

**CITY OF STARBUCK
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 27, 2024, at 12:00pm**

MINUTES – *Approved 1/13/2025*

Mayor:	Gary Swenson	City Clerk:	Joan Kerkvliet
Councilors:	Steve Gorder	Police Chief:	Mitch Johnsrud
	Chris Taffe		
	Mary Baukol		
	Dane Christensen		

1. Call the Meeting to Order:

Please stand for the **Pledge of Allegiance**

- Roll Call - Meeting was called to order by Mayor Swenson at 12:04 pm. Swenson, Taffe, Christensen, and Baukol Present. Absent - Gorder

2. Consent Agenda:

a. Approve Agenda

Motion by Taffe; second by Christensen to approve agenda as presented. **Motion carried (3-0)**

3. New Business:

a. Approve Year End Payments for 2024.

Motion by Taffe; second by Christensen to approve year end disbursements for 2024 as presented. **Motion carried (3-0).**

b. Blight Discussion-Including Snow Removal.

Mayor Swenson informed the council he had received some complaints about snow not being cleared from sidewalks in the business district in a timely manner. He asked Police Chief Johnsrud to please watch for that. Chief Johnsrud stated that per the city ordinance property owners have 24 hours after a snowfall ends to get their sidewalks clear.

c. Update from the Mayor on Potential Building Project behind WIN Academy and the HRA Development Project.

Mayor Swenson told the council the school is still trying to work something out With Verizon on the placement of their cell tower. There are no other updates at this time.

d. Discuss Request from Little Sauk American Legion Post #417 to Allow Lawful Gambling at The Tavern.

Motion by Christensen; second by Taffe to approve the request from Oscar Jacobson American Legion Post #417 – Little Sauk to approve the LG214 Premises Permit Application to hold lawful gambling at The Tavern LLC, 101 W. 5th St. Starbuck, MN, on Friday’s twice a month. **Motion carried (3-0).**

Meeting closed at 12:13pm to discuss the AFSCME contract
Meeting reopened at 12:20pm.

5. Closed Meeting:

- a. Possible Closed Meeting to discuss AFSCME Contract

Motion by Swenson; second by Taffe to deny a request by AFSCME employees to accrue vacation consistent with the higher rate approved for the LELS employees. **Motion carried (4-0).**

6. **Adjourn: Motion by Christensen** to adjourn the meeting at 12:24pm.

Submitted by,
Joan Kerkvliet
City Clerk/Treasurer