

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF LEASING
STATE SCHOOL LANDS

The Board of University and School Lands will Conduct Surface Lease Auctions in the following Counties:

Adams	Hettinger	Pierce
Benson	Kidder	Rolette
Billings	Logan	Sheridan
Bowman	McHenry	Sioux
Burke	McIntosh	Slope
Burleigh	McKenzie	Stark
Divide	McLean	Stutsman
Dunn	Mercer	Towner
Eddy	Morton	Ward
Emmons	Mountrail	Wells
Golden Valley	Oliver	Williams
Grant		

Auctions will be held in person at location in the County Seat. Refer to the advertisement in the official county newspaper or the public lease auctions schedule posted on the Department of Trust Lands' website for auction dates, times, locations, & list of tracts offered. Auctioneer will read specific requirements at the auction. The information contained in this advertisement may be revised prior to the auction upon further review by the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For more information, visit <https://land.nd.gov> or call (701) 328-2800.

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(Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025)

Turtle Lake City
July Meeting
Minutes

Unapproved MINUTES
Monday July 14, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.
CALL TO ORDER - Pledge of Allegiance
In Attendance: Matt Lang, Joe Herslip, Dianne Zenker, Stacie Adams, Tim Britton
Absent: Rick Schwalk
Public in Attendance: 7
Approval of Minutes:
Regular meeting – 5-12-25: Adams moved to approve, Britton seconded - Roll call unanimous
Review of financial reports & bills as presented: Britton moved to approve Lang seconded - Roll call unanimous
Moore Engineering Report- Construction updates
3 items require Board approval
Change order for HK Solutions for \$39,022.17 which will be covered in the contingency of the grant. Adams moved to approve Bitton seconded - Roll call unanimous
Pay application 3 which is to fund HK Solutions \$156,368 Adams moved to approve Lang seconded - Roll call unanimous
Manhole rehabilitation bids. Phase 2, Swanburg Construction, was the lowest bid. A motion to award the contract contingent upon North Dakota Department Environmental Quality and CBG approval. Britton moved to approve Adams seconded - Roll call unanimous
New Business
Consideration of Gaming Site Authorizations
Tipsy Turtle- Approve on the gaming site location. American Legion Post 91 out of New Salem. Lang moved to approve Adams seconded - Roll Call unanimous- Britton abstained
J & B's Country Cafe - Approve the gaming site location. American Legion Post 133 out of Turtle Lake. Adams moved to approve Lang seconded - Roll Call unanimous- Britton abstained
Consideration of City Liquor License Renewals
American Legion Adams moved to approve Lang seconded - Roll call unanimous
Consideration of Public Comment Policy – SB 2180 -
New legislation requires a public comment period during each City Commission meeting. As of August 1st, up to 30 minutes of each meeting will be set aside for public comments to the commission. Public must fill out a speaker card. Public must speak on what is on the current or previous month's agenda. Public will have 3 minutes to speak, up to 10 people. The Commission can extend the time if necessary.
Adams moved to approve Britton seconded - Roll call unanimous
Review of Commercial Property Usages
Complaints and feedback about the poor condition of commercial properties in the city limits. Currently there are no ordinances addressing the concerns. Safety concerns were raised and discussed.
Approval for demolition of the former

Bev's Cafe
Lowest Bid for demolition is \$50,000 will begin in August
Adams moved to approve Lang seconded - Roll call unanimous
Representation on the board for the McLean Sheridan Rural Water District Board
Appointed Joe Herslip as a representative of the city.
Old Business Report
Resolution for Economic Development Committee - Revised the resolution to limit the committee to 2 transactions in a calendar month of \$10,000. Adams moved to approve Britton seconded - Roll call unanimous
Crafton House - The City limited options to address.
Smart Meters – Meters installed June 23-30 - 7 large meters remain to be installed. Master plumber is required to install. A few remaining residential sites.
Update on Utility software (Black Mountain) - Still working with them and it is going well.
Beat Zone & Call for Service Report - Reviewed April and May 2025
Next Regular Meeting Date: July 14, 2025
Adams made a motion to adjourn Britton seconded.
6/11/2025 26653 Eric Kelsey 400.00; 6/13/2025 EFT Usa Payment 2,831.48; 6/13/2025 EFT Charles Davison 470.98; 6/13/2025 EFT Danielle Gurr 443.28; 6/13/2025 EFT Joe Herslip 1,473.66; 6/13/2025 EFT Ian Olsen 1,474.71; 6/13/2025 EFT Michelle Pickett 277.05; 6/18/2025 26659 Otter Tail Power Co. 1,422.43; 6/18/2025 26658 McLean Electric 565.72; 6/18/2025 26657 Kirkwood Ace Hardware 38.96; 6/18/2025 26656 Verizon Business 108.28; 6/18/2025 26655 Sletten Excavating Inc 12,282.50; 6/18/2025 26654 Coal Country Electric LLC 457.91; 6/18/2025 26660 HK Solutions Group 97,851.23; 6/18/2025 EFT Amazon 68.98; 6/19/2025 EFT Montana-Dakota Utilities 42.48; 6/27/2025 EFT Charles Davison 277.05; 6/27/2025 EFT Danielle Gurr 332.46; 6/27/2025 EFT Joe Herslip 1,747.88; 6/27/2025 EFT Ian Olsen 1,546.83; 6/27/2025 EFT Michelle Pickett 253.96; 6/30/2025 26666 Business Card 2,480.80; USPS 73.00; Puklich Chevrolet 344.13; Smart-sign 337.29; USPS 176.40; USPS 231.84; Puklich Chevrolet 266.83; Lowes 358.79; NDRWSA 270.00; West River 283.76; Nordak North 138.76; 6/30/2025 26665 Lindell Law Office 25.00; 6/30/2025 26664 ND League of Cities 876.00; 6/30/2025 26663 McLean Electric 5,142.77; 6/30/2025 26662 Minot Daily News 376.74; 6/30/2025 26661 Linda Huelsman 83.00; 7/10/2025 26674 McLean Sheridan Rural Water 8,735.25; 7/10/2025 26673 Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative 801.23; 7/10/2025 26672 Double M Sanitation 7,500.00; 7/10/2025 26671 TransTrash 2,100.00; 7/10/2025 26670 ND Department of Health 27.00; 7/10/2025 26669 Core & Main LP 5,326.00; 7/10/2025 26668 Independent Land Surveying & Eng 2,200.00; 7/10/2025 26667 Kirkwood Ace Hardware 91.96; 7/10/2025 26676 North Dakota One Call Inc. 20.35; 7/10/2025 26675 Void; 7/11/2025 EFT Montana-Dakota Utilities 64.03; 7/11/2025 EFT Charles Davison 360.16; 7/11/2025 EFT Danielle Gurr 720.33; 7/11/2025 EFT Joe Herslip 1,582.80; 7/11/2025 EFT Ian Olsen 1,523.12; 7/11/2025 EFT Michelle Pickett 173.15 (Sept. 18, 2025)

Turtle Lake City
Sept. Meeting
Minutes

September 8, 2025
CALL TO ORDER - Pledge of Allegiance
In Attendance: Joe Herslip, Dianne Zenker, Matt Lang, Stacie Adams, Tim Britton, Rick Schwalk
Public in Attendance: 3
Approval of Minutes:
Regular meeting – 8-11-25: Adams moved to approve, Schwalk seconded - Roll call unanimous
Review of financial reports & bills as presented: Britton moved to approve, Adams seconded - Roll call unanimous
Public Comment Period
No Public comments
Moore Engineering was present to give updates on construction and potential future street project.
Phase 1 Sewer Project - USDA funded sewer lining project updates
Sewer lining should be finished in the next 2 weeks. Road repairs are in the process of being completed and are

anticipated to be completed by the end of the month.
Pay application for work done 8-1-2025 through 8-29-2025 in the amount of \$152,588.02
Adams moved to approve, Britton seconded - Roll call unanimous
Phase 2 CDBG funded project updates- Manhole rehab and 3.5 blocks of sewer replacement
Charles and Kundert streets are getting new sewer mains.
Manhole rehab will begin after new sewer mains are installed
Road repairs will be completed late this fall or early spring.
Street Project
Resolution to create the Street Improvement District
Setting the boundary of the special assessment District.
Adams moved to approve, Britton seconded - Roll call unanimous
Resolution Directing the Moore Engineering to prepare an Engineers' report Directing the engineers to provide a scope of the project.
Adams moved to approve, Britton seconded - Roll call unanimous
Resolution to approve the provided engineer's report
Engineer's report was provided and reviewed.
Lang moved to approve, Schwalk seconded - Roll call unanimous
Resolution of Necessity
Public protest period of 30 days starts September 11th
Public meeting set for October 20th at school gymnasium
Britton moved to approve, Schwalk seconded - Roll call unanimous
Special meeting of the Commission scheduled for October 23rd 7pm at City Hall to decide if the city will move forward with the street improvement project
New Business
Consideration of 2026 Budget
Approval of the final budget for 2026.
The Auditor will provide to the County Britton moved to approve, Lang seconded - Roll call unanimous
Consideration of Health Insurance for Full-time Employees
2 current full-time employees
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Dakota
HSA Available
Schwalk moved to approve, Britton seconded - Roll call unanimous
Old Business Report
Update on Smart Meters
New system is up and working well.
Waiting on the plumber to install the larger meters.
Update on Bev's/Rural Grocery Store Grant Application
The building has been torn down
The site is having a boundary survey done
Tree removal on the south side of the lot was discussed. The city will need to remove trees if the boundary survey shows they are on city property. Schwalk offered to remove trees at no cost if the city rents equipment. Mayor Zenker stated that Schwalk would need to provide proof of insurance and licensing if the city needs to remove the trees.
Rural grocery store grant has been submitted for \$150,000
Update on Black Mountain Software Financials went Live Sept 1st and is going well
Utility billing will be implemented in October with a public portal possibly available in November
Beat Zone & Call for Service Report
Schwalk made a motion to adjourn Britton seconded. Roll call unanimous.
Next Regular Meeting Date: October 13, 2025
Financials by Joe Herslip:
Date Num Transaction Payment
8/14/2025 EFT McLean Electric 273.51; 8/14/2025 EFT Otter Tail Power Co. 1,285.61; 8/14/2025 EFT Montana-Dakota Utilities 54.02; 8/15/2025 EFT Usa Payment 2,425.87; 8/19/2025 EFT Amazon 156.98; 8/20/2025 EFT Tru Community Bank 5; 8/21/2025 26694 Wild Prairie Solutions 2,197.50; 8/21/2025 26695 McLean Sheridan Rural Water 6,566.00; 8/21/2025 26696 Core & Main LP 2,829.19; 8/21/2025 26697 HK Solutions Group 36,466.98; 8/21/2025 26698 Moore Engineering Inc. 19,049.60; 8/21/2025 26699 T.L. Hospital Association 21,085.25; 8/22/2025 EFT Charles Davison 552.1; 8/22/2025 EFT Danielle Gurr 443.28; 8/22/2025 EFT Joe Herslip 1,747.88; 8/22/2025 DEP Ian Olsen 1,426.30; 8/22/2025 EFT Michelle Pickett 230.87; 8/25/2025 EFT Amazon 257.38; 8/26/2025 EFT Amazon 33.58; 9/4/2025 26700 Black Mountain 9,545.00; 9/4/2025 26701 Moore Engineering Inc. 3,016.50; 9/4/2025 26702 One Call Concepts 21.85; 9/4/2025

26703 Schmaltz Greenhouse 91.88; 9/4/2025 26705 Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative 608.76; 9/4/2025 26704 Bobcat of Mandan, Inc. 608.33; 9/4/2025 26706 Rust's Hardware Hank 99.32 (Sept. 18, 2025)

City of Mercer Aug.
Special Meeting

August 29, 2025
Mercer City Hall
The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President, Randy Zinke at 5:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Present: Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, Randy Zinke, Ken Thomsen (by phone)
Absent: Mayor Lori Stute
Appoint council member to fill vacant seat for the remainder of term:
Erika Lorenz made a motion to appoint Ken Thomsen to fill the remaining term vacated by Barb Stute's resignation. The term ends June of 2026. Gary Volochenko seconded. Zinke, Volochenko and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried
Mr. Thomsen took the oath of office.
Accept Mayor Lori Stute's resignation:
Ken Thomsen made a motion to accept Mayor Lori Stute's resignation effective July 28, 2025. Erika Lorenz Seconded. Zinke, Lorenz, and Volochenko voted aye. The motion carried.
Remove Mayor Lori Stute from all city bank accounts:
Erika Lorenz made a motion to remove Lori Stute from all bank accounts, including the Mercer Memorial Park accounts, Gary Volochenko seconded. Zinke, Volochenko and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried.
Add additional council members to all city bank accounts:
Erika Lorenz made a motion to add Randy Zinke and Ken Thomsen to all bank accounts, including the Mercer Memorial Park accounts. Gary Volochenko seconded. Zinke, Thomsen, Volochenko, and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried.
Approve one signature on renewal of CD:
Erika Lorenz made a motion to accept one signature on the renewal of CD # 59735122 for \$2,997.56, maturing on December 25, 2025. Gary Volochenko seconded the motion. Zinke, Thomsen, Volochenko, and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried.
Gary Volochenko made a motion to adjourn, Erika Lorenz seconded. Zinke, Thomsen, Volochenko, and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm. (Sept. 18, 2025)

August 14, 2025
Mercer City Hall at 7:00 pm
The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President, Randy Zinke at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Present: Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, Randy Zinke
Absent: Mayor Lori Stute, Barb Stute
Council additions to agenda
Preliminary budget
Electronic payments to utilities
Erika Lorenz made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting on July 10, 2025, and special meetings on July 21, 2025, and August 8, 2025, Gary Volochenko seconded. Zinke, Volochenko and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried.
Financial Report: No financials are available. Need to hire someone to recreate from the last approved financials which were March 2025.
Bills to be Paid:
Gary Volochenko made a motion to approve the bills for rural water, electric, internet, propane, and garbage collection, Erika Lorenz seconded. Zinke, Volochenko and Lorenz vote aye. The motion carried.
Water Bills:
Erika Lorenz has been collecting and recording water payments.
Erika Lorenz has contacted Ann Oberg at McLean Sheridan Rural Water to ask about doing the monthly testing. Copper/lead and RCTC bacterial testing were not received by NDDEQ For June or July.
Park Report: No report
Community Center Project Report: No report
Old Business
Chester's Tavern liquor license

renewal for 2026:
Erika Lorenz made a motion to approve the renewal of the liquor license for Chester's Tavern from 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2026, Gary Volochenko seconded. Zinke, Volochenko, and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried.
Our Savior's raffle permit:
Erika Lorenz made a motion to approve a raffle permit for Our Savior's Lutheran Church for their quilt raffle, Gary Volochenko seconded the motion. Zinke, Volochenko, and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried.
Accept resignation from Council Member Barb Stute:
Gary Volochenko made a motion to accept the resignation of Council Member Barb Stute, Erika Lorenz seconded. Zinke, Volochenko, and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried.
The council must wait 15 days before appointing someone to serve the remainder of the term, which is up in June of 2026 to allow for a petition to be received to run for the open seat if interested.
Gary Volochenko made a motion hold a special meeting on Friday, August 29, to appoint someone to the empty seat, excluding the receipt of a petition to run for the seat. Erika Lorenz seconded the motion. Zinke, Volochenko, and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried.
New Business
Approve public comment policy:
A draft policy and comment cards were presented to the council. The city must approve a policy per actions passed by the legislature. Gary made a motion to accept the public comment policy, Erika Lorenz seconded. Zinke, Volochenko, and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried.
Preliminary budget:
Gary Volochenko made a motion to approve the preliminary budget, Erika Lorenz seconded. Zinke, Volochenko, and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried.
Electronic payments to utilities:
Gary Volochenko made motion to set up electronic payments through Bravera, Erika Lorenz seconded. Zinke, Volochenko, and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried.
Public Comment
Kathryn Volochenko recommended asking the County Auditor for the valuations. Erika Lorenz said she has asked for a valuation from the County, she received a worksheet for the preliminary budget. Kathryn has submitted her resume for the position of Auditor.
Erika Lorenz made a motion to adjourn, Gary Volochenko seconded. Zinke, Volochenko, and Lorenz voted aye. The motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm. Bills:
Waste Management \$1,190.25; Cenex (Propane for City Hall and water treatment plant) \$666.42; McLean Sheridan Rural Water \$1,842.50; NorDak North Publications \$307; WRT \$187.97; Ottertail \$628.55; ND Rural Water Systems Assoc. \$270; Randy Zinke (Board pay) \$138.50; Gary Volochenko (Board pay) \$138.50; Erika Lorenz (Board pay) \$138.50; Barb Stute (Board pay) \$138.50; Lori Stute (Mayor pay) \$462; NDRIF \$1,158 (Sept. 18, 2025)

