

December 10, 2024

The Remer City Council held their regular meeting December 10, 2024, 5:30 P.M. at the Remer City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mark Gravelle, Diane Ammerman, Brandon Nelson and Katelyn Edstrom. Absent Dave Anderson.

Pledge of Allegiance

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Mayor Gravelle called regular meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

REPORTS

Maintenance Department, Tyler Seifert Supervisor

Waste Management discussed current exclusive contract with American Disposal, rates, additional fees, fuel costs, overage fees, charges based on enterprise-wide basis is based on local rates. Waste Management donates dumpsters to community events, no delivery fee with exclusive communities. Will get a rate on exclusive and non-exclusive community for both residents and commercial.

Pollution Control audit went well, decals are on plow truck, busy with snow plowing and ice removal, new plow truck is working good for snow clean up. Ambulance department needs to run new Canam weekly.

Remer Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Kristian Myers

RVFD 12/10/2024 Council Meeting

Three calls in November...

11/12 False alarm at Mill

11/17 Boiler fire in Swatara

11/25 Auto accident on State 6 S

12/4 Business meeting: Met at Deer Haven for facility tour and dinner.

Elections held at 12/4 meeting.

2025 slate of officers:

Chief: Myers
Ass't Chief: Parent
Secretary: Smith
Safety officer: Frank
Captains: Stefan, Carlson, Smith, Kendall

2025 Schools: Detroit Lakes: February 15-16

Moorhead: March 29-30

Extrication tools: We've taken delivery and put into service the mini-cutter we ordered. The larger extrication tools are being refurbished and the airbags are still on order. We should have everything by the end of the year.

New Truck: Custom Fire rep is bringing a demo model to our training on 12/18. This unit is similar to what we are looking to purchase. It will be offered to us for sale although some of the major components are not what we are interested in. I have a written estimate on the chassis of \$136K. Full truck build is estimated to be in the mid \$700k range.

DNR grant: still waiting for DNR to be funded and then for funds to be dispersed.

Cuyuna Range Fire Chiefs Association: Need acceptance of revised/updated Cuyuna Range Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement. Mayor and clerk need to sign.

Budget: 2025 preliminary budget and letters mailed to townships and County. I haven't had any response from townships.

Training: 12/18/2024. Cold water rescue and tour demo engine.

January business meeting: rescheduled to January 8th due to New Year's.

Cuyuna Range Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement, Chief Myers will review and bring to January meeting for approval.

Woodland Insurance- Agent Kristian Myers dividend check should be her next week. Will be working on property/casualty renewal application in February.

Edstrom-Ammerman: Approved City of Remer 2025 fire contract for \$ 8,465.12.
All Approved.

Remer Volunteer Ambulance Department, Chief Diane Ammerman

Billing changes with Elite reporting

Hardship variance approved

2200 volunteer hours currently

Will be replacing headlights in both rigs approximately \$350.00 per rig, Outing chamber is donating to pay for the lights.

After February 1, 2025, department will be charged \$2.00 less per run sheet due to recent changes with Elite reporting.

Dutch Ammerman new member

Potluck had a good turnout

Remer Area Chamber of Commerce, President Jon Karner

Friday December 13th is the Christmas crawl 5-8 PM. There is a contest for business to light up Main Street.

Trees are up in the city park

Jon presented Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit, for bingo and raffle. Chamber is partnering with the Eagle Country Snowmobile club on the raffle tickets will be \$20.00 each.

Nelson-Edstrom: Approved Remer Area Chamber of Commerce LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for bingo and raffle, drawing 11/23/2025. All Approved.

Northland Lions, Jon Karner

Will use the two city fire rings during Christmas crawl, maintenance can drop off by the Woodsman café, salt streets and crosswalks, there will be a farmers market in the front lobby of the First National Bank.

ISD 118

Elementary Christmas program December 19

Community Ed Christmas with Santa December 12 5-7 PM

Council

SRTS meeting Friday at 2:30, will review list of initial questions for grant application with Kevin Behrens, Transportation Planner Region 5.

Working with Angela Olson Bollig Engineering on bat wing mower grant for the airport.

Council reviewed 2025 Summary Budget, water rates & 2025 Fee Schedule.

Ammerman-Edstrom: Approved water rate increase quarterly base rate \$126.24 to \$138.86 for 2025. All Approved.

Discussed SimpleTexting for notifications.

Fire Chief Kristian Myers presented Cuyuna Range Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement for council approval.

Nelson-Ammerman: Approved Cuyuna Range Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement. All Approved.

Edstrom-Ammerman: Approved

1. November 4 & 13, 2024, Minutes
2. Financials- November Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balance (Schedule 1), Receipts Register and Disbursements Register.
3. Claims- 11/1-11/46/24 & 36581-36679 Total \$ 167,600.60
4. Permits-None
5. Regular meeting- Tuesday January 14, 2024- 5:30 PM @ City Hall
Working session- Monday January 6, 2024- 5:30 PM @ City Hall

Remer Municipal Liquor-
Off Sale

Mayor Gravelle and Councilmember Anderson interviewed Gaylon for part time clerk job, will start December 13th weekend.

On Sale

Sale are up for November, pull tabs have been good, need a small cordless snowblower.

Nelson-Ammerman: Approved adjourning regular meeting at 7:10 PM. All Approved.

Mark Gravelle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Blundell, Clerk

