



**Meeting of the City Council
Held at the Elk River City Hall
Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

- Members Present: Mayor John Dietz, Councilmember Cory Grupa, Councilmember J. Brian Calva, Councilmember Mike Beyer, Councilmember Jennifer Wagner
- Members Absent: None
- Staff Present: City Administrator Cal Portner, Human Resources Manager Lauren Wipper, Business Services Director/Assistant City Administrator Joe Stremcha, and Deputy Clerk Jolene Richter
- Others Present: League of Minnesota Cities Julie Fleming-Wolfe, League of Minnesota Cities Trust Joe Neubauer and Madison Mehlberg

1. CLOSED MEETING - ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

1.1 Statement to be read by the Mayor:

The City Council will be holding a closed meeting per Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), for a confidential attorney-client privileged discussion regarding the potential settlement of a Minnesota Department of Human Rights charge regarding a former employee of the City of Elk River.

1.2 Motion Calling Closed Meeting

Mayor Dietz called the closed meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Wagner and seconded by Councilmember Grupa to open the closed meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

1.3 Hold Closed Meeting

2. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Councilmember Calva and seconded by Councilmember Beyer to adjourn the closed meeting of City Council. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jolene Richter.



John J. Dietz, Mayor



Jolene Richter, Deputy City Clerk