



AGENDA
SPECIAL BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

5:00 p.m.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3) ROLL CALL**
- 4) PROPOSED AGENDA**
- 5) BUSINESS - Official City and Council Member Committee Appointments**
- 6) ADJOURN**

Disclaimer: This agenda has been prepared to provide information regarding an upcoming special meeting of the Big Lake City Council. This document does not claim to be complete and is subject to change.



AGENDA ITEM

Big Lake City Council Special Mtg.

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| Prepared By: <i>Hanna Klimmek, City Administrator</i> | Meeting Date: <i>1/12/2026</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Agenda Item <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda Item | Item No. 5 |
| Item Description: <i>Official City and Council Member Committee Appointments</i> | | Reviewed By: <i>Paul Knier, Mayor</i> | |
| | | Reviewed By: <i>Gina Wolbeck, City Clerk</i> | |

ACTION REQUESTED

Motion to approve a RESOLUTION adopting the Official City and Council Member Committee Appointments.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On January 12, 2026, the Big Lake Economic Development Authority (BLEDA) will be holding a public hearing and considering adoption of a Resolution for Establishment of an Economic Development District. These are required for the issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A, which will fund the future Public Safety Facility project.

City Attorney Soren Mattick, and Bond Counsel Mary Ippel have advised BLEDA appointments should be in place before the public hearing is held at the January 12, 2026 BLEDA meeting. Mayor Knier has called for a special Council meeting at 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2026 to consider approval of a Resolution approving the Official City and Council Member Appointments. This special meeting was duly noticed, and is considered the City’s 2026 Annual Meeting and all required approvals are included in the appointment Resolution.

It should be noted that regardless of the Council Meeting schedule changing in 2026, we would still have been required to hold a special meeting due to the timing of the BLEDA and Council meeting dates. If the meeting schedule were left unchanged, the first meeting of the year would have been on January 14, which falls after the first BLEDA meeting of the year.

The attached Resolution identifies proposed City and Council member committee appointments for 2026. All appointments mirror last year’s appointments, with the addition of the new Street Committee that was discussed at the December workshop. Mayor Knier is recommending appointment of the Finance Committee Members to serve on the new Street Committee (Geroux/Knier).

The Council Member Committee assignments listed in the resolution include:

- Paul Knier, Mayor
 - Architectural Review Committee (BLIPE JPA)
 - Big Lake Economic Development Authority Representative
 - Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Representative - Alternate
 - Finance/Public Building Planning Committee
 - Fire Board Representative
 - Senior Citizen Group Representative
 - Street Committee (NEW COMMITTEE)

- Ken Geroux
Big Lake Economic Development Authority Representative
Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Representative
Finance/Public Building Planning Committee
Personnel/Labor Management Committee
Street Committee (NEW COMMITTEE)
- Ken Halverson
Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon
Committee Interview Panel - Alternate
Community Education Advisory Council
Road Maintenance Committee (BLIPE JPA)
- Kim Noding, Council Member
Big Lake Community Lakes Association
Committee Interview Panel
Fire Board Representative
Parks Advisory Committee Representative
- Paul Seefeld, Council Member
Acting Mayor
Committee Interview Panel
Personnel/Labor Management Committee
Planning Commission Representative

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Motion to approve the Appointment Resolution as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

- Appointment Resolution

**CITY OF BIG LAKE
MINNESOTA**

A special meeting of the Big Lake City Council, Big Lake, Minnesota was called to order by Mayor Paul Knier at 5:00 p.m. at Big Lake City Hall, Big Lake, Minnesota, on Monday January 12, 2026. The following City Council Members were present:

. A motion to adopt the following resolution was made by Council Member _____ and seconded by Council Member _____.

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING OFFICIAL CITY APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, the following appointments were reviewed by all Council Members:

1. Paul Knier, Mayor
 Architectural Review Committee (BLIPE JPA)
 Big Lake Economic Development Authority Representative
 Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Representative - Alternate
 Finance/Public Building Planning Committee
 Fire Board Representative
 Senior Citizen Group Representative
 Street Committee

2. Ken Geroux
 Big Lake Economic Development Authority Representative
 Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Representative
 Finance/Public Building Planning Committee
 Personnel/Labor Management Committee
 Street Committee

3. Ken Halverson
 Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon
 Committee Interview Panel - Alternate
 Community Education Advisory Council
 Road Maintenance Committee (BLIPE JPA)

4. Kim Noding, Council Member
Big Lake Community Lakes Association
Committee Interview Panel
Fire Board Representative
Parks Advisory Committee Representative
5. Paul Seefeld, Council Member
Acting Mayor
Committee Interview Panel
Personnel/Labor Management Committee
Planning Commission Representative
6. Big Lake Fire Relief Association
Mayor
7. Tax Assessor
Sherburne County
8. City Attorney
Campbell Knutson – Soren Mattick
9. Financial Consultant
Northland Securities
Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP
10. Prosecuting Attorney
Sherburne County
11. Official Newspaper
Patriot Newspaper
12. Official Depository
4M Fund/US Bank
13. Secondary Depository
Moreton Capital Markets LLC, Old National Bank, Oppenheimer & Co., Inc. and
RBC Dain Rauscher
14. Big Lake Economic Development Authority

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| Paul Knier <small>(Council Rep)</small> | Ken Geroux <small>(Council Rep)</small> |
| Alan Heidemann | Kathryn Parsons |
| Kristopher Knodle | Marie Popp, CDD <small>(Executive Director)</small> |
| Jake Rohrbeck | Deb Wegeleben <small>(Ass't Treasurer)</small> |
| Donna Clarksean | Lisa Miller <small>(Secretary)</small> |

15. Planning Commission

Paul Seefeld (Council Rep)
Alan Heidemann
Lisa Odens
Mason Busch

Tony Velishek
Jake Geroux
Bryce Tradewell

16. Parks Advisory Committee Members

Kim Noding (Council Rep)
Scott Creighton
Jeff Webster
Megan Weber

Doug Peterson
Lisa Odens (Planning Comm. Rep)
Kameron Hanson

17. Administration/Staff

City Administrator – Hanna Klimmek
Dock Administrator – City Administrator or Designee
Weed Inspector – City Administrator or Designee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Big Lake, Minnesota, that the above appointments are approved, and will remain in effect until a change is approved by the Big Lake City Council.

Adopted by the Big Lake City Council this 12th day of January, 2026.

Paul Knier, Mayor

Attest:

Gina Wolbeck, City Clerk

The following Council Members voted in favor:

The following Council Members voted against or abstained:

Whereupon the motion was duly passed and executed.

DRAFTED BY:
City of Big Lake
160 Lake Street North
Big Lake, MN 55309

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)SS.
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 12th day of January, 2026 by Paul Knier and Gina Wolbeck, the Mayor and City Clerk respectively of the City of Big Lake, a Minnesota municipal corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Notary Public