

New Salem City Proceedings

**NEW SALEM CITY PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH,
2025, 6:30 P.M.
CITY AUDITORIUM**

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Gaebe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Attendance
Council Mayor: Josh Gaebe
Council members present: Chad Goetzfridt, Delton Kautzman, Sheppard Olson, Perrin Goetzfridt, Bryan Moen, Corey Lausch

Others present: City Works Robert Boehm & Raymond Kazandjian, City Auditor Melissa Davis, City Engineer Todd Norton, Amy Kruger, John Pfaff
Pledge of Allegiance
Minutes

The council reviewed the October 13th regular city council minutes and the October 20th and 27th special meeting minutes. Moen moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the presented city council minutes with Olson voting nay to the transfer station hours at the October regular meeting. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Water & Sewer Committee
Norton presented change order no. 2. The change order increases the final quantities of the priority 6 project by \$77,530. Kautzman moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to approve change order no. 2 as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Norton updated the council on the priority 6 project and presented application for payment no. 5 from Crow River Construction. Norton stated that there was an addition error on the pay application that he would fix. Moen moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the application for payment no. 5 for \$985,961.85. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Davis presented a resolution authorizing issuance of water and sewer revenue bonds, series 2025 for the permanent USDA financing for the priority 6 project. Moen moved and P. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the resolution. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Davis also presented a resolution authorizing the issuance of an allonge. Davis explained that the interim bond matures on December 1st, if the government is still shut down we will need to ask the bank to extend the maturity, the resolution would provide a short extension if needed. C. Goetzfridt moved and Moen seconded to approve the allonge. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Auditorium Committee
Davis informed the council that the gym floor would be getting refinished on December 29th and 30th.

Moen stated that he was in touch with the brick workers for the auditorium and they will be coming out to take a look at the needed repairs at a later date.

A request for a rent exemption for the New Salem Historical Society Turkey Bingo on November 22nd was received. Moen moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the exemption. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Police Committee
The council reviewed the October police report.

Sanitation and Garbage Committee

The council again discussed the additional hours at the transfer station. P. Goetzfridt stated he does not approve of being open on Sunday as approved on a trial basis at the October meeting and recommended adding Monday instead. P. Goetzfridt moved and Kautzman seconded adding Monday and Tuesday from 4-7pm year round. All voting aye, the motion carried. Transfer station hours moving forward will be Monday 4-7pm, Tuesday 4-7pm, Friday 9am-12pm, and the second and fourth Saturday from 10am-4pm.

Personnel Committee
The council reviewed the October city works report.
C. Goetzfridt moved and Moen seconded to approve a \$200 Christmas bonus for all full time permanent employees and a \$100 Christmas bonus for part time employees. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Davis asked the council to consider employee cost of living increases for 2026. Kautzman moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to approve a 2.8% raise for all non-probationary employees. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Ordinances
The council reviewed the current truck route ordinances. P. Goetzfridt moved and Olson seconded to increase the penalty to \$100 for 1st offense, \$300 for 2nd offense, and \$500 for 3rd and all subsequent offenses. All voting aye, the motion carried. Davis will discuss the changes with the city attorney.

New Business
The council reviewed the Security First Bank Addition Plat approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee. P. Goetzfridt moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the plat as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.
Davis presented the certified list of unpaid water/garbage/mowing bills that were assessed to property taxes. C. Goetzfridt moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the assessments. All voting aye, the motion carried.

The council reviewed the franchise agreement with Midco. The agreement has been in place since 1986. Moen moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the franchise agreement as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Consent Agenda
Kautzman moved and Moen seconded to approve the consent agenda. All voting aye, the motion carried.

1. Liquor License Renewals
Game Time Burgers & Wings – On and Off Sale + Sunday

Rud's I-94 Mobil – Off Sale + Sunday
726 Services – On and Off Sale + Sunday

2. Gaming Permit – New Salem-Almont Dollars for Scholars – 50/50 Raffle – 12/2/25 & 1/23/26

Moen moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the bills as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

USPS.....\$974.95
.....Postage Paid Envelopes
MDU\$3,279.53
.....street lights
MOR- GRAN- SOU ELECTRIC.....\$156.48
.....street lighting
WEST RIVER.....\$261.99
.....phones
941 PAYMENT ..\$3,901.54
NDPERS\$2,161.06
.....retirement payment
OFFICE DEPOT Business Credit\$104.78
.....Shop Ink
AE2S\$1,424.50
.....Chip Seal 2025
GS Publishing, LLC\$525.51
.....Publishing & Printing
Pavement Technologies Intl Cor\$61,450.00
.....Distributor and Spreader
PRECISION SMALL ENGINE\$279.99
.....Weed Trimmer
Sure -Shred\$50.00
.....Record Disposal
Boehm, Robert . \$2,109.58

Davis, Melissa ..\$1,391.02
Haff, Tyler\$393.23
Kazandjian, Raymond\$1,962.52
Yellow Bird, Miranda\$743.37
Bennett, Shane\$92.35
Boehm, Robert . \$2,245.06
Davis, Melissa ..\$1,391.02
Haff, Tyler\$368.44
Kazandjian, Raymond\$1,979.52
Yellow Bird, Miranda\$1,008.54
ATCO INTERNATIONAL ..\$510.70
.....ice melt, snow go, hand wipes
CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER\$156.31
.....gas, oil, shop supplies
CENTRAL MECHANICAL, INC\$438.96
.....Replace Boiler Igniter
CURTIS RUD OIL \$414.40
.....fuel
D & E SUPPLY CO \$10.99
.....Scrubber Key
DRI\$857.25
.....Ice Machine Maintenance
FARMERS LUMBER & GAMBLES\$499.74
.....aud/shop supplies
GS Publishing, LLC \$186.30.....Publishing
GUARDIAN LOCK & SECURITY\$103.26
Transfer Station Lock/keys
HOESEL CONSTRUCTION\$150.00
.....Repair Basketball Pulley
Melissa Davis\$307.65
Halloween, mileage, postage, clothing allowance, signs
MIRANDA YELLOWBIRD\$98.78
Uniform clothing allowance
MISSOURI WEST WATER SYSTEM\$17,292.65
.....water purchase
MORTON COUNTY AUDITOR\$3,360.00
.....police contract
Morton County News Journal.....\$45.00
.....Journal Subscription
NAPA\$840.77
.....equipment parts
ND DEPT OF HEALTH – MICRO\$27.00
.....labs
ONE CALL CONCEPTS ...\$22.50
PARK DISTRICT\$1,439.92
.....state aid
RAYMOND KAZANDJIAN\$225.00
.....uniform clothing allowance
Red Top Recovery \$250.00
.....Camper Towing
Robert Boehm\$66.98
.....Mileage-City Pickup Repair
SECURITY FIRST BANK . \$19,080.00
.....CD 54614 SRF Reserve
SECURITY FIRST BANK . \$4,800.00
.....CD 52201 General Short Lived Assets
SECURITY FIRST BANK\$5,000.00
.....CD 54623 Priority 3
TITAN MACHINERY\$1,615.26
.....Loader Repair/Oil Change
Kaelberer Construction Inc.\$2,942.48
.....Disposal Fees
TYLER HAFF\$25.00
.....gas stipend
VESTIS\$845.93
.....Rugs/paper supplies
Western Plains Public Health\$125.00
.....Auditorium Multiple Establishment License
CONSTRUCTION BILLS PAID
Crow River Construction ..\$830,426.82
.....Priority 6 Request 4
AE2S35,808.12
.....Priority 6 Request 4
Gaebe adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm. The next regular New Salem City Council meeting will be Monday, December 8th, 2025 at 6:30pm.

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Hunger

we were able to step in and meet that need, it was really fulfilling,” Fitzgerald shared. “To know that we’re able to help out in a very practical way, that’s why we’re here. That’s why we want to serve the community. [Seeing that effort] play out in a very real way on Wednesday night was just another reminder of how far this group has come.”

Every Wednesday, a crew of volunteers from NS Hunger Relief will arrive an hour before the distribution of food and begin assembling boxes of food for donation. Some of the food in those boxes include soup, crackers, peanut butter, cereal, chocolate, dried fruit, cooking oil and more. This month, the Great Plains Food Bank provided two pallets of potatoes, pumpkins, squash and ground beef to go along with the donated food from the NSA PTO according to Fitzgerald.

Not everyone who was in line waiting to receive food on Wednesday night are members

of Light of the Prairie, a church which Fitzgerald is the lead pastor of. However, the intention behind the monthly distributions is not to push nor persuade people to become members. Highlighting a chapter from the Book of Matthew in the Bible, Fitzgerald and others involved with the organization continue to work towards making the organization a community resource for all in need. “We firmly believe that God is so much bigger than any of us could ever imagine. We believe very strongly in the commissions to go and make disciples,” she explained. “Jesus was a master at just being with the people; he met needs in a way that opened the door to deeper conversations. We use that as our model.”

Though beginning and considered a ministry of Light of the Prairie Church, Fitzgerald shared that the organization is in the process of being its own standalone nonprofit. Referring to herself as an “internal optimist”,

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Fitzgerald believes that there is much more New Salem Hunger Relief can provide to those in the area. Whether it’s through multiple distributions in one month, to a food pantry that’s open weekly, Fitzgerald isn’t afraid in believing the organization could one day end hunger in the New Salem area.

“I’m not shy about my faith, and I believe that God puts us here for a reason and there’s a purpose and that he’s got plans. The fact that we are on average every month feeding 12% of our community with so much untapped potential tells me that there is a very real possibility of ending hunger in our community. Once we have our nonprofit situated and our bank account here localized in New Salem, I really think that there’s going to be a much greater impact in partnerships and just the ability to really reach our community in a unique way that I don’t know if we’ve seen before.”



VOLUNTEERS from New Salem Hunger Relief and the New Salem-Almont PTO worked together to carry boxes of donated food into the trunk of cars who lined up for the monthly distribution of food.

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