



222 2nd Street SE
Wadena, MN 56482

**Work Session City Council Minutes
Tuesday, November 25, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the City Council, the meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm with the following members present: Mayor George Deiss, Council Members Duke Harrison and Mark Lunde.

2026 Enterprise Funds Budget Review

The Golf Course, Liquor Store, Electric, Water, Sewer, and Wellness directors presented and went over proposed budgets.

The water and sewer funds contracted with Waterworth, a rate study program identifying and budgeting future operation and capital expenditure needs. Each department projected through 2035 with both proposing 3% increases annually with the exception of 2029 and 2030 at 6% increases.

The electric fund continues with successful profitability. The MRES rate study increases are on track to continue a recommended 4% increase for 2026.

The wellness center continues to experience expenses over revenues with annual losses; however, the depreciation budget brings the fund close to break even. The Friends of the Maslowski committee is assisting to cover capital asset needs, working well to date and supporting the budget deficits. The city may still have to consider subsidizing cash flow losses with enterprise fund profits in the future.

The liquor store continues to decline. Manager Booth was not present for the budget meeting. One larger item that caused a significant decrease is that credit card charges were not passed on to consumers for 2025. Council member Harrison and Administrator Schroeder will meet with Booth to discuss the budget, review margins, and develop methods to continue profitability.

The golf course is on track as normal. The Friends of the Golf Course continue to support capital asset needs, supporting the budget.

Motion to Adjourn at 4:29pm

Moved by:	Lunde	Seconded by:	Harrison
Vote:	Deiss, Harrison, Lunde		

George Deiss, Mayor

Attest: _____
Kim Schroeder, City Administrator