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Mayor: Lori Warne * City Administrator: Tammy Hansen

Minutes

August 4, 2026

The meeting of the Newfolden City Council was called to order by Mayor Lori Warne at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

Present: Darin Jacobson Lori Warne Melissa Bjorgaard
Absent: Adam Gast Mark Augustine

- 1) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to approve the August 4th agenda with additions. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bjorgaard and carried.*
- 2) *Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to approve the August 4th Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 3) Committee Reports:
 - a. Fire Department:
 - a. Park and Recreation:
 - b. Infrastructure:
 - c. Budget: Budget committee meeting will be after the September 8th council meeting.
 - d. Public Works:
- 4) The council discussed concerns expressed by residents and businesses regarding power outages. The most recent outages have been identified as a result of Ottertail Power faults outside of city limits. To ensure the City of Newfolden's switch, and electric grid are properly assessed for weaknesses, the following plan will be implemented:
 - a) Border States will assess the main switch for updates and appropriate sensitivity settings.
 - b) We are continuing to improve resiliency by burying primary and secondary lines underground. Currently, approximately 80% of the grid has been transitioned.
 - c) We will wrap remaining poles to proof them from rodent/squirrel traffic.
- 5) *Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to approve the addition of a 50 Amp electric service at the community gardens, to better serve Newfest vendors. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 6) The council discussed a recent theft of property. A weed-eater unit was stolen from the back of the City truck. This information was communicated to the Marshall County Sheriff's Department and Hubert's Power Sports. A replacement has been purchased.
- 7) The next scheduled meeting will be posted for August 19th at 4:30 pm.

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- 8) *Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to approve the relocation of the AED unit from inside the community center to the community center entryway for enhanced public accessibility, if the bank is unable to place a unit in their entryway in a timely manner. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 11) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to approve the submitted claims and timesheets. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bjorgaard and carried.*
- 12) *Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*

Lori Warne
Mayor

Tammy Hansen
City Administrator

