



COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL
12800 RAVINE PARKWAY SOUTH
COTTAGE GROVE, MINNESOTA 55016
COUNCIL CHAMBER - 7:00 PM

September 2, 2026

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 3 Roll Call
- 4 Open Forum
- 5 Adoption of Agenda
- 6 Presentations
 - A **Public Safety Swearing-in and Badge Ceremony**
Staff Recommendation: 1) Perform the Swearing-in and Badge Ceremony for Deputy Public Safety Director/Police Captain Nickle, Deputy Public Safety Director/Police Captain Henseler, Sergeant Swanson, Sergeant Mulvihill and Officer Pfeiffer. 2) Effective September 3, 2026, appoint Patrick Nickle and Justin Henseler as Deputy Director Public Safety/Police Captains at Non-represented Pay Plan Grade X01, Step 4. Also, effective September 3, 2026, appoint Rob Swanson and Travis Mulvihill as Police Sergeants at step D as detailed in the Sergeants labor contract. City Administrator Levitt will also administer the Oath of Office to all four and Police Officer Cole Pfeiffer.
 - B **Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation**
Staff Recommendation: Proclaim September 15-October 15, 2026 as Hispanic Heritage Month.
- 7 **Consent Agenda**
 - A **City Council Special Meeting Minutes (2026-07-29)**
Staff Recommendation: Approve the July 29, 2026, City Council Special Meeting Minutes.
 - B **City Council Regular Meeting Minutes (2026-08-19)**
Staff Recommendation: Approve the August 19, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - C **Economic Development Regular Meeting Minutes (2026-05-12)**
Staff Recommendation: Approve the May 12, 2026, Economic Development Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - D **Economic Development Regular Meeting Minutes (2026-07-14)**
Staff Recommendation: Approve the July 14, 2026, Economic Development Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - E **Economic Development Regular Meeting Minutes (2026-07-27)**
Staff Recommendation: Approve the July 27, 2026, Economic Development Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - F **Rental License Approvals**
Staff Recommendation: Approve the issuance of rental licenses to the properties in the attached table.
 - G **Cannabis Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Business Registration - Banks Distro LLC**
Staff Recommendation: Approve the Cannabis Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Business Registration for Banks Distro LLC located at 7769 95th Street South, Unit A, Cottage Grove, MN 55016.

- H Criminal Justice Data Communications Network Systems - Joint Powers Agreement
Staff Recommendation: Approve Resolution 2026-113, authorizing the City of Cottage Grove to enter into Joint Power Agreements with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, and Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to provide access to essential criminal justice data communications network systems and tools, and authorizing the necessary network connection costs over the five-year agreement term.
- I Joint Powers Agreement with the City of St. Paul Park – Geneva Meadows Second Addition
Staff Recommendation: Approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Cottage Grove and the City of St. Paul Park relating to the extension of public utilities from St. Paul Park into Cottage Grove for Geneva Meadows Second Addition and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.
- J Shop Remodel Change Order #4 and Final Payment
Staff Recommendation: Approve Change Order #4 decreasing the contract sum by \$1,496.60 due to actual costs and adopt resolution 2026-123 approving the Final Payment Request of \$2,637.27 for the Public Works Facility Mechanics Shop Remodel project.
- K Sale of Surplus Property
Staff Recommendation: Authorize Public Works to advertise and sell surplus property on Cranky Ape and or MNBid.
- L Ice Arena Rental Cancellation Policy
Staff Recommendation: Approve Ice Arena Rental Cancellation Policy
- M Extension of WAG Dog Park Lease
Staff Recommendation: Approve the third amendment for WAG Dog Park lease which extends the lease by one additional year under the current terms.
- N National Park Service Dock Grant
Staff Recommendation: Authorize grant agreement between City of Cottage Grove and United States Department of the Interior National Park Service to install a paddler dock and launch system at Hazen P Mooer Park within the National Park’s Mississippi National River and Recreation Area.
- O Mississippi Dunes Park Habitat Restoration Grant
Staff Recommendation: Authorize staff to apply for a MN DNR Conservation Partners Legacy grant for Mississippi Dunes Park native habitat restoration for a total project cost of \$450,000, requesting \$405,000 in grant funding with a required 10% local match consisting of \$30,000 in City cash and \$15,000 in City in-kind services.
- P Xcel Energy Photovoltaic Demand Credit Rider Agreement
Staff Recommendation: Authorize Amendment No. 1 to Electric Service Agreement between Northern States Power Company and City of Cottage Grove regarding Xcel Energy Photovoltaic Demand Credit Rider.
- Q Low Zone Water Tower Project Change Order #1
Staff Recommendation: Approve Change Order #1 for the Low Zone Water Tower project, decreasing the contract total by \$9,277.00 to a total revised contract amount of \$5,173,723.00.
- R Explore Minnesota 2027 Tourism Grant Agreement
Staff Recommendation: Approve the Cottage Grove Convention and Visitor Bureau to execute the grant agreement between Explore Minnesota and the Cottage Grove CVB.

8 Approve Disbursements

- A Approve Disbursements
Staff Recommendation: Approve disbursements from 08-14-2026 through 08-27-2026 in the amount of \$7,765,872.45.

9 Public Hearings

10 Bid Awards

11 Regular Agenda

A Adopt Preliminary Property Tax Levy

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 2026-124, Adopting the Preliminary 2026 Property Tax Levy Collectible in 2027.

12 Council Comments and Requests

13 Workshops - Open to Public

A Imagine 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update Kickoff

Staff Recommendation: Receive overview of Imagine 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update and engagement plan.

14 Workshops - Closed to Public

15 Adjournment