

January 13, 2026

The Vesta City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Kramer at the Vesta Community Center.

Council Present: Councilman Paul, Councilman Jahn, Councilwoman Taylor, and Councilwoman Samyn

Staff Present: Clerk Guetter and Director Guetter

Visitors Present: Travis Welch and Sara Beavers, Oberloh and Oberloh Associates

General Inquiries / Complaints

Sara Beavers presented the City's options regarding the new audit threshold requirements. She outlined four options and explained the differences between each.

Consent Agenda

A. December 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

B. Accounts Payable – \$73,423.25

C. Bank Statements – December (unreconciled)

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Paul. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports / Requests

Fire Department

Fire Chief Welch reported that the Fire Department will be celebrating its 125th year of service on August 1, 2026. Planned activities include fireworks, a parade, food trucks, and live music.

Chief Welch requested approval to conduct the Fire Department raffle for 2026. A motion to approve the raffle was made by Councilman Paul and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Welch also inquired whether Director Guetter could assist with snow removal during emergencies if needed. Director Guetter stated he would be available.

First Responders

N/A

Mayor / Council

N/A

Public Works / Administration

Director Guetter requested approval to attend MRWA training on March 3–5 in St. Cloud. He also expressed interest in obtaining a Water D License, noting that the City currently only

requires a Water E License to maintain the water tower. The Council approved the training request.

Councilman Paul noted a missing water cap on Centre Street. Director Guetter stated he is aware of the issue and explained that the cap is inverted due to sand repeatedly filling the opening.

Director Guetter reported that the tower tender is still experiencing integration issues and that he is working with the vendor to resolve them.

Director Guetter requested guidance regarding assisting motorists stuck in roadways. Councilman Paul advised that, for insurance purposes, City staff should not pull vehicles out, except in the case of emergency vehicles. Mayor Kramer stated he trusts Director Guetter to use sound judgment and to proceed with caution.

Clerk Guetter informed the Council that many cities are transitioning from landlines to cell phones. The City would require three phones—one for the City Office, one for Public Works, and one for the Fire Hall. The Council agreed and requested that Clerk Guetter return with additional information.

Clerk Guetter requested approval to attend the MCFOA Conference on March 25–27. The Council approved the request.

Clerk Guetter reported that T. Hoflock declined to enter into a payment agreement with the City. A motion was made by Councilman Paul and seconded by Councilman Jahn to allow one additional week for T. Hoflock to enter into a payment agreement. If no agreement is reached, water service will be disconnected. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

N/A

New Business

A motion to approve **Resolution 2026-1, Accepting Donations**, was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Samyn. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve **Resolution 2026-2, Establishing Organization**, was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Samyn. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding blowing and drifting snow from the park onto North Street. Councilman Jahn suggested potential mitigation measures, including planting trees. No action was taken, and the matter was tabled.

Municipal Impact was introduced as a potential new website platform for the City of Vesta. The platform would offer cost savings and improved user-friendliness. The Council requested that Clerk Guetter explore the possibility of recouping funds spent on the current platform.

A complaint regarding a habitual barking dog was discussed. The Council determined that another letter should be sent.

Further discussion was held regarding the new audit requirements. Clerk Guetter stated she favors continuing with an audit and would be comfortable with either a GAAP or cash-basis audit. A motion to approve a GAAP audit for 2025 was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Paul. The motion carried, with Councilman Jahn opposed.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. was made by Councilman Jahn 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 foregoing is a true and correct copy of the meeting minutes.

Brooke Guetter
City Clerk/Treasurer