July 6, 2026, Mayville City Council

The Mayville City Council met for their organizational meeting on July 6, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the council chambers with the newly appointed Mayor John Mewes. The following Aldermen responding to call of the roll: O'Brien, Soholt, Moen, Garrett, Halvorson. Absent: Petersen. Also in attendance: Gail Olstad, Julie Christianson, Cassie Tostenson. Also attending: Cole Short, Rich Hart and Brandon Smith with Moore Engineering.

Halvorson made a motion to accept the election results as certified by the Traill County Auditor. Moen seconded the motion supporting it, motion carried.

Mayor Mayville (Vote for One):	
John Mewes	145
Write-In – Scattered	51
Council Member Mayville at Large (Vote for 3):	
Aaron Soholt	304
Charlie Moen	285
Ray Petersen	273
Write-In – Scattered	19
Municipal Judge Mayville (Vote for One):	
Thomas R. Moe	323
Council Member (Unexpired 2 Term)	
Wendy Garrett	332
Write-In – Scattered	3
Scattering	1
Mayville Park Board (Vote for Three)	
Erik Kornkven	267
Mary Whitaker	197
Jacob Egeland	139
Write-In – Scattered	3
Mayville Park Board (Unexpired 2-year Term)	
Samantha Berry	330
Write-In – Scattered	1

Council President welcomed and seated New Mayor, John Mewes.

Council President thanked the Preceding Mayor Karl Jorgenson for his years of service to the Mayville City Council.

Mayor Mewes welcomed back the Re-elected Officials: Aaron Soholt, Charlie Moen, Wendy Garrett and Ray Petersen. All oaths are on file for members. Working through the paperwork with the new Mayor

Council elected a President and Vice President: Moen made the motion to appoint **Larry O'Brien** as President of council. Soholt seconded that motion, motion carried.

Council elected a Vice President: Soholt made the motion to appoint **Charlie Moen** as Vice-President of council. Halvorson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ratify Mayor's committee assignments or recommend changes after discussion:

O'Brien made a motion to open up the 2 committees and to have Charlie Moen and Brian Halvorson switch committees. Garrett seconded the motion supporting it, motion carried.

Moen made the motion to accept the following committees as listed below. O'Brien seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Physical Plant Committee:	**Aaron Soholt**, Chairman Wendy Garrett Charlie Moen
Administrative Committee:	**Larry O'Brien**, Chairman Ray Petersen Brian Halvorson

Soholt made a motion to have both committees meet together right before Council. The committee meeting will start at 4:00pm day of Council. O'Brien seconded the motion, motion carried.

Halvorson made a motion to accept the following appointments:

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Position	Member	
Airport	Larry O'Brien	
Armory	Gail Olstad	
	Ray Petersen	
Assessor	Gail Olstad	
Cemetery	Wendy Garrett-Mehus	
Citizen/Board largest pop	Charlie Moen	
Emergency Planning	Charlie Moen	
Engineers	Gail Olstad	
Fire Department	Aaron Soholt	
Flood Plain	Gail Olstad	
Golf Course	Aaron Soholt	
Head of Admin	Larry O'Brien	
Head of Physical Plant	Aaron Soholt	
Hospital/LMH	Ray Petersen	
JP	Larry O'Brien	Does not have to be Council Member, cannot be Mayor
	Gail Olstad	
Judge	Gail Olstad	
LARC		
Library	Charlie Moen	
MPEDC	Brian Halvorson	
MSU/College/CAC	Aaron Soholt	
P&Z	Brian Halvorson	
Parkboard	Wendy Garrett-Mehus	
Riverwood Build	Ray Petersen	
RRVWSP/LAWA(board member)	Aaron Soholt	Does not have to be Council Member/Mayor
RZA	Larry O'Brien	
Sheriff	Gail Olstad	
Special Assessment	Brian Halvorson	
Traill County Redistricting	Charlie Moen	

Committees	
Exec	John, Auditor Office
Admin	Larry, Brian, Ray
Physical Plant	Aaron, Charlie, Wendy

O'Brien seconded the motion, motion carried.

Moen made the motion to approve to Ratify Mayor's appointment of City Auditor – Gail Olstad. Soholt seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Soholt made the motion to approve to Ratify Mayor's appointment of City Attorney – Nilson Brand Law – Cassie Tostenson. Garrett seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Soholt made a motion to approve Moore Engineering as City Engineer. Moen seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Discussion was held about getting all council members an email address that ends with cityofmayville.us. Another request is to get Mayor Mewes a phone. Another request is to have all council members Cloud Share – Google and finally get laptops for all council members. Halvorson made the motion for now to have city auditor check on the email addresses and phone for Mayor Mewes. Moen seconded the motion, the motion carried.

O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the Organizational Meeting at 6:15pm. Moen seconded it, motion carried.

Attest: Julie Christianson
Julie Christianson Deputy Auditor

Mayor: _____
John Mewes