

April 15, 2026

SERVICES COMMITTEE

9:00 a.m.

Chairperson Loren Mueller called the meeting to order at City Hall 314 N. Main St. with the following members present: Gary Jepsen by Zoom and David Earney.

Also present: Mayor Champeny, Foreman Joe Wick, Ken Passow-Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Brakke Fire Chief, Ben Schams, Justin Sass, and Clerk-Treasurer Sharaya Reed. Citizens present: Sherri and Josh Collins.

Agenda Item 1: Cemetery

Sherri Collins presented an overview of what the group has been working on. The street name signs are being made and hopefully will be put up by Memorial Day. The Memorial Cemetery still has issues with food being left by graves. Foreman Wick and Clerk Reed gave an update from Atty Jon Seifert that a citation can't be given unless the person is caught in the act. A citation can't be issued to the property owner. Cleanup day around town is coming up. The group is working on the flower area at Memorial Cemetery by the flagpole.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to approve one of the street name signs to be Juniper St. All members voting yes.

Marty Wenger wants to plant arborvitaes by his mother's grave where Dairyland had work done.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to allow Wenger to plant a limit of five plants in an area that will not require mowing or trimming. This is due to a unique situation due to infrastructure improvements. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 2: Police

Deputy Rybarczyk was absent for a report. Code Enforcement Officer Passow gave a brief overview of what has been happening during his route observations.

Agenda Item 3: Fire and Ambulance

The ambulance has had 70 calls this year to date.

The fire department is concerned about the fire protection charge/fee being distributed to the public.

Agenda Item 4: Property concerns

Matt Featherston property is still a concern after years. It is a hazardous property. May 1st the moratorium comes off on property maintenance.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to have the Mayor draft a letter to the County health department addressing the concerns of the property. All members voting yes.

The weed ordinance will be closely observed after the moratorium goes into effect May 1st.

Agenda Item 5: Garbage and Recycling

An electronics drop off will be a possibility at some point at the new City Hall location. Discussion over trash cans in town. The City is not interested in having them. There are too many issues that will arise with having them.

Motion by Earney seconded by Jepsen to adjourn. All members voting yes.