

**SAUK CENTRE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Sauk Centre City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. due notice being given thereof. Present were Mayor Warren Stone, Council Members Joe Fuechtmann, Heidi Leach, Brad Kirckof and Scott Kowski. Also present were City Administrator Vicki Willer, City Planner Sarah Morton, Police Chief Joe Jensen, City Engineer Keith Yapp and Public Works Director Ben Clink. Mayor Stone presided thereat.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Fuechtmann and was seconded by Council Member Kirckof to approve the agenda, with the removal of 5b. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Fuechtmann, Kirckof, Leach, Kowski and Mayor Stone. Against: None. The motion passed.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. A motion was made by Council Member Leach and was seconded by Council Member Kowski to approve the February 18 Regular Meeting Minutes, with a change to 3a. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Leach, Kowski, Fuechtmann and Mayor Stone. Against: None. Abstain: Council Member Kirckof. The motion passed.

**4. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM (Comments Limited to 3 Minutes)**

None.

**5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS**

a. The EDA met on March 4, 2026 and discussed the following:

- Authors Addition Lot Sale – See 7d.
- Discussed pricing for three lots in Authors Addition.
- Final Plat of 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Authors is in process.
- Hotel Study to be complete within the week.
- SCDP Grant Public Hearing – see 6a.

b. Removed from agenda.

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. SCDP GRANT

Mayor Stone opened the Public Hearing and read the Public Hearing Procedure.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is regarding the City’s intent to apply for a Grant for home improvements to low- and moderate-income housing.

Heidi Peper, Stantec, led the hearing and presented the following information:



Mayor Stone called three times for persons to speak in favor or opposition. None Spoke. Mayor Stone closed the Public Hearing. None spoke.

See 7a.

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

a. See 6a.

A motion was made by Council Member Fuechtmann and was seconded by Council Member Kowski to approve Resolution No. 2026-10, Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreements. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Fuechtmann, Kowski, Leach, Kirckof and Mayor Stone. Against: None. The motion passed.

b. A request for No Parking signs was received for a part of Lake Shore Drive at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

According to the request, vehicles are parking on both sides of Lake Shore Drive making it difficult to navigate, especially if there is oncoming traffic.

It was noted that an alternate to putting up No Parking signs on one side of the street is to extend the yellow curb around the corner to keep parking away from the intersection.



A motion was made by Council Member Kirckof and was seconded by Council Member Leach to approve Resolution No. 2026-11, Resolution Authorizing Installation of Traffic Control Signs. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Kirckof, Leach, Fuechtmann, Kowski and Mayor Stone. Against: None. The motion passed.

c. A request for a speed or Children at Play sign was requested for Tenth Street near the intersection of Tower View Drive. The request was based on traffic speed on Tenth Street.

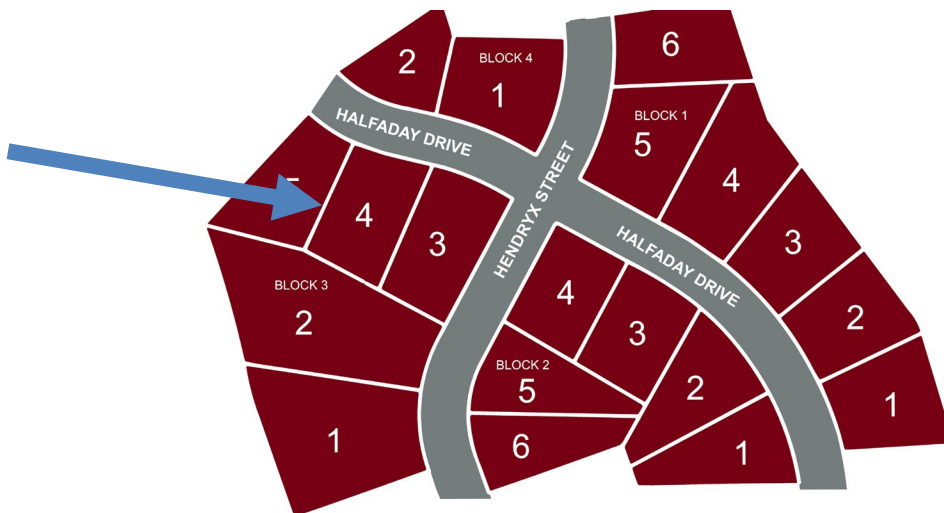
The City Council has the authority to install traffic control signs where it deems necessary.

Chief Jensen suggested first, to install the portable speed sensor to monitor traffic before making a decision.

By general consent, a portable speed sensor in the location to monitor traffic.

- d. The EDA received an offer for the purchase of a lot in Authors Addition.

The offer is for Lot 4, Block 3.



A motion was made by Council Member Kowski and was seconded by Council Member Leach to approve Resolution No. 2026-13, Resolution Authorizing Execution of Documents. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Kowski, Leach, Fuechtmann, Kirckof and Mayor Stone. Against: None. The motion passed.

- e. Police Chief Jensen negotiated with Axon for an Agreement for the warranty and maintenance of the City’s cameras for body cam and squad cams along with storage in the cloud.

With the contract, the City will save \$107,000 over the course of ten years.

A motion was made by Council Member Leach and was seconded by Council Member Kowski to approve an Agreement with Axon. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Leach, Kowski, Fuechtmann, Kirckof and Mayor Stone. Against: None. The motion passed.

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. City Engineer Yapp stated that the MNDOT Public Open House for the T.H. 71 Project is March 5, 2026.
- b. The Operations Committee will be meeting to review each street prior to finalizing the scope of the T.H. 71 Project.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. LELS Unit (Police) filed its Desire to Negotiate with the State.
- b. Staff will be working on options for repair/replacement of the parking lot at the Senior Center.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Council considered the following Consent Agenda Items:

a.	Schedule of Claims - Unpaid Claims	\$300,514.11
	Paid Claims	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$300,514.11</u>

- b. Resolution No. 2026-14, Resolution Accepting Contributions.

Men’s Card Playing Group	\$167.95	Senior Center
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- c. Gambling Application for Exempt Permit request from the Sauk Centre Sno-Cleats, Inc. for a raffle on July 12, 2026 at the Sauk Centre Sno-Cleats Club House.

A motion was made by Council Member Fuechtmann and was seconded by Council Member Leach to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Fuechtmann, Leach, Kowski, Kirckof and Mayor Stone. Against: None. The motion passed.

The Council thanked the Men’s Card Playing Group for their donation.

**11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. T. H. 71 Open House – March 5, 2026 – Sauk Centre City Hall – 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Kirckof and was seconded by Council Member Kowski to adjourn the meeting. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Kirckof, Kowski, Fuechtmann, Leach and Mayor Stone. Against: None. The motion passed.

With no further business, Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mayor Warren Stone

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City Administrator Vicki Willer