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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
January 6th, 2026
5:45 PM

MISSION STATEMENT

The Birchwood Village City Council is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all residents by fostering a safe, inclusive, and thriving community. We are committed to responsible governance and transparent decision-making. Through collaboration with residents, businesses, and local organizations, we strive to improve public services and infrastructure while preserving the unique character of our city. Our goal is to make Birchwood Village a better place to live and grow for generations to come.

MEMBERS:

Jennifer Arsenault, Mayor

Bridget Sperl, City Council

(appeared by alternative electronic format (zoom) in compliance with Minn. Stat. 13D.015 Subdivision 2)

Kathy Weier, City Council

Ryan Eisele, City Council

Ryan Hankins, City Council

CALL TO ORDER (5:47PM)

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA Motion to approve as amended by Hankins, Eisele 2, AA

1. Presentation/Preview of 2026 Roads Plan (City Engineer Marcus Johnson)*
2. Discussion and possible approval of Resolution creating a City Engagement and Events Committee. (Arsenault)
Motion to Approve Resolution by Hankins Eisele 2, AA
3. Designation of Acting Mayor for 2026 (Arsenault)
Kathy Weier designated Acting Mayor by Eisele Hankins 2, AA
4. Discussion and approval of Council Liaison Designations: (Arsenault)
 - a. Planning Commission Hankins
 - b. Parks Sperl and Weier
 - c. Personnel Eisele
 - d. Lake Links Sperl
 - e. Engagement and Events Arsenault
 - f. Docks Arsenault
 - g. Halls Marsh Weier
5. Parks Committee Member-Renewals. (Weier to recommend slate to Council)
6. Discussion of Halls Marsh and the PLOP (Hankins)

* Denotes item that supporting documentation will be provided

7. Discussion of Rental Licensing Program. (City Admin)
 8. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve December 9, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
 - ~~b. Approve NYSE Agreement (2026)~~
 - c. Approval of Resolution Designating the City's Legal Newspaper (2026-01)
 - d. Approval of Resolution Designating City's Official Deposit-Bank (2026-02)
 - e. Approval of Resolution Designating City's EFT Policy/Bank (2026-03)
 - f. Approval of Engagement Agreement for City Clerk-Administrator
 - ~~g. Approval of December 2025 Treasurer's Report~~
- [Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Sperl Hankins 2, AA](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The City Council will meet again at their regular time on January 13, 2026.
2. The City's Calendar of Official Meeting and Holiday Dates is available on the website and posted to the City's Bulletin Board.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by 2, AA

[Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:01 PM by Hankins Eisele 2, AA](#)