

Proposed Minutes Regular Council Meeting January 14, 2026

Mayor Eric Staydohar called a Regular Meeting of the Marble City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Marble City Hall, 302 Alice Ave., on January 14, 2026

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Staydohar, Clerk Litchke, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Knauss, Councilmember Guddeck

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

(1) Call the meeting to order 5:30 p.m.

(2) Pledge of allegiance led by Eric Staydohar, Mayor

(3) Approvals

- January 14, 2026 Agenda – Council members reviewed the agenda and there were no additions or issues. ***Motion made by Guddeck and seconded by Lee to approve the agenda for the January 14, 2026 meeting. All members present supported, motion carried.***
- Regular meeting minutes for December 2025 – Council members reviewed the minutes that were submitted for the December 8, 2025 meeting. ***Motion made by Lee and seconded by Guddeck to approve the December 8, 2025 meeting minutes. All members present supported, motion carried.***
- December 2025 Schedule 8, Schedule 1, and Cash Control – Litchke read in the totals for the following reports for December 2025:
 - Schedule 8: Investment Activity
 - City of Marble Savings - \$246,886.94
 - Library Savings - \$8,945.79
 - M/C WWTP Savings - \$124,793.84
 - WWTP Edward Jones Investment - \$860,377.43
 - City of Marble CD - \$24,033.96
 - Water Tower Investment - \$27,084.79
 - Streets Investment - \$10,672.27
 - Total Investments - \$1,302,795.02
 - Schedule 1: Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances
 - Total of \$3,524,702.72

- Cash Control Statement
 - Total of \$2,256,323.25

2Motion made by Guddeck and seconded by Lee to accept the December 2025 Schedule 8, Schedule 1, and Cash Control. All members present supported, motion carried.

- Bills/payroll for December 2025 – Litchke read in the total claims for the general and other accounts (\$34,542.79) and wastewater (\$30,276.34); the payroll for general and other accounts (\$26,250.82) and wastewater (\$400.00); and the receipts for general and other accounts (\$252,947.81) and wastewater (\$38,363.96). **Motion made by Guddeck and seconded by Lee to accept bills and payroll for December 2025. All members present supported, motion carried.**

(4) Streets

The street department has been putting sand out and called the County for another load to be brought in. There will be no cost for this as the street department takes care of plowing Alice Avenue/Cty Rd 80 in trade.

(5) Wastewater – office heater

There are some issues with the heater in the office at the wastewater treatment plant. Received a quote from ASAP Heating and Air Conditioning for \$5900 to install and fully set up an 80,000 BTU single stage Liberty gas furnace. **Motion made by Guddeck and seconded by Knauss to accept the quote. All members present supported, motion carried.** Litchke will sign the quote and Mark Castellano will follow up with ASAP.

Monthly operations report was distributed. Samples were within normal limits. Biosolids report was submitted, weekly samples were taken and submitted for analysis, and monthly DMR preparation and submittals were completed. Reviewed the daily average flows and the chemical usage.

(6) Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

Kory Johnson of Bolton & Menk was present. Discussed the decision to bypass Mud Lake and reaching out to Glacier to ask for a proposal for an easement on the west side of Mud Lake. Kory will look for contact info for RGGGS.

(7) Water Treatment plant project

Staydohar will look into signing up for MnWARN. Discussion on looking into getting generators for the wells. Preference is to go with natural gas but this will be priced out.

(8) Fire – Hydrant Hogs Halloween and Santa bags

Litchke requested that a donation be given to the Hydrant Hogs for their patrol on Halloween and the delivering of the Santa bags. The city typically donates \$500 each year. Guddeck confirmed that his money would come from the charitable gambling fund.

Motion made by Guddeck and seconded by Lee to donate \$500 to the Hydrant Hogs. All members present supported, motion carried.

(9) Library

Berger reported that the library has an induction cooking kit available through Sustainable Resources. The kit is available for a 5-day checkout. Berger will contact the Saloon about a donation. The Library Board meeting is scheduled for January 20th – she will ask the board about moving approximately \$2500 from the library savings into the library account to cover a shortage from 2025.

(10) Zoning

Kory Johnson mentioned that Tobie Stanley of Stanwell Holdings contacted Bolton & Menk regarding a proposed project on Silverwood Avenue. Council confirmed that this would not be a conflict of interest due to the project being referred to a different department within Bolton & Menk.

Litchke sent an email to Ryan Carlson at First American Title to get an update on the closing date for the property at 205 Silverwood Avenue.

(11) Committee reports

- Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board –
 - There is a meeting at Mesabi Metallics tonight to discuss environmental issues.
 - Bogalis is moving forward with the Calumet Reclamation project. He is waiting on some permits. Discussion on information received that it is more cost effective to ship ore to North Dakota than it is to pump natural gas here.
- Fire Department –
 - Everything is going well. Don “Bugs” Bogdanovich has retired after 47 years of service in the department.
 - The new fire truck is coming.
- M/C Wastewater Joint Powers Board –
 - The board agreed to update the contract and to run the financials through a separate CTAS program. Johnson agreed to look for a sample contract

and ask about getting federal and state ID numbers. Litchke will talk to Rychart about a separate bank account.

(12) Annual Designations

Staydohar read Resolution 2026-1 A Resolution Stating Annual Designations into the record. The following designations were included in the resolution with committee chairs bolded:

Regular Council meetings - second and fourth Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
Official newspaper – Scenic Range News Forum
Primary depository – Park State Bank
Secondary depository – Edward Jones
Acting Mayor – Al Guddeck
Official polling place – Itasca County Courthouse
Recreation – **Sarah Litchke**, Bob Knauss
Wastewater – **Eric Staydohar**, Sarah Litchke
Fire - **Eric Staydohar**, Al Guddeck
Building & Grounds – **Sarah Litchke**, Merry Lee
Charitable Gambling – **Sarah Litchke**, Bob Knauss
Streets & Alleys – **Al Guddeck**, Eric Staydohar
Mineland – **Al Guddeck**, Merry Lee
Greenway Joint Recreation – **Eric Staydohar**, Sarah Litchke
Weed Inspector – **Bob Knauss**, Sam Kolar
Civil Defense – **Sam Kolar**, Jude Hoey, Greenway Fire
Library Liaison – **Merry Lee**, Eric Staydohar
Wellhead Protection – **Eric Staydohar**, Sarah Litchke, Sam Kolar
Zoning – Entire Council, Karen Finke
Cemetery Board – **Rebecca Nellis**, Al Guddeck
WWTP Joint Powers Board – **Sarah Litchke**, Eric Staydohar

There was a discussion on altering the day of the following meetings: the meeting on November 11th being moved to November 10th, the meeting on November 25th being moved to November 24th, and the meeting on December 23rd being moved to December 22nd. ***Motion made by Guddeck and seconded by Lee to approve Resolution 2026-1 A Resolution Stating Annual Designations and the changes for 3 meetings dates. All members present supported, motion carried.***

(13) Clerk's office – Resolution for Cannabis Retail Registration, Blast ad, ICSO donation request, City Hall note – remaining balance

Litchke read in Resolution No. 2026-01.14 Resolution Delegating Cannabis Retail Registration to the County into the record. ***Motion made by Guddeck and seconded by Lee to approve the resolution. All members present supported, motion carried.***

Discussion on advertising option for the Greenway Blast. ***Motion made by Litchke and seconded by Guddeck to purchase ¼ page advertising in this year's Blast. All members present supported, motion carried.***

Discussion on donation request for National Child Safety Council – tabled until January 28, 2026 meeting.

Litchke requested to pay off the remaining balance of the City Hall note of \$83,897.20. This year's payment will be between \$19,000 and \$22,000 and the full payment would remove this from the city's indebtedness. Tabled until January 28, 2026 meeting so Litchke can find out if there is any payoff fee.

(14) Mayor's office – Water tower, police, Range Gateway Coalition

The water tower is down and removed. An excavator ended up knocking down a power pole and the entire town lost power for a bit. Repairs have been made. There are some lines that are hanging low, and Mediacom will be called about this. Everything regarding clean up at the water tower site will be completed this spring.

The city did not renew the contract with Nashwauk Police Department. They will still answer calls that go out to 911. ICSO will patrol.

Range Gateway Coalition has sent out invoices for dues.

(15) Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 28, 2026

(16) Public comments

Mark Castellano believes that it is a good thing that Stanwell Holdings is looking to work with Bolton & Menk on the Silverwood Avenue project. He also appreciates the increase in his water pressure since the new water tower has been online.

There was a question about the rink lights not being on. Council explained that there were some no shows for shifts and when that happens, the lights don't get turned on. One suggestion from the public was having a timer on the lights. Knauss has a key for the rink and lives where he can see if the lights are on or not so there should be no further issues.

Motion made by Guddeck and seconded by Knauss to adjourn the meeting. All members present supported and Staydohar adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Sarah Litchke, City Clerk

Eric Staydohar, Mayor