

CITY OF VESTA
Public Hearing Minutes
May 12, 2026

The Vesta Public Hearing was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Mayor Kramer at the Vesta Community Center.

Council Members Present: Councilman Jahn, Councilwoman Samyn
Council Members Absent: Councilman Paul, Councilwoman Taylor

Staff Present: Clerk Guetter, Director Guetter

Visitors Present: Travis Welch, Jean Gladitsch, Linda Kolander, Lon Walling, Joe Abrahamson, Sam Schmits, and Al and Robin Eischens

Public Hearing

Mark Klema presented information regarding the City's infrastructure needs, project alternatives, recommendations, estimated project costs, potential funding sources, and the proposed project schedule. Following discussion, Mr. Klema requested that the Council consider submitting an Intended Use Plan (IUP) application for the proposed improvements.

A motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. was made by Councilman Jahn and seconded by Councilwoman Samyn. Motion carried unanimously.

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City Council Meeting Minutes

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The Vesta City Council meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Mayor Kramer at the Vesta Community Center.

A motion to add the Bollig IUP request to the agenda was made by Councilwoman Samyn and seconded by Councilman Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

Sara Oberloh of Oberloh and Associates presented the City's 2025 audit report. The City received a clean audit opinion and was found to be in good standing.

General Inquiries and Complaints

Robin Eischens expressed concerns regarding the City's proposed expenditure for trees in the North Park. Ms. Eischens stated that the trees would potentially relocate snow drifting rather than resolve it and would provide limited benefit to residents.

Consent Agenda

- A. April 14, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes
- C. Accounts Payable – \$22,525.61
- D. April 2026 Bank Statements (Reconciled)

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Jahn and seconded by Councilwoman Samyn. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports and Requests

Fire Department

Chief Welch reported that the required pre-survey documentation had been submitted for the upcoming ISO audit scheduled for May 21, 2026. He anticipated the audit would take approximately one hour.

Chief Welch requested approval to purchase a new battery-operated Jaws of Life system at a total cost of \$20,000. Funding for the purchase would be provided as follows:

- \$10,000 from the Fire Relief Association (\$5,000 from the Relief checking account and \$5,000 from Relief savings)
- \$5,000 from Fire Department donations
- \$5,000 from the Fire Department's 2026 capital budget

A motion to approve the allocation of \$5,000 from the Fire Department's 2026 capital budget toward the purchase was made by Councilman Jahn and seconded by Councilwoman Samyn. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Welch also reported that he would be applying for a Gary Sinise Foundation grant in the amount of \$20,000 to assist with the purchase.

First Responders

No report.

Mayor and Council

No report.

Director's Report

Director Guetter reported that, after discussions with Greenwood Nursery, the company declined to submit a bid due to previous bid requests that did not result in awarded projects.

Director Guetter reviewed a proposal from Redwood Tree Nursery with the Council. Following discussion, the Council determined that a snow fence would be installed at the park during the upcoming winter season. No trees will be purchased at this time, and the City is not interested in selling any portion of the park property.

Director Guetter was directed to contact Goblisch Farms regarding participation in the Minnesota Department of Transportation reimbursement program intended to reduce snow drifting onto the highway.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Guetter reported that the Network Video Recorder (NVR) at the school had been sent for repair; however, replacement was ultimately recommended.

A motion to approve the Computers and Beyond quote for a replacement NVR in the amount of \$868.00 was made by Councilman Jahn and seconded by Councilwoman Samyn. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

None.

Councilman Paul arrived at 7:43 p.m.

New Business

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-6, Supporting the Request for State Bonding for Infrastructure Projects, was made by Councilwoman Samyn and seconded by Councilman Paul. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the 2025 Audit Report prepared by Oberloh and Associates was made by Councilman Jahn and seconded by Councilwoman Samyn. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the determination and prioritization of ten blocks of water main improvements, as identified by Bollig Engineering and City staff, was made by Councilman Jahn and seconded by Councilwoman Samyn. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve two Computers and Beyond quotes—one for door access and camera upgrades in the amount of \$2,314.25 and another for two Dell computers in the amount of \$1,159.98—was made by Councilman Paul and seconded by Councilwoman Samyn. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to reschedule the August City Council meeting to Wednesday, August 12, 2026, was made by Councilman Paul and seconded by Councilman Jahn. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve Brandi Samyn's moving permit was made by Councilman Paul and seconded by Councilman Jahn. Motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Samyn abstained from voting.

A motion authorizing Bollig Engineering to proceed with the Intended Use Plan (IUP) application was made by Councilman Jahn and seconded by Councilwoman Samyn. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Samyn and seconded by Councilman Paul. 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 minutes.

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Brooke Guetter
City Clerk/Treasurer