

Mission of the City of Courtland

We envision Courtland as a city with managed growth which offers a high quality of life for individuals, families and businesses at an affordable cost.

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

December 4, 2025

Members Present:

Mayor Al Poehler
Council Member Pam Rodewald
Council Member Nathan Marti
Council Member Justin Kraus
Council Member Greg Juberien

Members Absent:

Others Present: Julie Holm Dave Ubel Mark Fiemeyer Bob Schabert Marlo Skurdahl

The regular city council meeting was called to order by Mayor Poehler at 7:00 pm on December 4, 2025 in the Council chambers in City Hall.

Rodewald made a motion to approve the agenda. Kraus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Kraus made a motion to approve November 6, 2025, regular Council meeting minutes. Juberien seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Kraus made a motion to approve monthly bills. Rodewald seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Check#	Vendor	DATE	\$AMT	Description
EFT	CITY OF COURTLAND	19-Nov-25	\$288.76	fire hall, comm center, main shed, city office utilities
EFT	IRS	26-Nov-25	\$901.10	federal payroll taxes
EFT	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	26-Nov-25	\$165.00	mn payroll taxes
EFT	PERA	26-Nov-25	\$562.73	PERA contributions
23365	Holm, Julie	13-Nov-25	\$988.70	Payroll 10/26-11/8/25
23366	Ubel, David	13-Nov-25	\$1,507.31	Payroll 10/26-11/8/25
23367	Voges, Jessie	13-Nov-25	\$524.62	Payroll 10/26-11/8/25
23368	CITY OF NEW ULM	20-Nov-25	\$6,766.22	flow to new ulm
23369	MN LIFE INS COMPANY	20-Nov-25	\$18.00	dave life ins aug, oct, nov, dec
23370	UNITED NATURAL GAS	20-Nov-25	\$210.04	main shed, firehall, wtr plant, city office natural gas
23371	XCEL ENERGY	20-Nov-25	\$1,977.44	fire hall, comm center, main shed, city office utilities
23372	GREGORY PETON	20-Nov-25	\$49.85	return overpayment final utility bill
23373	Holm, Julie	26-Nov-25	\$1,033.56	Payroll 11/9-11/22/25
23374	Ubel, David	26-Nov-25	\$1,507.32	Payroll 11/9-11/22/25
23375	Voges, Jessie	26-Nov-25	\$800.91	Payroll 11/9-11/22/25
23376	Nuvera	06-Nov-25	\$583.87	office,fire hall ph&intnet,lifts,wells,wtr twr,wtr plnt intnet
EFT	COMCAST, INC	03-Dec-25	\$98.74	main st office internet
EFT	MICROSOFT	08-Dec-25	\$17.71	office 365 subscriptions - 2
EFT	IRS	11-Dec-25	\$1,022.51	federal payroll taxes
EFT	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	11-Dec-25	\$190.00	mn payroll taxes
EFT	PERA	10-Dec-25	\$628.43	PERA contributions
23377	BADGER METER	04-Dec-25	\$66.22	beacon web program support meter reading 386 units
23378	BARGEN INCORPORATED	04-Dec-25	\$75,314.90	striping proj, mastic & infared patching, crack seal streets
23379	BOLTON & MENK, INC	04-Dec-25	\$260.00	general engineering svcs -WCA Decision Notices
23380	CITY OF NICOLLET	04-Dec-25	\$100.00	leaf vac rental

23381	CLEARWAY COMMUNITY SOLAR LLC	04-Dec-25	\$2,016.59	solar subscription
23382	COURTLAND MART	04-Dec-25	\$375.01	gas-dave\$343.22; jessie\$31.79
23383	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	04-Dec-25	\$350.04	milwaukee xfer pump; water plant parts supplies
23384	ECOWATER SYSTEMS OF NEW ULM	04-Dec-25	\$17.72	softner salt-fire hall
23385	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL	04-Dec-25	\$12.15	9 tickets
23386	HAWKINS,INC	04-Dec-25	\$502.10	water plant chemical supplies(Azone 15)
23387	THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	04-Dec-25	\$60,554.48	bond payment (collin dr project)
23388	LOFFLER	04-Dec-25	\$59.69	mfp maintenance, color copies-5.82
23389	LUEPKO OIL & TRUCKING LLC	04-Dec-25	\$278.34	gas-dave\$122; fuel truck&loader\$156.34
23390	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	04-Dec-25	\$546.00	4th qtr service connection fee
23391	MN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	04-Dec-25	\$425.00	membership dues
23392	Nuvera	04-Dec-25	\$618.95	office,fire hall ph&intnet,lifts,wells,wtr twr,wtr plnt intnet
23393	RENT N SAVE PORTABLE SERVICES	04-Dec-25	\$215.16	porta potty rental - parks - final2025
23394	POSTMASTER	04-Dec-25	\$72.00	post office box fee(annual)city#42

\$161,627.17

Council Reports: Councilmembers Rodewald and Kraus attended a zoom meeting with MNDOT and Blue Earth County representative regarding the study being done on lights at intersection of Highway 68 and Nicollet County Road 45. The lights are due for replacement and looking to reduce costs, these are being looked at for being cut. Rodewald and Kraus reiterated the concerns outlined the letter that was forwarded after last month's meeting. Should the lights be replaced, MNDOT will bear that cost, but are not wanting to have the costs for maintenance and replacement should they be damaged, Blue Earth County was not willing at this time to take on these costs. Since these lights are not in city limits, and the city now has the lights around the roundabout to maintain, can the city pay an expense for outside city limits.

Public Utilities: Dave Ubel reports the concrete for the garage at city hall did not get completed as the weather turned before it could be done. Dave reports he had cutting edges put on plow truck blade as he would like to trade it but needs to wait until spring when new model comes out.

Councilmember Rodewald would like to store decorations in the city hall basement that are used for vendor fair in December.

Dave has additional notes on vehicles parked in cul-de-sac overnight and towing. If the city would have it towed, that expense is on city to collect. Dave and Julie worked on letter to be sent.

Planning Commission: Holm reported commissioners discussed not having a meeting in December if there is no new business brought this week for agenda, she will post the meeting being cancelled.

City Clerk: Holm notes the office will be closed December 25th for Christmas Day and then January 1, 2026 for New Year's Day. January council meeting will be January 8th because of the holiday.

Holm has a request from Courtland Rec Association to suspend monthly water connection fees until spring when meters are reconnected and only pay the reconnection fee at that time. The council discussion on change made several years ago that snowbirds would still have to pay monthly fees even if shut off. Additionally, bond repayment calculations were made on infrastructure fees being collected from all accounts all year. Council decision is no to suspend fees at this time.

Marlo Skurdal is present to discuss turning over driveway at 122 Stony Point to make a public access to property at 116 Stony Point. The property owner before him had given an easement for access to 116 Stony Point for access and when Skurdal purchased his property, the easement continued with shared costs to maintain the area with no problems. The neighbor property was sold in 2019 and again the easement continued. In recent years there has been issues between the neighbors that have resulted in legal matters and Skurdal is in the process of purchasing the property. Marlo has provided drawing and description of the area. Council discussion on current condition, process to accept the property and additional discussion about easement for city to push snow onto Skurdal's property and assessments to properties in future for reconstruction if needed.

Rodewald made a motion to accept proposal to deed the driveway to city for parcel 14.741.0251. Kraus seconded the motion. Marti amended the motion to include easement for snow removal and storage to west. Motion carried with all in favor.

Resolution 25-114 Accepting a Donation to the City. Courtland Lions have contributed funds toward replacement of double doors on Community Center.

Rodewald made motion to approve Resolution 25-114 Accepting a Donation to the City. Marti seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-114

CITY OF COURTLAND, NICOLLET COUNTY, MINNESOTA

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION TO THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Courtland is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens, and is specifically authorized to accept gifts.

WHEREAS, a person or entity has offered to contribute the below to the city:

\$1,500.00 for Community Center upkeep including replacement of the double door entry.

WHEREAS, all such donations have been contributed to the city for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COURTLAND, NICOLLET COUNTY MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The donations described above are accepted and shall be used as allowed by law.
2. The city clerk is hereby directed to issue receipts to each donor acknowledging the city's receipt of the donor's donation.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Courtland this 4th day of December, 2025.

Al Poehler, Mayor

Attest: Julie Holm, City Clerk

Council has no further discussion or changes needed to be made to 2026 Budget.

Kraus made a motion to accept presented 2026 General Budget. Juberien seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Rodewald made a motion to approve Resolution 25-115 Resolution Approving Final 2026 Tax Levy Collectible in 2026 for \$274,014.00. Marti seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Resolution # 25-115
A Resolution Approving Final 2026 Tax Levy
Collectible in 2026

BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Courtland, County of Nicollet, Minnesota, that the following sums of monies be levied for the current year, collectible in 2026, upon the taxable property in the City of Courtland, for the following purpose:

TOTAL LEVY \$ 274,014.00

The city clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the county auditor of Nicollet County, Minnesota.

Adopted by the City Council of Courtland, Minnesota on December 4, 2025

Signed: Al Poehler, Mayor Attest: Julie Holm, City Clerk/Treasurer

Kraus made a motion to adjourn. Marti seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
Meeting adjourned 7:52pm

A signed written copy of the minutes is on file in the office of the city clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Holm

Julie Holm, City Clerk