

Public & Legal Notices

Clearbrook-Gonvick Bond Referendum

Absentee Voting Hours Begin on 9/19/25
Hours from 9/9/25 through 11/3/25 will be M-F 8am to 4pm with the following exceptions:
CLOSED:
Monday 9/22/25
Thursday 10/16/25
Friday 10/17/25
EXTENDED DAY:
Monday 11/3/25 8:00am until 7:00pm
ADDITIONAL VOTING DAYS:
Saturday 9/27/25 8:30am to 12:30pm
Saturday 11/1/25 8:30am to 12:30pm

LAST DAY FOR ABSENTEE VOTING IS
MONDAY 11/3/25

ELECTION DAY INFO:

Date: Tuesday 11/4/25

Location: Combined Polling Place

200 Elm Street Clearbrook, MN 56634

Election Day Voting Hours 10am to 8pm

To request an Absentee Ballot Application or
For additional information contact Paula Boomgaarden
218-776-3112 or pboomgaa@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Seeking Part-time Employee
in Leon Township

Leon Township, Clearwater County, is seeking to hire a part-time maintenance operator for 36 miles of gravel roads. Duties would included grading, snowplowing, and ditch mowing. Work hours would be variable and wages set according to prior experience.
If interested, please contact one of the Supervisors:
Mike Torgerson 218-280-9409
Brad Borene 218-689-9123
James Aakre 218-556-0591
Lori Larson Clerk

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF
CLEARWATER IN
NINTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE
Court File No.: 15-PR-25-314

Estate of Kim I. Olson,
Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL
APPOINTMNET
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Marc Olson, whose address is 528 4th St. NE, Bagley, Minnesota, 56621, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power

Minnesota gas price update

Average gasoline prices in Minnesota have fallen 8.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.03/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,856 stations in Minnesota. Prices in Minnesota are 8.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 0.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Minnesota was priced at \$2.64/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.87/g, a difference of \$1.23/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.12/g today. The national average is down 1.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 2.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. The national average price of diesel has decreased 2.6 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$3.658 per gallon.

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

- Fargo- \$2.75/g, unchanged from last week’s \$2.75/g.
- Twin Cities- \$3.08/g, down 11.6 cents per gallon from last week’s \$3.20/g.

“While gas prices fell in more states than they

to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: September 15, 2025.
Leah Leavitt
Registrar

Dated: September 15, 2025.
By: Kaitlyn Engelmeyer, Deputy
Carissa Scholz
Court Administrator

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Representative
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rose last week, the West Coast continues to face challenges, with Oregon and Washington seeing some of the largest increases due to regional infrastructure issues,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “The good news is that the transition to cheaper winter gasoline begins tomorrow across most of the nation, and with improvements underway in the West Coast market, I expect that average gas prices will continue to decline in the weeks ahead in most states—assuming hurricane season remains quiet.”

Senior
Transportation
Service

Clearwater County residents who are 60 & over. Rides are scheduled Monday-Friday. 24-hour notice required. Call 218-888-2320 to schedule.

**This project is made possible in part under the Federal Older Americans Act through an award from the Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging under an Area Plan approved by the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Veterans

Are welcome to join their peers at the D&R Café in Bagley on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. for coffee and a chat.

Wild Rice Watershed District
District Project and
Ditches Ownership

The Wild Rice Watershed District would like to remind residents that most of our projects and ditches remain under private landowner ownership. In most instances, the Wild Rice Watershed District does not own the property adjacent to the projects and ditches; rather it has purchased maintenance easements from property owners. This easement gives the District, its employees and consultants, the right to access the property for maintenance related issues. The Watershed easement along the project does not give authority to the general public to access the property for any reason.

Each year the Wild Rice Watershed District receives several calls regarding individuals entering private property along our projects and ditches. The Wild Rice Watershed District advises parties interested in accessing these areas to obtain permission from individual landowners along projects and ditches. Many of the counties within the District have a GIS Mapping link located on their website that can assist you with determining property owners.

If you have any further questions regarding this publication, please contact Tara at 218-784-5502.

To view past publications concerning Watershed topics, visit the *additional resources tab* of our website. www.wildricewatershed.org

Bagley City Council Minutes

BAGLEY CITY
COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
August 13, 2025

The Bagley City Council met in regular session on August 13, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Duane Lewis, Council members John Sutherland, Dennis Merschman, City Clerk Lyle Mathison, and Deputy Clerk Priscilla Johnson. Council members Chad Bonik and Aaron Kaiser were absent.

Also present: Adam Gunderson, Ryan Schipper, Dan Sauve, Justin Netland, Dany Ekre, Sure Ekre, Chris Arnold, Greg Leintz, Darin Steindl, and Larissa Donovan.

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Sutherland to amend the agenda, removing Gary Ubert from citizens addressing the board, seconded by Merschman, motion carried.

Motion was made by Merschman to approve the minutes from City Council meetings July 9 and 23 and special meeting August 5, 2025. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Motion was made by Merschman to approve the consent agenda which included checks written in July for the City and Liquor Store, approval to pay outstanding invoices for the City and Liquor Store, an agreement with the County for State Road Aid on SAP 015-600-013 Tad Pole Loop Northwest, Resolution #18-25 Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Bagley on behalf of its City Attorney, USDA draw request #16 Water Tower and Phase 5 project for \$512,332.72, Pay App #1 to TanksCo, Inc. \$113,192.50 for the Water Tower, Pay App #1 to Reierson Construction for Phase 5 \$323,395.22, MN PFA Disbursement #8 Phase 2/3 \$814,693.80, Pay App #8 with change order 4 to Reierson Construction for \$678,705.05, and Resolution #19-25 Acceptance of Donation. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

City receipts and budget reports were reviewed. City receipts for the month totaled \$288,505.99. Expenditures for the month totaled \$105,700.76. The profit and loss and monthly budget report for the liquor store also were reviewed. Merschman made a motion to approve the financials, seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Arnold presented the council with the profit & loss reports for the liquor store. Arnold noted that net income is higher at this time this year than it was the entire year of 2013 when the new building was moved into. A new employee was hired and ended up moving, interviewing two

new candidates this week. Discussion on where the payoff year is at for the balance due on the store. Repairs needed at the store are the mud on the outside walls. Arnold mentioned a plan to expand space towards the back alley to increase warehouse storage.

Fire Chief Netland informed the council they hired another fireman Jaxon Paulson. The county fair went well and there were some firefighters up there close to 30 hours. The open house for Fire Hall will be August 23rd at 10 am. A new mutual aid agreement was approved by City Attorney. Netland put in budget request this year to increase supplies and repairs and maintenance, requesting wage increase for firefighters. Netland requested approval for two furnaces at Fire Hall. Sutherland said if the money is in the budget go ahead and replace them.

Police Chief Gunderson presented the county with the monthly PD stats. There were 117 calls for service for the month of July. Mileage was down on one vehicle because the officer was at a conference. Gunderson presented the Council with a breakdown comparison for years 2022-2024 for calls per officer between the City of Bagley and the Clearwater County Sheriffs office. He is concerned if the county would be able to give the coverage that the City wants. Gunderson inquired with the council of what exactly were their thoughts on contracting with the county. Lewis pointed out it is still the early stages of discussion on the issue.

Lewis made a motion to have Merschman and himself on a committee to meet with the County to discuss contracting services for law enforcement. Seconded by Merschman, motion carried.

Gunderson requested to be a part of the committee or in on the talks and at this point as an employee Merschman felt he didn’t have to be at the initial talks. Gunderson is frustrated with how the process has been so far and Merschman said a lot of what is going on is just information gathering and the council has a right as an employer to gather all the information they can get.

Lewis asked Gunderson about recent public intoxication happening in town and what the City can do to help with the situation. Gunderson stated public intoxication is a misdemeanor so would be a ticket able offense.

During the discussion Ekre the animal control

officer brought up that in his opinion the County and City are both shorthanded. Leintz commented that the PD has done an exemplary job for the store and as retailers with shoplifting or whatever the case is, they are there and quickly and do a nice job and they value their service. Sutherland said speaking as an ex-cop so do we.

Park update: picnic tables that were built by shop class have been delivered to the park.

Mathison brought up an issue with the animal ordinance, an individual is over the limit of animals and none are registered and is requesting another extension. The council agreed to give the individual until Monday to get them registered and at that point animal control and law enforcement would step in.

Sutherland made a motion to approve the zoning variance for Adam Willey that was approved at the zoning board meeting. Seconded by Merschman, motion carried.

On new business Sutherland and Gunderson brought up various awards from the Office of Traffic Safety and MADD earned by an officer since 2022. Also listed off various trainings the officer was selected for and has been through since 2023. Gunderson pointed out he had had phlebotomy training and the City doesn’t have to pay for blood tests at the hospital from impaired drivers. Gunderson pointed out that replacing the two city officers with officers from the sheriff’s office would take two officers from one union and replacing them with a different union. There is no guarantee that the two officers the City has right now are going to be hired by the Sheriff’s office or want to be hired by the Sheriff’s office. Right now there are 121 agencies in the state looking for officers out of 407. Sutherland pointed out the fact that most of the officers DUI arrest for the awards mentioned were drug related not just alcohol related.

Being there was no further business to come before the board, motion to adjourn was made by Merschman, seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

ATTEST:
Duane Lewis,
Mayor
Lyle L. Mathison,
City Clerk
Priscilla Johnson,
Deputy City Clerk

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know...

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Bagley Senior
Center Menu

September 22 - 26

Monday: Sweet and sour chicken, white rice, fruit cup, pudding with topping

Tuesday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans and pineapple upside down cake

Wednesday: Meatballss, mashed potato with gravy, mixed veggies and ice cream

Thursday: Chicken and dumplings, carrots, fruit juice and chocolate cake

Friday: Cook’s choice

- Low fat milk, margarine and Bread included with meals.
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- Meals Served at 11:30 am

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Bagley School
Menu

Sept. 22 - 26

Monday: BHS - BBQ wings, Doritos & Coleslaw
BES - Pizza, fresh veggies and tropical fruit
Tuesday: Hamburger with veggie fixings, fries and apple crisp
Wednesday: Pancakes, sausage patty, fruit and veggie bar
Thursday: Taco in a bag with veggie fixings, refried beans and applesauce
Friday: Shrimp poppers, mac and cheese, fresh veggies and pears

Breakfast

Monday: Pancakes with fruit
Tuesday: Cereal and WG item with fruit
Wednesday: Muffin, yogurt and fruit
Thursday: Cereal and WG item with fruit
Friday: French toast sticks and fruit

Clearbrook-Gonvick
School Menu

Sept. 22 - 26

Monday: Chicken quesadilla with topping choices, fresh fruit, veggie choices and milk
SNACK: Baked chips
Tuesday: Build a burger on WG bun, tri tater, fresh fruit, veggie choices and milk
SNACK: Cheddar chex
Wednesday: Chicken Alfredo, steamed broccoli, garlic breadsticks (9-12) fresh fruit, veggie choices and milk
SNACK: Granola bar
Thursday: Pulled pork on WG bun, coleslaw, baked beans, fresh fruit, veggie choices and milk
SNACK: Scooby bites
Friday: Picture Day!!
Cheese pizza, green beans, fresh fruit, veggie choices and milk
SNACK: Pop tart

Breakfast

Monday: Ham & egg breakfast bar, syrup, fruit, juice and milk
Tuesday: Biscuit with gravy, fruit, juice and milk
Wednesday: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, juice and milk
Thursday: French toast sticks with syrup, sausage links, fruit, juice and milk
Friday: Breakfast roll, string cheese, fruit, juice and milk

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Van

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Public & Legal Notices

Board of Commissioners' August 19, 2025

The August 19th, 2025, meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 10:00 a.m. with Chairman Dukek presiding and Commissioners Larson, Titera, Emmel and Ramsrud present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda- Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Emmel and carried, to approve the agenda.

Minutes- Motion by Commissioner Ramsrud, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the August 12th, 2025, Board Minutes.

Maintenance - Motion by Commissioner Emmel, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to hire North Country Overhead Door to install 540 GLV Firestar shutter with fusible link in the Assessor's office. Cost for install is \$10,400.00 and will be paid from

Building & Grounds Fund. Potential extra cost for mis. Framing and fasteners will be extra and be billed according to time and materials.

Auditor - Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$100,456.97 from the County Revenue and \$12,984.94 from the Public Health Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve the 2025 Tobacco License for the following business: Bagley Petroleum Inc.

Animal Control - Dany Ekre discussed an issue about a homeowner that he was asking for some guidance/direction as to how to approach excessive animals on the property which has caused multiple issues with fleas and feels the need to proceed with demolishing the home.

Recess - The meeting recessed at 10:50

a.m. until 11:52 a.m. for budget reviews.

Reconvene - The meeting reconvened at 11:52 a.m.

Sheriff/Attorney/Chief of Police – There was a discussion regarding combining the City of Bagley with the County to provide law enforcement coverage during the evening hours starting with a possible 2year contact. The Commissioner's tabled the discussion until further notice and no action was taken at this time.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Dated: September 9th, 2025.

Lori Lewis,
Board Coordinator
Stuart Dukek,
Chairman

BAGLEY CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS August 27, 2025

The Bagley City Council met in regular session on August 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Mayor Duane Lewis, Council members John Sutherland, Dennis Merschman, Chad Bonik and Aaron Kaiser, City Clerk Lyle Mathison, and Deputy Clerk Priscilla Johnson.

Also present: Bill Masterson, Adam Gunderson, Chris Arnold, Ryan Schipper, Allie Dalrymple, and Christina Petsoulis via Zoom. Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Lewis asked for a motion to amend the agenda

adding: Evaluation of the performance of a City of Bagley Employee pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(a). Merschman made the motion, seconded by Bonik.

Kaiser made a motion to close the meeting at 5:35 pm

for a performance evaluation of a city employee, seconded by Merschman meeting was closed.

Bonik made a motion to open the regular meeting again at 6:12 pm seconded by Merschman, meeting was reopened.

Motion was made by Merschman to draft a coaching and directive letter for Gunderson, seconded by Kaiser, motion carried.

Merschman approved the consent agenda which included a request by Daroo's Pizza to grant a full liquor license for the business. Seconded by Sutherland, motion carried.

Mathison presented the council with the payoff schedules requested for the liquor store. Discussion was made about making extra

payments. There also was a discussion on possibly putting on an addition to the liquor store to increase storage space and have a walk in beer cave. The council requested a proposal with the benefits and costs of

the options discussed.

Mathison presented the preliminary budget to the council. Included this year that is different is Paid Leave that is going to be starting in 2026. Discussion was had on what it is and the options the City has as to the percentage of what needs to be paid. Budgets were discussed for 2026.

Discussion on the new park attendant building and bathhouse for the park and funding options the City has and what would be the best course of action, for now it is left out of the 2026 budget.

Being there was no further business to come before the board, motion to adjourn was made by Merschman, seconded by Kaiser, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Duane Lewis,
Mayor

Lyle L. Mathison,
City Clerk Treasurer
Priscilla Johnson,
Deputy City Clerk

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★ Shop Items

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★ Produce Supplies

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Shevlin Total: 10
09/07/25 18:50:56 Welfare Check
09/09/25 09:26:30 Animal Related
09/11/25 07:11:05 Traffic Stop
09/11/25 21:24:07 Motorist Assist
09/11/25 21:36:14 Traffic Stop
09/12/25 14:21:09 Traffic Complaint
09/12/25 22:57:28 Harassment
09/13/25 17:37:21 Traffic Complaint
09/13/25 22:14:11 Traffic

Stop
09/13/25 22:25:55 Traffic Stop
Sinclair Total: 4
09/08/25 15:56:35 Animal Related
09/08/25 20:22:19 Disturbance
09/10/25 12:21:16 Information Only
09/12/25 19:03:30 Extra Patrol
Winsor Total: 1
09/10/25 05:58:10 Motor Vehicle Crash

Total Records: 108

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Clearwater County District Court Calendar

Wade, Shawn Lee	09/17/2025 9:00 AM	Pre-trial	Defendant	15-CR-25-326
Wadena, Kristin Gayle	09/17/2025 9:00 AM	Initial Appearance - Rule 8	Defendant	15-CR-25-400
Wolfgang, Phillip Lawrence	09/19/2025 8:00 AM	Hearing	Defendant	15-CR-25-115
Wolfgang, Phillip Lawrence	09/19/2025 8:00 AM	Hearing	Defendant	04-CR-19-1472
Wolfgang, Phillip Lawrence	09/19/2025 8:00 AM	Hearing	Defendant	04-CR-20-1148
Woods, Beau Michael	09/17/2025 10:00 AM	Plea Hearing	Defendant	15-CR-25-203

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