

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LEXINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2025– 7:00 P.M.  
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. CALL TO ORDER:** – Mayor Murphy

A. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Benson, Mahr and Hunt

*Mayor Murphy called to order the Regular Council meeting for August 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Benson, Devries, Hunt, and Mahr. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Steve Winter, City Engineer; Mike Mohler, Fire Chief; Keith Dahl, Ehlers & Associates; Derrick Lynd, Ramsey; Scott Rand, Lexington, Mn; Rosanne Flowers, Lexington, MN.; Quad Press.*

**3. CITIZENS FORUM**

*Derrick Lynd  
Ramsey, Mn.*

*Mr. Lynd handed out a pamphlet titled "Save Lexington Autonomy." Mr. Lynd stated the County passed a Resolution allowing them to be in control of the polling pads. Mr. Lynd added that a city in Minnesota has control of the use of poll pads in their jurisdiction according to their interpretation of the State Statute regulating polling pads.*

*Councilmember Mahr asked what he was asking of the Lexington City Council. Mr. Lynd is recommending Lexington take back power over their elections. Discussion ensued.*

*Scott Rand  
Naples Street  
Lexington, MN*

*Mr. Rand addressed the Council about the truck traffic on Naples Ave. He stated he assembled a petition of citizens to be addressed to the City of Blaine, Anoka County, and the City of Lexington. He discussed Allied Waste Management and their truck traffic and how they use Naples Street to take waste to the dump. Discussion ensued.*

*Mayor Murphy stated he is following up with Commissioner Reinert on these issues.*

***Rosanne Flower  
Jackson Ave.  
Lexington, Mn***

***Ms. Flowers asked about the water issues Lexington is having. She discussed her structured water filtering process. Discussion ensued.***

#### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS**

***Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten.  
Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

#### **5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports 8-1 through 8-12, 2025
- B. City Report – July 2025
- C. North Metro TV – July 2025
- D. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes – August 12, 2025

***No discussion on Letters and Communications.***

#### **2. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:  
Council Meeting – August 7, 2025
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:  
Check #'s 53170 through 53223  
Check #'s 15812 through 15830
- C. Financial Reports
  - Cash Balances
  - Fund Summary – Budget to Actual

***Councilmember Mahr made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

#### **3. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendation to approve Business License Renewals

***Councilmember Mahr made a motion to approve Business License Renewals.  
Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

- B. Recommendation to approve Special Event Permit – Lexington Fall Festival –  
September 19 and 20, 2025

***Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve Special Event Permit – Lexington Fall Festival – September 19 and 20, 2025. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

- C. Recommendation to approve Centennial Lakes Police Department 2026 Budget

***Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Centennial Lakes Police Department 2026 Budget. Mayor Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

- D. Recommendation to hire Andrew Gregor to Lexington Fire Department as Firefighter 2 and EMT at \$17.25/hour

***Councilmember Mahr made a motion to hire Andrew Gregor to Lexington Fire Department as Firefighter 2 and EMT at \$17.25/hour. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

- E. Recommendation to promote Captain John Jackson to Assistant Fire Chief at a base salary of \$10,000.00 per year

***Councilmember Benson made a motion to promote Captain John Jackson to Assistant Fire Chief at a base salary of \$10,000.00 per year. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

#### **4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT**

***Councilmember Devries commended public works for the use of their new pot hole machine to repair roads in Lexington.***

#### **5. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT**

***Petracek stated he will be on vacation the following week.***

#### **6. CLOSED SESSION**

***Mayor Murphy explained the need to go into closed session.***

***Councilmember Devries made a motion to go into closed session at 7:25 PM pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss the pending litigation versus the City of Blaine regarding the interconnected water and sewer systems. Councilmember Mahr seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

- This portion of the meeting is closed pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss the pending litigation versus the City of Blaine regarding the interconnected water and sewer systems.

A. Utility Rate Study

*Councilmember Benson made a motion to reconvene into open session at 8:41 p.m.  
Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

*Councilmember Mahr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.  
Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*