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City of Ottertail
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY HALL Thursday, February 18, 2026 – 5:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER – ALL RECITE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

*The following items are considered routine or non-controversial by the Council and will be approved with one motion. **There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member, city staff or citizen so requests**, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the consent agenda and be considered in its normal sequence in the agenda.*

- a. Approve Minutes 1-15-2026 Regular Meeting **pg. 3-5**
- b. Approve Minutes 1-26-2026 Work Session & Special Meeting **pg. 6**
- c. Approve Minutes 2-1-2026 Work Session **pg. 7**
- d. Resolution 2026-07 Accepting Donations **pg. 8**
- e. Approve 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Contract 6-11-2026 **pg. 9-12**
- f. LG220 Exempt Permit for Ottertail Ducks Unlimited 2-20-2026 **pg. 13-14**
- g. LG220 Exempt Permit for Ottertail NWTF 3-20-2026 **pg. 15-16**
- h. Monthly Financial Reports **pg. 17-26**
- i. Monthly Schedule 1a **pg. 27**
- j. Monthly Zoning Permits **pg. 28**
- k. Monthly Services Sold Report (Water Fund **pg. 29**
- i. Approve claims with additions and approval to pay late coming invoices **pg. 30**

3. Reports

- a. Reports **Fire Department-1) Report 2)**
City Hall-1) Approve Coordinator and Clerk to attend and travel for MN Rural Water Conference Mar. 2-5 in St. Cloud **pg. 31-33 2)**
OTCEPAC – Windey/Lohse
Ottertail Tourism Board – Carlson

4. Public Forum & Comment /Presentations

*The City Council welcomes and encourages participation from community members. Please keep in mind that your comments must be pertinent to City business and must adhere to Data Privacy Rules, no employee's names may be used. **Please do not expect action from the Council this evening regarding your concerns.** We also request that your comments be limited to four (4) minutes. **Council members may ask clarifying questions but is not intended to be a back-and-forth discussion.** At this time, we ask that anyone who would like to address the City Council to please step up and state your name and address for the record. We ask that citizens maintain social distancing and that all comments remain respectful.*

This agenda item is intended to provide an opportunity for citizens to address the City Council. The topics can include any agenda item or general comment they would like to share with the City Council. We do expect that all participants provide a name and address of their residence and expect that all parties remain respectful and adhere to the four-minute period to permit all to participate. This is the only portion of the meeting where public comments are allowed.

- a.

5. Old Business

- a. ENGINEER'S AGENDA/Bob Schlieman
 - 1) Ottertail Ave & China St. Surface Improvements **pg. 34**
 - a. Resolution 2026-08 Calling for Bids on Surface Improvements to Ottertail & China **pg. 35**
 - 2)
- b.
- c.

6. New Business

- a. Refunding Current City Bonds – Info only/No Action Needed **pg. 36-37**
- b. Prospect House Museum Donation Request **pg. 38-40**
- c. Saehr Consulting Services **pg. 41-46**
- d. EOT Ag Society Donation Request **pg. 47-49**
- e.

7. Correspondence/Meetings/Training/FYI-reminders/Local Events

- a. Henning Ambulance Annual Meeting Monday February 23, 2026 @ 7pm **pg. 50**
- b. The Bridge – March Campaign **pg. 51**
- c.
- d.

8. Adjourn.

Respectfully,

Amanda Thorson

Clerk-Treasurer