4646 Dakota Street SE
Prior Lake, MN 55372

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilors Braid, Churchill, Lake and Hellier. Absent: None. Also were City Manager Wedel, Police Chief Duggan, Fire Chief Steinhaus and City Clerk Simon in attendance.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Gary Pearson: Living in Prior Lake since October of 1987. Owns creek in Prior Lake. Came home this past winter, and the city took everything out while I was out of town. Lots of damage to trees. 24 trees with emerald ash board, city cut seven on the other side near power lines. Came in prior to this incident on CR12 and wiped-out neighbor's yards. Received notice from Dale to clean up the brush and mess the city left was a lot. If I use fertilizer or any weed poison on my lawn it will run through the creek into Prior Lake. City went beyond 10-foot easements. Will city replant since this is private property?

Ryan O'Keefe, Jeffers Pond Development: Few years back we had all of our roads repaired with an assessment for each home in the neighborhood to pay for it. With the snow melted, these brand-new roads are already a mess. Not even 2 years on these roads we paid for that are already breaking apart. What is the warranty on these roads? All roads through the Wilds neighborhood are breaking apart. Expressed how upsetting this whole project has been.

Wedel: Response to Mr. Pearson; don't have the specific background on this project but will connect with City Staff to gain more information on this project I will get back to you on that.

Response to Mr. O'Keefe; Familiar with the cracking as I live within the project area. With mill and overlay we do expect some cracking because we only replaced the top few inches. We did a Texas under seal or a seal coat to try to minimize the cracking. Schedule a few years after each mill and overlay project a crack seal and seal coat to help lengthen the life of the road in a cost-efficient manner. Will review the current status of Enclave Court to ensure the damage isn't larger than cracks.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY BRAID SECOND BY CHURCHILL, TO APPROVING THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

VOTE	Briggs	Braid	Churchill	Lake	Hellier
Aye	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Nay	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Abstain	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Absent	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

The motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval of March 10, 2026, City Council Minutes

MOTION BY BRAID SECOND BY CHURCHILL, TO APPROVE March 10, 2026, MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

VOTE	Briggs	Braid	Churchill	Lake	Hellier
Aye	☒	☒	☒	☐	☒
Nay	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Abstain	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Absent	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

The motion carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Claims Listing
B. **Resolution 26-044** Authorizing 2025 Year End Transfers
C. **Resolution 26-045** Approving 2026 Budget Amendments
D. **Resolution 26-046** Authorizing Concurrence for the Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District to Obtain Drainage Authority for County Ditch 13
E. **Resolution 26-047** Approving a Work Order for Construction Materials Testing for the North-wood Road Area Phase 1 Project (2026-01)
F. **Resolution 26-048** Approving Grant Application to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Local Trail Connection – Trail 2 (150th Street SE to Fish Point Rd)
G. **Resolution 26-049** Approving Temporary Liquor License for St. Michaels Church
H. Approval of new Massage Therapist License – Eileen Mumford
I. **Resolution 26 – 050** Ordering the Preparation of the Feasibility Report and Approving a Work Order for the Preparation of the Feasibility Report for the Proposed 170th Street Improvements in the Annexation Area (2027-05)
J. **Resolution 26 – 051** Approving a Temporary Liquor License for Boathouse Brothers Brewing – April
K. **Resolution 26- 052** Approving a Temporary Liquor License for Boathouse Brothers Brewing – May

MOTION BY BRAID SECOND BY CHURCHILL, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

VOTE	Briggs	Braid	Churchill	Lake	Hellier
Aye	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Nay	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Abstain	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Absent	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

The motion carried.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of Badges – Promotions at Prior Lake Fire Department

Fire Chief Steinhaus presented the item.

Recess for photos at 7:22 pm
Meeting reconvened at 7:29 pm

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. REMOVED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

None.

11. COUNCIL MEMBER LIAISON UPDATES/ COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Hellier: 3/17 Cub Scouts Scouting Achievement, 3/19 Community Engagement Committee, 3/20 Agenda Review

Lake: 3/16 Economic Development Authority, 3/20 SCALE Executive, 3/20 Agenda Review

Churchill: 3/20 Agenda Review

Braid: 3/16 Economic Development Authority, 3/23 Agenda Review

Briggs: 3/11 League of Minnesota Cities Day on the Hill, 3/12 MLC Housing Sub Committee Meeting, 3/13 SCALE General, 3/13 School District Partner Meeting, 3/17 hearing on HWY 13 Bonding Trail Bill, 3/20 Check in with Lockridge and Grindal, 3/20 Agenda Review.

Wedel: August 6th Prior Lake Day at the St. Paul Saints Game. More information to come!

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13.ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY BRAID, SECOND BY HELLIER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:33 p.m.

VOTE	Briggs	Braid	Churchill	Lake	Hellier
Aye	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Nay	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Abstain	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Absent	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Wedel, City Manager