarding my employment offer and related pay and benefits provided in accordance with Minnesota Statutes sec. 181.032. I understand that the City of Redwood Falls employment is not for a specific term and can be terminated by me or by the City of Redwood Falls at any time for any reason, with or without cause.

Name **Date**

Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

AGENDA RECOMMENDATION

Agenda Item: 2025 City Deer Hunt Recommendation

Recommendation/Action Requested: The 2024 City Archery Deer Hunt Review Committee, along with Staff are recommending for approval, the submittal of the 2025 hunt application to the DNR with the following listed provisions:

1. Double “Earn A Buck,” 20 hunters with maximum bag limit of 40.
2. Season to coincide with the full archery season, Sept. 13 - December 31.
3. Set the fees as follows: \$20.00 application fee with a \$40 hunt fee to 20 participants selected by a minimum proficiency test and lottery draw with a 20-hour minimum in-stand expectation. (Exemption for those who tag out early) to qualify to participate again in 2024.
4. Advertise for New Deer Hunt Coordinator for the 2025 season.
5. Continue to provide education materials for residents to keep deer off their yards.
6. During the trapping season, maintain (set) tending times between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on City owned property to minimize interference between the two activities.
7. Continue to use the vital area on a 3D deer target for proficiency testing at 20 yards.
8. Lower minimum hours required in stand to 10 hours for 2025 season.
9. Continue with the annual review committee each year to determine the program’s effectiveness.
10. The hunt coordinator is eligible to test and participate in the hunt and is subject to the same proficiency criteria for all applicants.

Note: Provisions have remained the same from the previous year.

Summary/Overview: The 2024 Deer Hunt Review Committee met at 3:00 p.m. on February 11, 2025, to review the 2024 results. They were tasked to identify changes to the program, if any and provide a recommendation to the City Council to meet an end of April application deadline. Participating at the committee meeting were John Buckley, City Administrator Keith Muetzel, Jim Doering, Public Works Project Coordinator, and Paul Parsons, Outgoing Deer Hunt Coordinator. Police Chief, Jason Cotner provided comments via email.

Attachments: Reference – 2025 Committee minutes

Redwood Falls Deer Hunt Committee

Meeting Minutes

11, February 2025

Meeting Convened at 3:00 p.m.

Jim Doering called to order the annual meeting of the Redwood Falls Deer Hunt Committee in the Redwood Falls Council Chambers.

Roll Call

The following members were present; John Buckley, City Administrator Keith Muetzel, Jim Doering, Public Works Project Coordinator; Paul Parsons, Outgoing Deer Hunt Coordinator, and Police Chief, Jason Cotner provided comments via email.

Meeting Agenda: Doering presented the agenda: 1. Review 2024 final report 2. Review Financials 3. Action – Recommend soliciting for new coordinator 4. Recommended changes for 2025; and 5. Recommendation to Council for 2025.

Review the Final Report: The 2024 final report was handed out as Paul Parson's presented on January 21, 2025, to the Redwood Falls City Council. He noted the participation rates, hunter's allotted times in stand, harvest/deer counts per stand location and provided a comparison to the previous two hunts, 17 deer were harvested, and the number of deer recorded sightings were lower than last year and correlated with the amount of time hunters sat in the deer stand.

Review 2024 Financials: Reviewed revenue of \$1,260.00 (23 testers @\$20 and 20 hunters @\$40) and \$2,000.00 in expenses (stipend to contracted coordinator of 5 monthly payments). Application numbers were down to 23. A total of 60 applicants are needed to break even.

Recommendation to Solicit New Coordinator: Paul Parsons has organized the current program and led its success over the past 10 years. He feels its time to step down and allow another to take up the coordinator duties. He is willing to mentor the new coordinator through the first year. The committee discussed and are at a consensus to recommend the advertisement of a new coordinator.

Recommended Changes for 2025: The Committee discussed the minimum hours in the stand provision of 20 hours, to be eligible to apply for the following year. Hunters were exempt if they harvested deer. Due to the decline in applications and the number of hunters below the 20-hour minimum, it was decided to waive the rule for 2024 and reduce the minimum to 10 hours. The committee recommended the new application provide a warning and emphasize the new 10 hour minimum for 2025.

Recommendation to Council: The 2024 City Archery Deer Hunt Review Committee, along with Staff are recommending for approval the submittal of the 2024 hunt application to the DNR with the following listed provisions: (Same provisions used in 2023-No Changes)

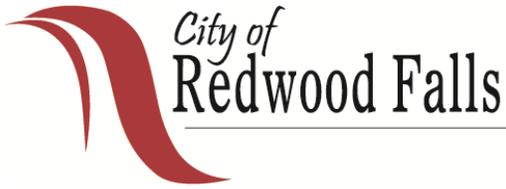
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4. Advertise for New Deer Hunt Coordinator for the 2025 season.
5. Continue to provide education materials for residents to keep deer off their yards.

6. During the trapping season, maintain (set) tending times between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on City owned property to minimize interference between the two activities.
7. Continue to use the vital area on a 3D deer target for proficiency testing at 20 yards.
8. Lower minimum hours required in stand to 10 hours for 2025 season.
9. Continue with the annual review committee each year to determine the program's effectiveness.
10. The hunt coordinator is eligible to test and participate in the hunt and is subject to the same proficiency criteria for all applicants.

Next Committee Meeting: February or March 2026

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



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Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

AGENDA RECOMMENDATION

Agenda Item: Ash Tree Removal Project at Knollwood Park

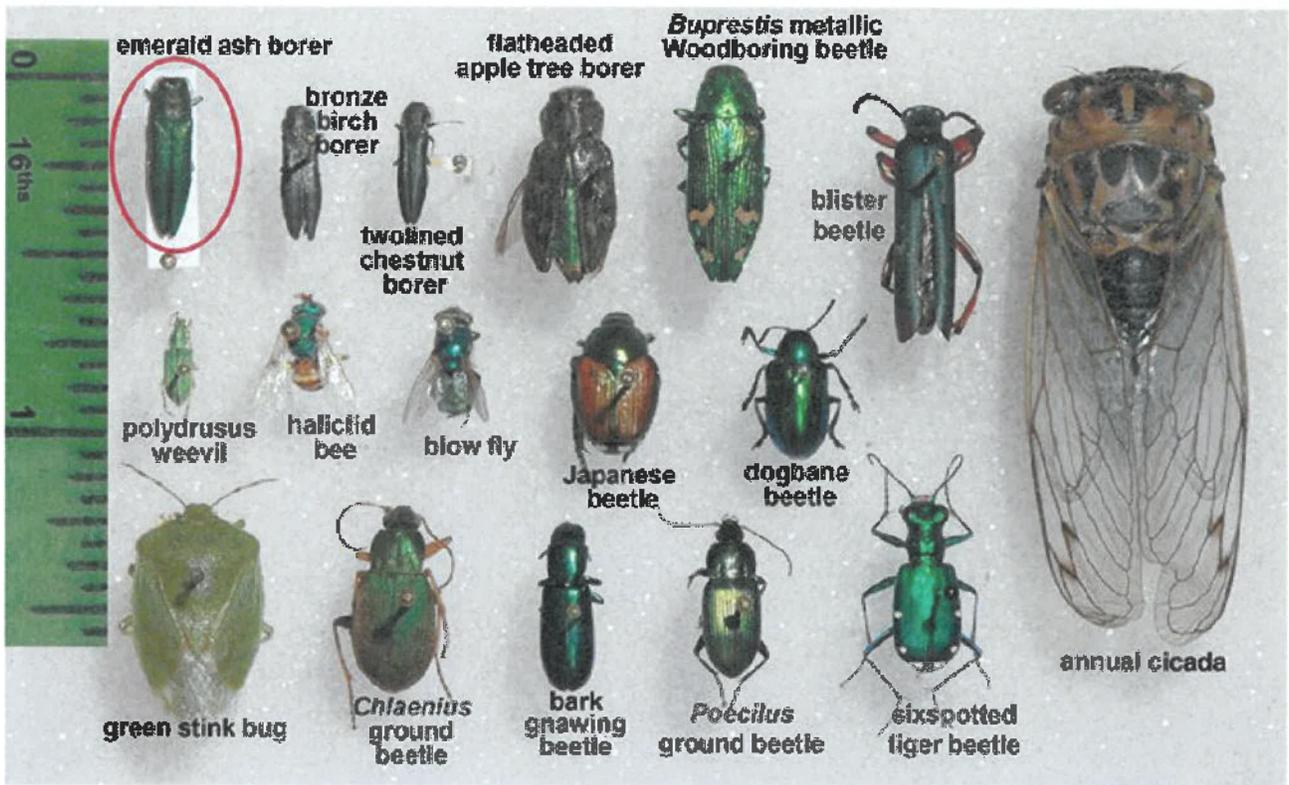
Recommendation/Action Requested: Staff requests approval of ash tree removal at Knollwood Park.

Summary/Overview: Emerald ash borer is an invasive insect that attacks and kills all species of ash trees. According to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, there are 53 counties in Minnesota, including Redwood County, with known emerald ash borer infestations. In Redwood Falls, City staff have noted numerous ash trees displaying signs of infestation which include thinning foliage and dieback in the tree's canopy. Recently, 38 dead ash trees were removed from Industrial Drive, many of which had indications of insect infestation. In addition, local tree experts have concluded that emerald ash borer is present in Redwood Falls and we are beginning to see the signs of infestation. Once infestation becomes widespread, it is anticipated that 100% of our ash trees will become infested by emerald ash borer and will die within a few years.

The evident spread of emerald ash borer will have a serious impact on our community. City staff will continue to coordinate the removal of dead and infested ash trees within the public right of way and from public property. Property owners will be responsible for infested ash tree removal from private property. City Council has begun the formation of a tree committee to provide oversight and guidance of tree removal and replacement efforts. The tree committee is comprised of five residents and two City staff members.

The tree committee met on February 11 and one of the committee's recommendations is to accelerate the removal of all ash trees in Knollwood Park. City staff estimate there are approximately 30 ash trees located within Knollwood Park. City staff and representatives of the tree committee are requesting approval to remove all the ash trees in Knollwood Park this winter. The tree committee is in the process of developing a tree replacement plan for Knollwood Park and will request approval of the plan following completion of the ash tree removal activities. The tree replacement plan will include planting a variety of tree species to minimize the spread of disease and insect infestation.

Attachments: Images of Emerald Ash Borer and Examples of Infestation
Map





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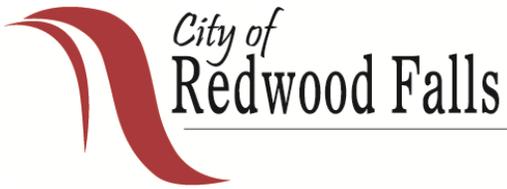
Real People. Real Solutions.

Disclaimer:

This drawing is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey and is not intended to be used as one. This drawing is a compilation of records, information, and data located in various city, county, and state offices, and other sources affecting the area shown, and is to be used for reference purposes only. The City of Redwood Falls is not responsible for any inaccuracies herein contained.



Knollwood Park



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Meeting Date: February 18, 2025

AGENDA RECOMMENDATION

Agenda Item: Resolution No. 16 of 2025

Recommendation/Action Requested: Read the proposed Resolution or make a motion to waive the reading of the Resolution. Discuss the proposed Resolution. If no concerns, adopt proposed Resolution by motion in accordance with Chapter 4 of the City Charter.

Summary/Overview: This is a resolution to approve a grant application to the Taylor Family Farms Foundation in the amount of \$42,870.00 to reduce a portion of the estimated ineligible cost associated with the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) trail grant project.

The Foundation supports and enhances rural communities in southern Minnesota and northwest Iowa. The Mission of the Taylor Family Farms Foundation is to collaborate with knowledgeable and trusted philanthropic partners to build resilient, rural communities.

The Taylor Family Farms Foundation is seeking grant applications for community, outdoor, recreation projects that promote healthy lifestyles for the upcoming granting period. Preferences will be given to projects that are accessible to all regardless of age or ability. The grant deadline is midnight February 28, 2025.

The council approved the solicitation of the SRTS application on January 16th of 2024. The grant agreement has not yet been issued until bids have been solicited and an actual bid amount can be utilized. The Council approved task order 2025-1 on January 21, 2025, with BMI to begin engineering and bid preparation for the 2026 construction of the trail.

Attachments: Resolution No. 16 of 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2025

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE TAYLOR FAMILY FARMS FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood Falls was awarded a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Infrastructure Grant funding for the 2026 construction of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects that will improve safety, reduce traffic, and improve air quality around schools; and

WHEREAS, this funding will provide \$685,900.00 in state funding of the anticipated \$857,380.00 project cost to construct school adjacent pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant to Taylor Family Farms will help offset the portion of MNDOT/SRTS ineligible aspects of the project; and

WHEREAS, the project concept resulted from the development of the 2015 Redwood Falls Safe Routes to School plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Redwood Falls Community Trail Expansion Project will provide a safe bicyclist and pedestrian route to the city’s expansive non-motorized transportation network; and

FURTHERMORE, the City of Redwood Falls is committed to providing the funding for items that are ineligible for SRTS funding, including engineering, design, and right-of-way acquisition of which this grant will help offset a portion of those funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD FALLS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Redwood Falls City Council hereby approves of the City of Redwood Falls’ pursuit of Taylor Family Farms Foundation funding for the Redwood Falls Community Trail Project.
2. the City of Redwood Falls is committed to the development and construction of the proposed project in a timeframe that supports grant agreement requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Redwood Falls on this 18th Day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

Keith Muetzel
City Administrator

Tom Quackenbush
Mayor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Notary Public