

**City of Vesta
City Council Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2025**

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

Council Members Present:

Councilman Paul, Councilman Jahn, Councilwoman Taylor, Councilwoman Samyn

Staff Present:

Clerk/Treasurer Brooke Guetter, Public Works Director Daren Guetter

Visitors Present:

Ryan Bottelberghe, Travis Welch, Dan Isaackson, Jeremy Krause, Amanda and Quinn Zwetzig, Shannon Marotzke

General Inquiries / Complaints

Shannon Marotzke addressed the Council requesting permission to apply for a liquor license for the Vesta Bar.

Consent Agenda

- **A.** November 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- **B.** Accounts Payable totaling **\$36,129.18**
- **C.** November Bank Statements – Reconciled

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by **Councilwoman Taylor**, seconded by **Councilman Jahn**. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports / Requests

Fire Department:

No report.

First Responders:

Emergency Manager Jeremy Krause reported that upcoming training sessions for First Responders are scheduled and advised the Council to expect related invoices.

Mayor / Council:

No report.

Public Works Director Report:

Director Guetter reported involvement in a minor fender bender on December 8, 2025, resulting in minor damage to the plow truck. The Sheriff was contacted and a report was filed.

Director Guetter stated he researched lawnmower pricing and was advised by Kibble to revisit options in February.

Director Guetter also reported that Quality Control canceled the tower tender integration, which is the final step of the new fill pipe project. A new date was scheduled for December 12-13.

Clerk/Treasurer Report:

Clerk Guetter requested authorization for EFT payment of the BCBS bill. A motion to approve EFT payments for BCBS was made by **Councilman Jahn**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor**. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Guetter recommended remaining with **BCBS Plan 632** for 2026, as alternative plans presented in November were not in-network for Avera.

Clerk Guetter requested approval for payroll deductions for Delta Dental, noting no City contribution was being requested. A motion to approve payroll deduction for Delta Dental was made by **Councilman Jahn**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor**. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

A motion to approve **BCBS Plan 632 for 2026** was made by **Councilman Paul**, seconded by **Councilwoman Samyn**. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A motion to approve **Shannon Marotzke's liquor license application** was made by **Councilwoman Taylor**, seconded by **Councilman Paul**. Motion carried unanimously.

A closed session was offered for a City employee evaluation; the employee declined. Clerk Guetter presented concerns regarding fire payroll submissions from Fire Secretary Dan Isaackson, including allegations of fraudulent payroll reporting. Mr. Isaackson stated discrepancies were likely due to spreadsheet errors. The Council determined corrective action would include requiring monthly submission of attendance sheets for meetings and trainings to the Clerk/Treasurer and reconciliation through the end of 2026 to prevent future issues.

The Council entered **closed session at 6:26 p.m.** to discuss a City employee.

The meeting reconvened in open session at **6:39 p.m.** A motion was made to suspend the employee discussed for **six (6) months**, require completion of a chemical use assessment and all

recommended actions prior to reinstatement, and implement a conditional “last chance” reinstatement agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve **Resolution 2025-19: Approving Final Tax Levy Collectible in 2026** was made by **Councilwoman Taylor**, seconded by **Councilman Jahn**. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve **Resolution 2025-20: Accepting Donations** was made by **Councilman Paul**, seconded by **Councilman Jahn**. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve **Resolution 2025-21: Fee Schedule for 2026** was made by **Councilwoman Taylor**, seconded by **Councilman Jahn**. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve **Resolution 2025-22: Assigning Funds** was made by **Councilman Jahn**, seconded by **Councilman Paul**. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kramer temporarily stepped aside, and **Acting Mayor Councilwoman Taylor** presided while the Mayor addressed a complaint regarding his chickens. Following discussion, it was determined this would be his final opportunity to comply with housing requirements. Mayor Kramer agreed to sign a written agreement stating that if any chickens leave his property, they will be removed within 48 hours.

A motion to approve a **\$500 employer HSA contribution** for each full-time employee was made by **Councilwoman Taylor**, seconded by **Councilwoman Samyn**. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee evaluations were conducted for **Clerk/Treasurer Brooke Guetter** and **Public Works Director Daren Guetter**.

Following evaluations:

- Clerk Guetter’s wage was increased from **\$26.00/hour to \$31.00/hour**, effective January 1, 2026.
- Director Guetter’s wage was increased from **\$29.50/hour to \$30.50/hour**, effective January 1, 2026.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at **8:39 p.m.** was made by **Councilman Jahn**, seconded by **Councilman Paul**. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Brooke Guetter
City Clerk/Treasurer