

August 5, 2025

Unofficial Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of City Commissioners was held on August 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Meeting Room. Present were Commissioners Jim Tooke, Lisa Hedstrom, Bernell Hedstrom, Mike Schmit and President Dustin Clausen. Also present Ron Hochhalter, Dave Bergquist, Eli Judah, Jason Strand, Bob Ell, Sue Kilian, James Meyes, Mark Jennings and AJ Tuck.

Motion made Schmit and seconded by Schmit to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2026 meeting as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

Motion made L. Hedstrom and seconded by Tooke to approve the or minutes of the July 15, 2026 organizational meeting as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

Motion made by B. Hedstrom and seconded by Schmit to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Schmit and seconded by Tooke to replace Dennis Dockter's trolling motor that was damaged while be used for City work and to purchase a second trolling motor for City use. All present voted aye, motion carried. The estimated cost for the trolling motors is \$250.00 each.

Discussion was held about the amount of water being sold from the water depot owned by Wilton Elevator. Commissioner B. Hedstrom voiced concerns about the additional water causing stress on the City's water system. The City has received no complaints about reduced water pressure. Another concern that was addressed was water trucks not following the designated truck route. Mark Jennings with the Wilton Elevator stated they speak with drivers when they notice them not using the designated truck routes. A tiered rate system for commercial/bulk water was also discussed.

City Engineer, AJ Tuck, stated Quality Asphalt was scheduled to be in Wilton in August for tp complete warranty work. Tuck also stated there was \$60,846 of asphalt repairs needed outside of the warranty work, including major repairs to the intersection of 7th Street and Burleigh Avenue.

Motion made by Schmit and seconded by Tooke to proceed with the repairs as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried. The remaining Prairie Dog Funds and

2021 Improvement Project Funds will cover the cost of the repairs.

The snowplow and gate presented at the July 15, 2026 was not a trip plow, which helps to avoids damage to valves and manholes in the streets. **Motion made by Schmit and seconded by Tooke** to rescind the motion to request the funds from the Sales and Use Board for a snowplow and snow gate for \$26,330.00. All present voted aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Schmit and seconded by B Hedstrom the request funds from the Sales and Use Board for a snowplow and snow gate for \$34,795 that includes a trip canister. All present voted aye, motion carried. Discussion was held about the other City equipment that needs to be replaced, including the street sweeper and sanding truck.

Motion made by Schmit and seconded by Tooke to approve the second reading and final passage of the updated Chapter 20 – Sales and Use Tax ordinances as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried. The revisions incorporate the one-cent sales tax increase approved on the June 9, 2026, ballot and updates the ordinances to reflect changes to the North Dakota Century Code.

Motion made by Schmit and seconded by L. Hedstrom to approve the preliminary budget as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

General discussion was held about the open public works position. The position will be advertised, with interviews starting September 3, 2026 and remaining open until filled.

General discussion was held about the letter received from Emma Berg requesting a reduction in the number of day fireworks are permitted in the City. Due to the number of complaints received every year the Bord agreed to reduce the number of permitted days from nine to five for the July 4th holiday. An ordinance update will be presented at a future meeting.

Motion made by B. Hedstrom and seconded by Schmit to approve the gaming application from the First Presbyterian Church to hold a raffle on September 12, 2026 as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Schmit and seconded by B. Hedstrom, to pay bills as presented. All present voted aye, motion carried.

With no other items for discussion, Pres. Clausen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32

p.m.

-99504 Visa 2,052.07
-99503 Verizon Wireless 170.01
-89383 Dennis Dockter 1,656.76
-89382 Stella Rust 644.95
-89381 Cameron Smith 1,203.68
-89380 Pattie Solberg 2,050.00
-89379 NDPERS 1,545.74
-89378 NDPERS 135.00
-89377 US Treasury 3,255.74
22610 Peyton Auer 871.32

22611 Lori Grey 184.70
22612 Tru Community Bank 100.00
22613 County of Burleigh 4,387.37
22614 Tiffany Hetletved 150.00
22615 Montana Dakota Utilities 132.00
22616 Ottertail Power 2,420.45
22617 NABCO 56.82
22618 SCRWD 14,594.16
22619 Welch Plumbing 3,221.50

Pattie Solberg, City Auditor

Dustin Clausen, President