

**Minutes
Avon City Council
August 4, 2025**

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Jeff Manthe – Mayor, Mark Schulzetenberge, Sarah Grutsch, Aaron Goebel, Katie Reiling - City Council
Jodi Austing-Traut, City Clerk-Administrator

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was opened at 6:30 pm.

Public Forum

Nick Jungles asked about the status of the play field at Avon Estates. Mayor Manthe stated that the developer will be grading and seeding the play field at this point, but there is no firm plan yet for what will happen with that parcel. One idea has been for a soccer field, other things mentioned in the past have included another pickle ball court, or leaving it as a play field. Council and parks board are also looking at the possibility of installing an irrigation system.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of July 7th, 2025
2. Receive Fire Department Minutes of June 30, 2025
3. Paid Check Register, Capital Expenditures, Payroll Deposits
4. Legal Fees, Engineering Fees, Auditor/Acct. Fees
5. Resolution 2025-33 Accepting Donations
6. Resolution 2025-34 Accepting Donation
7. Resolution 2025-35 Accepting Donation
8. Women of Today Outdoor Event Permit for Magician on 8/19

Motion Reiling to approve consent agenda as presented

Second Grutsch

Passed Unanimously

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Dana Weber Speed Bumps/Humps Letter and Supporting Research

Mrs. Weber gave some background on her residency in Avon and offered a power point presentation and a wealth of information against speed bumps/humps being placed in her neighborhood at Avon Estates. Weber also expressed concern for increased noise, emissions, and other potential disturbances related to stop signs, speed bumps/humps, and other traffic calming measures. Weber showed a number of examples of how speed bumps/humps and stop signs can unintentionally create more problems than they are intended to solve. Weber further presented a list of alternative traffic control measures that the council could consider including flashing crosswalk signs, digital speed limit monitors, roadway striping, or pedestrian/bicycle lanes. Nick Jungles expressed appreciation for the information presented by Weber and further stated that this additional information indicates agreement between both sides of the issue that there is indeed a need for some mechanism for increasing safety for pedestrians in the Avon Estates development. Council debated pros and cons of traffic calming measures and explored many alternative options. Council overall expressed their collective desire to protect children and pedestrians while still allowing for efficient traffic movement. Council consensus to let prior action stand and to continue to evaluate the issue as several members wish to see flashing pedestrian signs placed in the near future. The full power point presentation is available at City Hall.

Jeremy Mathiasen, Stantec - Engineering Update and Consider:

- Stantec Invoicing through July 18 \$42,363.54 and \$19,774.34 and \$828.40
- Pay Application No. 2 RL Larson 2025 Street Capital Improvements \$450,627.89
- Pay Application No. 1 JR Ferche 2025 Trunk Storm Improvements \$122,177.22

Paving in Avon Estates should begin in the next week or so. Trunk storm sewer project is moving along. Waiting for pumps and controls to arrive. Storm sewer is connected along 6th Street. Working on grading. 1st Street project road is now being rebuilt from east to west. Utilities are being installed between Barracuda and Avon Ave. Utilities will then be placed in Char then mid Barracuda and then Dolphin. Curb and gutter tentatively planned for the week of the 18th. Rain has been a major issue.

Motion Goebel to authorize payment to Stantec for \$42,363.54 and \$19,774.34 and \$828.40

Second Reiling

Passed Unanimously

Motion Manthe to authorize payment to RL Larson for Pay Application No. 2 for CIP Streets 2025 \$450,627.89

Second Schulzetenberge

Passed Unanimously

Motion Reiling to authorize payment to JR Ferche for Pay Application No. 1 for Stormwater 2025 \$122,177.22

Second Goebel

Passed Unanimously

ISSUES BY STAFF

Administration

Austing-Traut presented an Invoice for Middle Spunk Weed Delineation and a request from the Avon Area Lakes Association for the city to cover \$1390 of the cost which would be for the Middle Spunk Lake delineation. Council discussion focused on whether it is the city's responsibility to delineate lakes for milfoil and other invasive species and further, whether the benefit of doing so extends to the entire city. Because the city's beach is located on Middle Spunk, council overall felt that it was important for the city to participate in paying half of the Middle Spunk invoice.

Motion Goebel to authorize payment of \$695 to Freshwater Scientific for Middle Spunk Lake Delineation

Second Manthe

Passed Unanimously

Austing-Traut gave the council an update on the housing condemnation process which has been referred to legal counsel for filing in district court.

Public Works

Kurtz and Pelkey presented their written report. Kurtz offered quotes for sand filter maintenance work, pulling and inspecting well #5, PLC work at the headworks building, and work on Lift Station No. 3. Kurtz also notified council that when the storm lift station comes online its communication system will not be compatible with the existing radios in town that are located at the wells, lift stations, and wastewater plant. Mathiasen and Kurtz will look further into options for compatibility. Pelkey updated council on the storm vac attachment that was ordered. The distributor experienced a recall and will not have one available until spring.

Motion Goebel to authorize Veolia to complete the sand filter refurbishment at \$22,265.27

Second Grutsch

Passed Unanimously

Motion Goebel to authorize Thein Well to pull and inspect Well No. 5 at \$3,150

Second Schulzetenberge

Passed Unanimously

Motion Goebel to authorize Preferred Controls at \$19,480 citing security as a reason to keep the work with Preferred Controls

Second Grutsch

Passed Unanimously

Motion Goebel to authorize new pump installation for lift station #3 at \$16,818 from Electric Pump

Second Grutsch

Passed Unanimously

Motion Manthe to authorize disposal of an old fuel tank

Second Reiling

Passed Unanimously

Police Department

Mayor Manthe thanked everyone for their help with National Night Out scheduled for August 5th.

Chief Nellis presented his written report and noted that the Police Department received a grant for \$2,500 from Centerpoint Energy. Chief stated that the PD received a notice from the MN Department of Revenue regarding some missing the appropriate tax stamps on several tobacco items. Council consensus to send a letter notifying that any future violations may result in the loss of tobacco license.

ISSUES BY COUNCIL

Adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut - City Clerk/Administrator