

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
Of the  
City of Northfield Council  
May 27, 2025**

The regular meeting of the City of Northfield Council was held on Tuesday May 27, 2025 via Zoom.

Council members attending: Barbara Durbin, Tracy Walker, Steve Levy, Larry Schaefer, Trish Martin and Gay Harmon

Council members absent: None

City officials present: Mayor Randolph Chappell, Police Chief Tom David, Treasurer Charles Veeneman, and City Clerk Lucy Martin

City officials absent: City Engineer Adrian Oliver

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Randolph Chappell. The Mayor asked to limit non-critical discussion tonight because of the Budget and Sanitation topics that were priority.

**MINUTES:** Minutes for the April 2025 meeting were approved.

**CITY ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer distributed financial reports prior to the meeting for activity in April 2025. They included:

- General Fund Income Statement & Balance Sheet
- Northfield Schedule of Investments
- Road Fund Income Statement & Balance Sheet

**CITY CLERK**

No change from last month:

Taxes collected as of today: 372 bills \$337,265.82

Outstanding: 9 bills, \$33,266.34 (5 Commercial, 4 Residential)

Total plan: 381 bills, \$370,532.57

## **POLICE REPORT**

### **May**

- Several non-emergency calls for service from Northfield Neighbors
- 12 calls for service transferred over from LMPD
- 4 House watch requests
- 7 Traffic stops
- 1 Overdose Holiday Manor
- 1 Heart attack Holiday Manor
- 1 Senior citizen injured by a fall Goodwill
- 3 calls to Kroger's disorderly teens
- 1 Hit and run accident at Paul's Market parking lot run vehicle was located
- 5 Non-injury accidents
- 4 Shoplifting reports
- 1 Stolen auto Mac Donald's parking lot vehicle was recovered
- 2 Break in to autos at the apartments
- 1 Found cell phone 2 wallets found and returned to the owners
- 2 Family pets were found and returned home
- This activity mostly occurred in the business area. Only one resident was involved and that was the stolen auto at Mac Donald's.

## **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

No update

- No new construction requests
- Stop bar painting, waiting on dry weather
- Stop signs leveled and painted, waiting on dry weather

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- In progress: NF Main Entrance signage update. Tracy distributed design prototypes for review, and is getting estimates on new lighting.
- In Progress: Fence down along US42.
- Lime Ridge sidewalk installation and landscaping.
- Trash/Recycling bidding is in progress. The Mayor reviewed the bid responses. No decision was made tonight. It is apparent that the cost for sanitation will almost double from what we are currently paying. This cost increase must factor into the decision on service.
- Northfield "Hall of Fame": Barbara and Gay distributed two design options to the group. They will now work with Lawnco and the memorial company on cost estimates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Lumos Franchise Agreement Ordinance 25.05 second reading. There was a movement to vote, and the ordinance did not pass.  
Note: Spectrum has shown interest in providing high speed internet to the city. We have an existing franchise agreement with them.
- Budget: Ordinance 25.02 and Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance 25.03 First readings
  - The Mayor reviewed the preliminary PVA assessment for Northfield (\$249,154,545) which reflects a \$20 million reduction due to Fenley selling property to Norton Healthcare (Norton is not subject to our tax). This change means an 8% drop in Northfield revenue. There was also a reduction in revenue due to Homestead Exemption increases.
  - The Mayor reviewed the proposed budget line by line.
  - The Mayor proposed keeping the current tax rate of 0.142.
  - There was discussion of the possibility of implementing a payroll tax sometime in the future.

## **PARKING LOT**

- Exploration of city-wide leaf pickup.
- Trish asked if the council could do something to address abandoned properties in the city. She noted several that have been neglected for many years. John Singler will be asked to discuss alternatives at a future meeting.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.  
The next meeting of the Northfield City Council will be held on Monday June 23, 2025.

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Lucy Martin, City Clerk

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Randolph L. Chappell, Mayor City of Northfield