

April 14, 2026

The Vesta City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Kramer at the Vesta Community Center. Council members present included Councilman Paul, Councilman Jahn, Councilwoman Taylor, and Councilwoman Samyn.

Staff Present: Clerk Guetter and Director Guetter

Visitors Present: Milan Stage, Travis Welch, Rick Halvorson, and Deb Halvorson

General Inquiries/Complaints

Deb Halvorson inquired about the possibility of purchasing approximately 50 feet of park property adjacent to North Street, citing concerns regarding snow accumulation near her home in recent years. Clerk Guetter stated she would investigate the matter; however, as the land is public property, any sale would need to follow the required public bidding process.

Ms. Halvorson also expressed concerns about several large pine trees located on her property that are leaning and requested information regarding their removal. She was advised that, as the trees are on private property, arrangements for removal would need to be coordinated with the neighboring property owner to the north for access purposes.

Consent Agenda

A. March 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes

B. Accounts Payable – \$17,244.48

C. March Bank Statements – Reconciled

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Jahn and seconded by Councilman Paul. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports/Requests

Fire Department

Fire Chief Welch requested approval to apply for a State Fire Marshal grant to purchase a gear washing machine estimated at approximately \$13,000, with a required 10% city match. Chief Welch also requested approval to apply for a \$10,000 State Farm grant to purchase new turnout gear. He stated that one replacement set and one new set for recently hired firefighter Kayla Kramer were needed, with each set costing approximately \$3,800.

A motion to approve both grant applications was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Paul. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Welch reported that he would be preparing for the City's ISO audit scheduled for May 21.

Chief Welch and Clerk Guetter have also been working together regarding security cameras, keyless entry systems, and computer upgrades for the Fire Department.

First Responders

No report.

Mayor/Council

No report.

Director's Report

Director Guetter reported that he had begun the first wastewater pond discharge of the season.

Director Guetter also stated that he would be compiling information for the upcoming ISO rating review and meeting with the ISO representative following Chief Welch's meeting.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Guetter reported that the cost for nine flowerpots filled by Schmeising's Flower Farm would total approximately \$600 and that arrangements would soon be made for planting.

Clerk Guetter also reported that the City's infrastructure project had advanced through the first round of Congressional Directed Spending consideration. While funding is not guaranteed, she noted it was a positive step forward in the process.

Additionally, Clerk Guetter stated that the City received a \$5,500 grant from the Five Star Foundation for the Community Center lighting project.

Clerk Guetter informed the Council that the candidate filing period for the November election would occur during her scheduled vacation from July 20–24. Guidance from the Secretary of State's Office indicated that the office must remain open for candidate filings during that time.

A motion to authorize Jean Gladitsch to accept candidate filings during Clerk Guetter's absence was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Samyn. The motion carried unanimously. Clerk Guetter stated that Ms. Gladitsch would receive the necessary training prior to that time.

Old Business

The Council reviewed ideas and quotes related to the North Street park project and determined that it would no longer pursue the proposals presented.

A motion to approve the bid from Parallel Ag for the purchase of a Toro lawn mower in the amount of \$14,739.96 was made by Councilman Paul and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A motion to schedule a Public Hearing for May 12 at 6:00 p.m. to review the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and fulfill requirements for PFA funding was made by Councilman Jahn and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2026-5, combining the polling place with Underwood and Vesta Township, was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Jahn. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve a leave of absence for Dan Isaackson was made by Councilman Jahn and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to accept the resignation of Ryan Bottelberghe from the Fire Department was made by Councilwoman Samyn and seconded by Councilman Paul. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to begin utility disconnections for three properties with delinquent water bills was made by Councilman Paul and seconded by Councilman Jahn. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve a fence permit for Kevin Mills was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Jahn. The motion carried unanimously.

Three complaints were presented to the Council. Following discussion, the Council directed that letters be sent to the respective residents.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Samyn and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

I, the undersigned, Brooke Guetter, City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Vesta, Minnesota, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

Brooke Guetter
City Clerk/Treasurer