



Blue Lake City Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Regular Council Meeting
Skinner Store Building ~ 111 Greenwood Rd., Blue Lake ~ Behind City Hall



1 **1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor John Sawatzky called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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3 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM OF THE COUNCIL**

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5 **COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor John Sawatzky, Mayor Pro Tem Elise Scafani,
6 Council Member Kat Napier, Council Member Terri Bayles, Council Member Michelle Lewis-
7 Lusso

8 **COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** None

9 **STAFF PRESENT:** Interim City Manager Jill Duffy, City Attorney Ryan Plotz, Emily Wood
10 Park and Recreation Director, and Videographer Justin Goad.

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12 **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve by Councilmember Lewis-Lusso,
13 Second by Scafani. Voice vote: Unanimous approval.

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15 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

16 **Erin McClure** – addressed water tank property

17 **Adelene Jones** – notes that the minutes are missing for the Comfort Variance
18 (item heard November 19th, continued to December 23rd)

19 **Julie Christie**-Missing videos of meeting, understands the gaps in missing
20 minutes that are being generated post-prior City Manager, addressed water tank
21 property issue.

22 **Kevin Fisher**- Informed Council that the newly formed “Blue Lake Bicycle
23 Coalition” would like to form an ad hoc committee for the bike park.

24 **Angela Dare** – appreciates the interim City Manager, requests no rude behavior
25 at the meetings.

26 _____-representative from the Arts & Heritage Commission. Looking for
27 ways to recruit more commissioners, set up ad hoc committees and possibly
28 surveys/newsletters to develop more input on proposed activities. Referred to fire
29 hydrant painting projects. Soft recommendations for land use acknowledgement
30 and AI use of illustration use using AI generated graphics to be disclosed.

31 **Beckie Raygoza Thornton**-submitted feedback about the skating rink condition
32 to the interim City Manager via email.

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34 **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

35 a. Approval of Action Minutes for Special Meeting Held November 19, 2025

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37 **Motion** by Council Member Lewis-Lusso to approve item 5.a with corrections, **Second**
38 by Council Member Scafani.

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40 Voice Vote: Unanimous approval.

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6. Receive Revised Draft Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget; Provide Direction as Appropriate

Received video presentation outlining the Fiscal Year Revised 2025-2026 Budget, discussed.

Budget Ad Hoc Committee members Bayles and Napier presented their supplementary recommendations to the Council, discussed items on the Adhoc recommendation handout with Council and staff.

Motion by Council Member Lewis-Lusso to incorporate the necessary revisions to develop a balanced budget for FY 2025-26 and incorporate recommendations for non-critical tasks for recommendation, Second by Council Member Scafani

**Voice Vote: Ayes – Bayles, Lewis-Lusso, Sawatzky, Scafani
Noes- Napier**

Motion Passes: 4:1 No abstentions

7. Council Correspondence

8. Reports of Council and Staff

- a. Ad hoc Committee Reports
- b. Commission Updates
- c. City Manager Report

9. Adjourn at 10:00 PM

Jill K Duffy
Acting City Clerk, City of Blue Lake