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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**CITY OF BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
*January 13th, 2026
6:45 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 (on leave/planned time away)
Bridget Sperl, City Council
Kathy Weier, City Council (acting Mayor)
Ryan Eisele, City Council
Ryan Hankins, City Council

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA

CITY BUSINESS

1. Presentation/Q&A with Paul Burr, DNR Big Game Specialist
2. Halls Marsh MOA discussion and suggested edits.

Motion: City Clerk to present the following to Rice Creek as a framework acceptable to the Birchwood City Council for revision and acceptance of the MOA, and for further discussion at a Council workshop, with edits to include:

1. Under "General Provisions,"
 - a. P. Strike "Any decision of the dispute resolution committee shall binding on the Parties."
2. Under "Birchwood Village Agrees To," the following are struck:
 - a. E. Accept responsibility for vegetative and/or habitat management activities within Halls Marsh related to the City's desired property use and management and engaging RCWD when PLOP management may enhance City efforts.

* Denotes item that supporting documentation will be provided

- b. F. Prepare and make available to the public an annual report on the ecological health of Halls Marsh.
- 3. Under "RCWD Agrees To,"
 - a. Update Item B to strike "at the Halls Marsh Outfall" in two places and replace it with "within Hall's Marsh"
- 3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve January 6, 2026 Special City Council Meeting Minutes*(pgs. 3-4)
 - b. Approval of revised Road Plan/ CIP for 2026*(pgs. 5-7)
 - c. Approval of Engagement Agreement for City Clerk-Administrator*(pgs. 8-11)
 - d. Approval of December 2025 Treasurer's Report*(pgs. 12-28)
 - e. Approval/ratification of variances as recommended by the Planning Commission for the build at 131 Wildwood*(pgs. 29-80)(amended from previously-approved variances for same project).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Washington County Sheriff's Newsletter*(pgs. 81-84)
- 2. Xcel Energy Rate Adjustment Proposal*(pgs. 85-86)
- 3. Washington County Historical Society Event Notice*(pgs. 87-90)

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