HAMBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Mayor Chris Lund called the Hamburg City Council Meeting to Order at 6:31 PM. Councilmembers Jessica Weber, Eric Poppler, Tim Tracy, Mitch Polzin, and City Clerk Jeremy Gruenhagen were in attendance. Others in attendance were Steven Siewert (HFD Chief) and Jason Buckentin (Public Works).

Public Comment – No Public comments.

Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Councilmember Tim Tracy moved to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.

Consent Agenda

- **Approve Payment of Added July Claims List ($114.42)**
- **Approve Payment of Added August Claims List ($8,141.44)**
- **Approve Payment of September Claims List ($49,275.82)**
- **Approve Minutes for August 18, 2026**
- **Approve Liability Coverage Waiver Form (LMCIT)**
- **Approve MN Lawful Gambling Exempt Permit (Central Booster Club)**
  - **October 3, 2026**
- **Approve Temporary On-Sale Liquor Licenses for Hamburg Lions**
  - **October 10, 2026 & November 20, 2026**

MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Seconded by Councilmember Mitch Polzin. Motion was approved by all present.

Hamburg Fire Department

- **AED Defibrillators (CC/Hall)** - Clerk Gruenhagen stated that neither AED at the hall nor the community center is working/in-service. Both have been removed, and an AED from a Fire Truck will be stationed at either the hall or the community center based on rental status. He added that the purchase of 2 new AEDs has been added to next year's budget. Chief Siewert requested the HFD be kept in the loop.
- **Zummerfest Celebration** - Chief Siewert will order additional mini biffs for the Zummerfest Celebration (the men's bathroom is closed). The decision was made to hold the entire event at the park, including the band. Snow fencing will be installed between Trebesch's and the bar to deter any trespassing on private property. The Chief also mentioned that there are still open shifts if anyone would like to volunteer at Zummerfest.

- Approve Resolution Number 2026-07

- **MOTION: Councilmember Mitch Polzin made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2026-07 minus a section of bullet point number #3 about the snow fence by Know It All's Bar and Grill. Seconded by Councilmember Jessica Weber. Motion was approved by all present.**

Old City Business/New City Business

- **Public Nuisances (Citywide)**
  - **440 Maria Ave -** This has been completed/taken care of.
  - **421 Henrietta Ave -** This property owner was given 30 days; this will be discussed at the second September council meeting. Some work has been performed to date.
  - **152 Jacob St -** The mattresses have been removed from the driveway and placed in a trailer on the street. A letter may be sent regarding the trailer.
  - **321 Maria Ave/331 Maria Ave -** A letter will be sent stating that our ordinance doesn't specifically address this issue.
- **Parcel Split/Land Sale (Parcel 45.0281600)** - This parcel has been purchased/filed. The next step is to add property pins.
  - George Street Extension
- **Mayor/Council Wages for 2027** - Wages for neither the Mayor nor Council have increased since 2012/2013. We are considering raising the Mayor's salary from $1,500 to $2,000 and Council's from $1,000 to $1,200. This will be posted at City Hall/City Website for 10 days before the ordinance is approved.
- **Waste Management Renewal** - A representative from Waste Management presented a 5-year contract extension. Council agrees that this contract with the 5% adjustment is acceptable. Clerk Gruenhagen will reach out and get an actual agreement in print with Waste Management and present (hopefully) at the next meeting.
- **Park Bathrooms (Update)** The insurance adjuster has requested additional bids as there appear to be some discrepancies in the existing bids received. After Zummerfest and park rental, the bathrooms will be closed for the season. There is a park rental in October, and the City will provide mini biffs.
- **2027 Proposed Budget**-The Wishlist and proposed items.
  - **2026/2027 Budget Items (2027 Budgeted Items List)**
  - **Budget Workshop (September 15th)**
  - **MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber made a motion to approve the Budget Workshop for 5:30 PM on September 15th. Seconded by Councilmember Mitch Polzin. Motion was approved**

by all present.

- **Hold Second Council Meeting on September 22, 2026**
- **MOTION: Councilmember Eric Poppler made a motion to approve the Budget Workshop for 6:30 PM on September 22nd. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. The motion was approved by all present.**

City Council Reports

- Councilmember Eric Poppler (Parks) would like to see all mayoral/council candidates at the park for Zummerfest.
- Councilmember Jessica Weber (Buildings) had nothing further to report.
- Councilmember Tim Tracy (Water/Sewer) had nothing further to report
- Councilmember Mitch Polzin (Streets) would like an eye kept on the cameras this weekend, as last year during or after Zummerfest someone threw out many dental picks on Park Ave.
- Mayor Chris Lund: City Newsletter should drop this week. Mayor Chris Lund will not have the Mayors in time for September.

Adjourn City Council Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

MOTION: Councilmember Jessica Weber moved to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:23 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Tim Tracy. Motion was approved by all present.

Amended/Approved on October 28, 2026

Jeremy Gruenhagen
City Clerk/Treasurer