

May 4, 2026
COUNCIL MEETING

The Westbrook City Council met on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Room.

Members present: Mayor Rocky Kolar, Manda Jorgenson, Randy Swan, Brian Cassens and Kelly Brown.
Others present: David Grev and Nathan Wildermuth with Cottonwood County Assessor's office, Dan Joel, Peggy Klasse, Van Schenk.

Board of Review:

Total Market values are listed as presented: Agriculture \$1,811,100, Residential \$32,361,000 w/ new construction \$129,100, Commercial/Industrial \$5,352,800 w/ new construction \$0.00, Apartments \$2,017,100, and Personal Property \$14,500. Total Market Values \$41,556,500 with \$129,100 new construction.

Westbrook had 13 (qualified) good house sales in the look back period. Ratios were at 91.7% which left the values the same. We look at the Market Value to Selling Price which determines a ratio for market value increases. According to the Sales in Westbrook we would need to be at 95%. No Change. Commercial property is looked at county wide with Sales between relatives and sales of church parsonages are thrown out of the equation set by Minnesota Revenue.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Brown to accept the Market Values listed. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Brown to adjourn the Board of Review meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Council Meeting:

Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Swan to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2026 council meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Police report was presented. Officer Martinez presented a quote for squad maintenance and body/dash cameras from Axon. Council reviewed both estimates from Axon and discussed options. It was decided that Kolar would contact Jonah with Axon and ask some questions that council had. A request for a new estimate may be warranted.

Open Forum – Van Schenck addressed the council regarding e-bikes and scooters. Schenck stated that they have become more active on scooters and there have been several close calls because they are so little you don't see them. It is hard to see them around corners and he has witnessed them shooting through stop signs. Nobody wants to see kids getting hit but he is afraid that it is not if, it is when. Schenck asked if there is anything that the police department can do with safety with these kids. Council will discuss with police department to see if there is something they can do, however the scooters and bikes are likely treated like kids on a bicycle.

Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Brown to approve Resolution 9-2026 Administration of Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. All voted in favor. Motion carried. 4 yay 0 nay

Motion by Brown and seconded by Swan to approve Resolution 10-2026 Accepting Donations – All to Community Center for furnace/AC. All voted in favor. Motion carried. 4 yay 0 nay

Steen presented Lifeguard wages. Council would like Steen to check around to area swimming pools to see where we sit regarding the average hourly wage in the area. Kolar mentioned that he has been in contact with a company that we could get to take debit cards at the pool. Council reviews the price estimate. Motion by Brown and seconded by Swan to proceed with the service. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Swan to approve the Exempt Permit for WAV Bingo. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Cassens to approve the building permits submitted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Cassens to approve the UTV/Golf Cart Permits submitted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Kolar presented concrete estimates to council. Concrete repair at the community center \$1,500.00, bench pad at the park \$325.00. Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Brown to approve the bids. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Brown and seconded by Cassens to approve bills in the amount of \$76,314.93. Check #60155-60204. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Swan to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.