

**LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 12, 2025**

**Present:** Mayor Lyle Hanzal and Councilmembers Jay Budge, Deborah Cornell, Mary Kleinberg and Bill Kleinman; Mary Tollefson, city administrator; Kathy Mutch, administrative assistant

**Also Present:** Kori Land, city attorney; Captain Wayne Wegener; Jennifer Koehler, Barr Engineering; and Julie Seykora

Mayor Hanzal called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Agenda: Moved by Councilmember Kleinman and seconded by Councilmember Kleinberg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Public Comments** – None

**Consent Agenda** – Mayor Hanzal presented the consent agenda.

- a. Approve Minutes from April 14, 2025 City Council Meeting
- b. Acknowledge April Building Permit Report
- c. Approve April Financial Reports

**Moved by Councilmember Cornell and seconded by Councilmember Budge to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Public Hearings** – None

**Regular Agenda**

**Engineer Report** – Jennifer Koehler stated the bluff runoff management plan was being finalized. Koehler is working with Mary Tollefson on a funding application which is due by June 13, 2025. Mayor Hanzal noted he had met with Senator Klein and Representative Mary Frances Clardy regarding the project and the need for funding, and both were supportive and agreed there was an appropriate need. Due to this year's state budget shortfall, 2026-2027 is the earliest the funding request would be included in the bonding bill. Koehler is working with City administrator Tollefson on a template letter of support for use by Dakota County and homeowners associations.

Koehler met with The Riverwood staff on their property and confirmed the location of the sanitary sewer pipe that needs to be repaired. She will move forward with getting quotes from contractors.

**Driveway Apron Repair** – City administrator Tollefson explained the asphalt apron along the city hall garage needs repair. Quotes were received from several contractors to remove the asphalt and install a concrete apron. Tollefson recommended accepting the quote from PAC for \$4,175. If repair of the block underneath the driveway is needed, there would be an extra cost. **Moved by Mayor**

**Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinberg to approve the proposal from PAC to repair the driveway at a cost not to exceed \$4,700. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Report** – City administrator Tollefson explained Lilydale is part of the Northern Dakota County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR), which was formed in 2019 and initially comprised of Lilydale, Mendota, Mendota Heights, and West St. Paul. South St. Paul joined a few years ago and Inver Grove Heights in 2024. All cities have a representative on the board, with Tollefson representing Lilydale as the board secretary. BTYR works closely with Dakota County and provides services for active military and veterans that the County and State are unable to provide. BTYR is a 501(c)(3) organization and solely funded by donations. A list of their 2024 activities was shared. Recently, Mayor Hanzal and city administrator Tollefson brought donated Girl Scout cookies to veterans at Lilydale Senior Living and the Villas.

**Community Cleanup Day** – Councilmember Kleinberg reported the community cleanup event on April 26th was a huge success. Volunteers gathered at Pool & Yacht and ended at St. Paul Yacht Club. A suggestion was made to have a fall cleanup day.

**History Committee Event** - Councilmember Kleinman reported over 50 people, current and former Lilydale residents, attended the May 3rd gathering at city hall to remember the 1965 flood in Lower Lilydale. Local historian Dave Byrne shared photos and insight into the devastation and impact of the flood, forcing residents to evacuate. Councilmember Kleinman noted it was a wonderful day filled with lively discussion. Charlie Evans was applauded for the detailed maps he provided.

**City Administrator Announcements** – City administrator Tollefson shared highpoints of the Minnesota City/County Management Association (MCMA) conference she recently attended.

**Council Comments** – Councilmember Cornell asked Captain Wegener if he had an update to the discussion at the April meeting. Captain Wegener indicated the squad at home program is delayed. The complete rollout will be in August or September. Officers are able to respond to calls from home through this program.

Mayor Hanzal informed council members he sent a letter to Mayor Melvin Carter and Saint Paul councilmembers urging them to deny a sound-level variance for the Breakaway Music Festival.

**Adjournment** – **Moved by Councilmember Kleinman and seconded by Councilmember Cornell to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

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Mary Tollefson, City Clerk