

CITY OF CHATFIELD PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

City Council Chambers - 21 SE Second Street, Chatfield, MN 55923

August 24, 2026, 4:30 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that some members may be participating in the meeting by interactive technology.

A. Minutes

1. [July 27, 2026 Public Services Meeting Minutes](#)
Review minutes from the previous meeting.

B. Committee Member Input



PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 24, 2026

Agenda Item: July 27, 2026 Public Services Meeting Minutes

Subject | Summary:

Agenda Category:

Submitted By: Michele Peterson

Recommended Motion: Review minutes from the previous meeting.

Community Engagement and Outreach:

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount:

Ongoing Cost :

One-Time Cost :

Included in Current Budget?:

FISCAL DETAILS:

Fund Name(s) (Operations | Capital):

Account Code:

Background:

Attachments:

[2026.07.27 Public Services Notes.pdf](#)

Public Services Committee**July 27, 2026**

The Public Services Committee met on Monday, July 27, 2026.

Members Present: Councilors Pam Bluhm and Dave Frank

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Scott Keigley and Beth Carlson

A. Minutes

1. **Notes from April 27, 2026**, were reviewed, no amendments were suggested.

B. Continued Business

1. **Camp Companion – Presenting Open Agreement for a TNR program (Trap/Neuter/Release for the Stray Cats):** Members confirmed there is indeed a significant cat problem in town, particularly in areas like the trailer park, James Street, the 800 block of Fillmore Street, as well as other areas in town. Cats have been observed going into sewers and it was noted that there are feeding issues where residents put out cat food nightly, attracting more cats and causing neighbor complaints. The discussion turned to Camp Companion, an organization that provides trap-neuter-return services. Specific cost details: \$68 per cat, with Camp Companion splitting the expense with the community, resulting in approximately \$34 per cat for the city. The service includes altering, vaccinating, and microchipping each cat. There are an estimated 100 cats in town based on a previous Camp Companion representative's assessment, which would cost approximately \$3,500 in total. Members expressed concerns about verification and suggested implementing a cap on spending, potentially around \$1,500 for 20 cats, with funding coming from various sources, including a Christmas tree fund with \$2,000 available and \$1,000 in donations.

C. New Business

1. **Police Department – Staffing, Wellness Program, and Administrative Citations:** Chief Keigley discussed three main topics: staffing changes from part-time to full-time positions (tabled due to zero applicants), a wellness program requiring annual psychiatric evaluations for officers at \$100-120 per officer annually, and administrative citations for minor traffic violations. The administrative citation system would allow officers discretionary authority for violations under 10 mph over the speed limit and stop sign violations, with a minimum \$60 fee that doesn't affect insurance unless unpaid. Revenue would be split equally between the clerk, state, city, and police department at \$20 each.