

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Greenway Snowmobile Club
Tuesday February 17, 2026
5:00 P.M.

Mayor Mike Troop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mike Troop called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Troop, Councilmembers Dan Strand, Barbara Banks, Steve Serich Absent: Nick Porter. Also present: Clerk Serich, Treasurer Mary Garner, and Librarian Melenie Lefebvre.

Motion by Banks to approve the agenda with the additions of Iron Range Mayor's letter approval to sign and discuss the Western Mesabi Minne Planning Board letter to the State about Calumet Reclamation Mining permit, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Banks to approve January regular meeting minutes, seconded by Strand, all in favor, m/c.

Motion by Strand to approve the January Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$296,871.36, Disbursements \$535,889, Investments \$1,414,041.12 and total checking balance \$176,528.27, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried.

Comments/complaints: Earl Rudduck requested that the salt & sand pile be cleaned in his yard from the city employees plowing snow there. Mayor Troop will contact Bill and let him know.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Greenway Recreation Board: Strand stated that the front doors showed up. There are problems with the condenser that is 35 years old. Approximate cost is \$100,000. Skating show is next weekend, and Bantams are going to regionals.

MCWW: Banks stated that federal and State Tax IDs are needed for the new account and the name needs to be approved.

WMMPB: Serich reported that Calumet Reclamation gave another presentation on mining with a map. A letter has been sent from the WMMPB to the DNR, and the council feels that these are valid concerns, but they are not against the project at this time. Maybe there should be meetings for people to gather and ask questions.

Cemetery Bd: no report.

Department Reports:

There was a frozen water line at 915 Gary St. Suzy Staydohar. A guy hooked up to the city curb stop and was trying to thaw the line without permission. Bill Berger called the cops and Clerk Serich called Joe Dasovich about it because he was here when we had an issue with Robbie Darland hooking up to the city water line and went to court for theft of services. At first, we thought that this would be theft of services also, but the deputy assigned to the case researched the State Statutes with the Itasca County Attorney and because the water was not shut off for non-payment it is not considered theft of services and the Itasca County Sheriff's Office cannot enforce our city ordinance. Clerk Serich contacted Attorney Brian Bengtson, and he stated that we could have our prosecuting Attorney Aaron Michels issue a paper stating that they are in violation of our ordinance and then it could be prosecuted.

Library Report: Library Director Melanie Lefebvre stated that the Soup Supper and Love Your Library event turnout was very good and they made over \$700. Discussed the Community Garden progress and the continuation of gardening classes being held at the library.

Discussion about the Community Market joining the MN Farmer's Market Association and the rules that need to be followed as well as sales tax needing to be paid and forms to be kept on file.

Motion by Troop that the Community Market is not associated with the city or library, (the city had allowed them to use the parking lot last year but did not intend to be in charge of the market), seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Troop stated that he had asked Bill to contact the county to remove the snow piles on his parking lot property.

Resolutions & Ordinances: Motion by Troop to approve and adopt Resolution #26-02-17 a resolution to revise Resolution #25-10-14 authorizing the City of Calumet to make application to and accept funds from the IRRR Commercial Redevelopment Grant Program, seconded by Banks, upon vote taken, for: Troop, Strand, Banks & Serich. Opposed: none. Absent: Nick Porter. Resolution was duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Strand to approve and adopt Resolution #26-02-17-2 a resolution authorizing the City of Calumet to contract with First Call for Help for \$250 to provide services, seconded by Banks, upon vote taken, for: Troop, Strand, Banks & Serich. Opposed: none. Absent: Nick Porter. Resolution was duly passed and adopted.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Shut Offs: 7 door hangers shut off notices were posted.

Attorney Brian Bengtson contacted Mediacom about the bill at the water tower. He said that it would be taken care of.

Update on the city hall/library project: The bolts need to be cut on the duct work in the basement. Update on the Hazardous building at 754 7th Ave. The Title company contacted Clerk Serich to see if the Lis Pendens will be taken off the property so it can be sold to JBS Holdings.

Motion by Troop to approve \$5,000 attorney fees (approximately ½ the cost of all the fees) for the building and the \$115 Water and Sewer bill be paid before the Lis Pendens can be taken off the property and the fees would not be added as a special assessment to the property.

New Business:

Motion by Troop to approve the contract agreements for the former bank building projects as follows: North Country Project #2604a remodeling, doors, windows, walls, floors and bathrooms \$204,972 and Project #2604b demolition \$46,500; JK Mechanical HVAC \$49,424; A&A Mechanical plumbing \$34,771.42, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve \$160 GHS Blast advertisement, seconded by Serich, all in favor, m/c. Clerk Serich was contacted about the Kluck property, if it needed to stay as a commercial store front or could it be used as residential housing. The council stated that it does not have to stay a commercial store front.

Motion by Strand to approve Mayor Troop to sign the letter in support of the Iron Range Mayor's concerning mining that will be sent to Governor Walz, seconded by Serich, all in favor, m/c.

Motion by Strand to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

Mike Troop, Mayor