

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Hall Council Room
June 16, 2026
5:00 P.M.

Mayor Mike Troop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mike Troop called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Troop, Councilmembers Nick Porter & Barbara Banks. By Phone: Councilmember Steve Serich. Absent: Councilmember Dan Strand (he was cooking food for Day of Action. Also present: Clerk April Serich, Librarian Melanie Lefebvre, Public Works Street Maintenance Worker Rusty Richards.

Motion by Troop to approve the minutes of the regular May meeting, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Troop to approve the agenda, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried.

Guest: Jaime Mjolsnes, Habitat for Humanity, requesting two zoning permits for two new Habitat houses on 3rd Ave. They will be having a groundbreaking ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17th Day of Action. A motion by Porter to approve the zoning permits for two houses at 312 3rd Ave. with drawings, seconded by Banks, all in favor, m/c.

Comments/complaints: Brooke from 267 2nd Ave. discussed the vehicles and icehouse parked on city property, she is having one towed but they both need to be removed from city property and HRA said she can't have them parked on their property.

Zach Boorman said that he did not receive any notifications about renewing his rental license before the recent one that stated it was a second notice for 733 7th Ave. Clerk Serich will contact the building inspector to set up an inspection for this rental property. He gave his phone number and mailing address.

Department Reports:

Public Works Report: Rusty Richards reported that they got dirt for the baseball field. They cleaned up along the highway between Mud Lake and Cattail Rd. They are ready for Day of Action tomorrow. The curbs on Morgan St. were painted. Chemicals were put on the gutters and curbs on Morgan St. Discussed the blight and Ed Finke and Sean Miller have not done anything so they can be sent to the attorney for prosecution. Gary Scherf has moved the camper, a motorcycle with parts, all but one car from the back of his building and he is cleaning up the parking lot as well. Lee Ramsey Sr. TLK Restoration on 6th Ave. Clerk will check on date of zoning permit. The grass is really long and needs to be mowed. Fidely on 9th Ave. has long grass too. Discussed what to do when the city can no longer use the bunker (concrete divider for dirt and black top) at the Hill Annex Mine area, ask IRRR about it. The city dump truck is not DOT certified to drive on the highway. The frame is rusted out and at the end of the box. Rusty stated he could get an estimate from Northern Lights Truck

& Trailer for frame repair. There might be a charge for a service call. The council approved it. July 9, 2026, will be one year of employment for Rusty. He is waiting to get an appointment to take the tests for a Class B license. Discussed the need for Fusion Tech to get into the pump house to hook up the cameras that the city got with a MN Dept. of Health Grant. The council said to give Rusty's number to Fusion Tech to get the cameras going. Rusty will start work at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17th for Day of Action. The council said to keep mowing the Depot/Mine Park area for now.

Motion by Troop to approve the Treasurer's report Receipts \$56,719.00, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried. The Clerk's reports were not finished yet.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Shut Offs: 10 late notices were sent.

Update on The Calumet Square: The building is coming along but there are a few more things that need to be done before it can be used. Motion by Porter to approve putting in a cement Handicap ramp at the new entrance \$3,000, seconded by Serich, all in favor, m/c. Motion by Banks to approve \$1,500 for landscaping the flower garden along city hall, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried. Some of the flowers were dug up and saved and several people donated perennials. Barbara Banks got lots of paint donated as well.

The council does not want to pay for the engineers to come again for the roof.

Clerk Serich sent out the rental license renewal letters with the applications.

Motion by Porter to approve a zoning permit for Charles Nelson for a 10x8 deck and steps for his property at 642 6th Ave. seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Troop to increase the fee for the city mowing residents' grass if it gets too long and they won't mow it, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Troop to approve paying the Itasca County Historical Society \$1 per person = \$328 for the services they provide (State Demographer number), seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Porter to approve the city paying \$38 a month for a hot spot through First Net so Clerk Serich can work from home, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Porter to approve a zoning permit for Paul DeGuisseppi for a new home on 3rd Ave West of the two Habitat for Humanity houses after he brings plans with a map, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Mike Troop adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m. June 16, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Serich, Calumet City Clerk