

PUBLIC NOTICES

HALLIDAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES NOVEMBER 10

**HALLIDAY CITY COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2025 - 6:00 PM
HALLIDAY CITY HALL**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Selle.

Commissioners Present: Selle, Cronje, Gietzen, and Wanek. Hausauer was absent.

Others Present: Rachael Dolechek, Mark Kaffar, Rebecca Berner, Patrick Kuntz, Brent Seppala, Katlyn Baker, Kyleen Dressler

Wanek moved to close the agenda, seconded by Cronje. All voted aye, motion carried.

Wanek moved to approve the October 13, 2025 minutes, with spelling correction, and October 29 special meeting minutes, seconded by Gietzen. All voted aye motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed bills, Gietzen moved to approve payment of bills, and to withhold payment for Core Facility, seconded by Wanek. Upon roll call vote Wanek, Cronje, Gietzen and Selle all voted aye motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds: No Report
Financial/Insurance Report: Wanek moved to approve the Financial Report and Pledges of Securities from the Union Bank and Bravera, seconded by Cronje. Upon roll call vote Gietzen, Cronje, Wanek, and Selle all voted aye motion carried.

Water & Sewer Report: Kuntz reported on letter from resident about their bill, commissioners agreed that the resident is responsible for the bill.

Streets: Berner reported that the street/ditch project has been delayed until spring.

Garbage & Police: P. Kuntz reported that garbage pickup will be running late on November 17

Attorney: No Report

Engineer: Berner reported on the Wolverine Den projects, and the location on the new pump house.

JDA Report: No Report

Sub Committee Report: Kaffar reported that tenant had asked about being released from her lease, the committee had approved releasing her from her lease, with the city withholding the deposit plus any damages. Wanke moved to approve termination of lease with penalty of withholding deposit and any damages, seconded by Cronje. All voted aye motion carried. Dolechek reported that the dishwasher has a leak, and she is working on getting the repair done. Commissioner discussed purchasing tables and chairs for the Wolverine den. Wanek moved to purchase 12 tables and chairs and dollies motion was rescinded. Wanek moved to send back to committee, seconded

by Cronje all voted aye motion carried
Zoning Board Report: no report
Library: Baker reported on events she has planned for the remainder of the year.

Old Business:
Dolechek is still waiting to hear back for ETS on the estimate for the thermostats.

New Business:
Gietzen motioned to send unpaid lawn mowing and water bills to county auditor for special assessments, seconded by Wanek. Upon roll call vote all voted aye motion carried.

Commissioners discussed employee performance reviews, Wanek and Gietzen were appointed to do performance reviews.

Commissioners reviewed bid from Rural Water Impact & Municipal Impact for city web site, Selle moved to approve trying for 1 year, seconded by Cronje. All voted aye motion carried.

Resolution was tabled till next meeting.

P. Kuntz reported that he was still waiting on bids for the electrical work at the pumphouse.

Check # 24535-24570 Union Bank Account: October 14, 2025—November 10 ,2025 Payroll 10/15/2025 \$6617.21 Ck #24535-2438; Fidelity Security Life \$30.54; EFTPS \$1851.65 A/W; ND Pers \$2940.04 A/W; Delta Dental \$114.87 A/W; BCBS \$3406.58; Mercer County Landfill \$1525.30; Shanahan Home Repair \$8560.59; Halliday JDA \$4029.85; November 3, 2025 Payroll \$13720.98; Check #24544-24549 EFTPS \$4000.44; Visa \$3296.33; Beulah Beacon \$169.30; Black Mountain Software \$9880.41; Brent Seppala \$515.00; Colonial Research Chemical \$235.21; Dunn County Auditor \$2000.00; Farmers Union Oil Company \$3062.79; KHS \$70.00; Marc Chemical \$7123.45; MDU \$2762.58; Mercer County Treasurer \$1751.75; Patrick Kuntz \$106.40; Team Laboratory Chemical Corp \$42.50; Vestis \$211.60; 7 Arrows Tree Service \$20,000.00; Consolidated Telephone \$433.27; Interstate Engineering \$69402.60; Precision Sewer Pipe Lining \$33,600.00; Roughrider Septic LLC \$1370.00; Shanahan Home Repair \$1550.00; SW District Health Unit \$25.00; Total Control \$4700.00

Cronje moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM, seconded by Gietzen.

Next meeting December 8, 2025 6:00 PM

Minutes are subject to revisions and approval.

Rachael Dolechek
Blair Selle President of Commission
(11-27-2025)

ZAP CITY COUNCIL MINUTES NOVEMBER 19

**ZAP CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 19, 2025
ZAP CITY HALL**

Call meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Present: Joe Grammond, Tammy Gillig, Jamey Boutillier, Mike Duttenhefner, Steve Stefansky, Rhonda Pfenning, Glenn Neuberger. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Motion by Grammond, seconded by Boutillier to approve Agenda. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion by Boutillier, seconded by Stefansky to approve previous month's minutes. Roll call vote. All in Favor. Motion by Grammond, seconded by Stefansky to approve financial report. Roll call vote; all in favor.

MAINTENANCE REPORT – bottom ash ordered. Shop needs updated lighting source; will have OzTech

Work with Glenn on what lighting is needed in shop. Plan to start hanging Christmas lights.

REQUEST OF CITIZENS: none

OLD BUSINESS: Outdoor bulletin board ordered for outside City office. Community Club planning on leasing city property for Motor Daze.

NEW BUSINESS: Council discussed getting access to city security cameras. Southwest water will be increasing water rates by .05 per 1000 gallons. Motion by Stefansky seconded by Gillig to approve Bond for Auditor.

CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY: no report.

ROUTINE CITY BUSINESS: Community Club: Santa Day sched-

uled for 12/6/25. Pot luck and Bingo in Fire Hall and Rollerskating at Community Hall. Police/Emergency Services: Jamey Boutillier-Chris Waller will be attending next months meeting. W/S: Steve Stefansky – Electric box replaced. Street: Joe Grammond-. Buildings/ grounds: no report. Auditor: Rhonda Pfenning – no report. Motion by Boutillier, seconded by Stefansky to approve bills due. Roll call vote. All in favor. Bills due: City of Zap – \$168.00; Sletten Excavating – \$630.00; NAPA – \$300.19; Hazen Hardware Hank – \$740.45; ND Finance Authority - \$8228.00; SW Water – \$1846.13; MDU – \$1216.28; WRT – \$277.66; Farmers Union –\$258.12; Donovan and Kaffar –\$ 100.00; Rural Impact & Municipal Impact –\$ 737.00; Beulah Beacon –\$ 105.55; Butler Machinery –\$ 1347.66; MGM –\$ 3265.25; J & M Hardware - \$352.92; Mercer County Regional Landfill \$20.00; ND Dept of Health - \$27.00; Mercer County Sheriff - \$1185.54; USPS – \$31.40; Zap Fire Dept - \$250.00; OzTech – \$456.00; Solem Law Office - \$159.00; Hazen Welding - \$2825.00; Diane Kasanke - \$62.33; Rhonda Pfenning - \$ 250.00; Glenn Neuberger – 1324.33; USB - \$362.53; New York Life - \$799.53; One Call Concepts \$ 38.35. Motion by Boutillier, seconded by Stefansky to Adjourn. Roll call vote. All in favor. Meeting end: 7:57 pm.

Rhonda Pfenning, Zap City Auditor
Mike Duttenhefner, Mayor
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Excellence in Agriculture celebrated during 51st annual Harvest Bowl

**SUBMITTED BY
CRAIG ASKIM**
NDSU EXTENSION AGENT,
AGRICULTURE AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

The success, dedication and hard work of outstanding agriculturists in 53 counties in North Dakota and 10 western Minnesota counties were honored during the 51st annual Harvest Bowl program at North Dakota State University, Nov. 1.

This year's honorees from Mercer County are Dean and Bonnie Knell of Hazen.

Dean and Bonnie have been involved in farming for 23 years, managing a diverse operation that includes malting barley, wheat, peas, canola, corn, soybeans, sunflowers, pinto beans and a small herd of sows that supplies show pigs for 4-H and FFA projects.

The farm embraces modern practices like no-till, cover crops, variable rate seeding and nutrient management.

Dean prioritizes family involvement to ensure future generations can continue the legacy. He currently serves as vice president of the



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The Knell family is this year's Harvest Bowl award winners for Mercer County. Picture are, in back from left, Hunter, Bonnie, Dean and Ashton Knell; and, in front, Kenzley and Hannah Knell.

North Dakota Grain Growers Association and is active in local agricultural organizations

and youth programs. Bonnie is a physical therapist and active 4-H leader.

Levi Bachmeier named new state school superintendent

BY DALE E. WETZEL
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Levi Bachmeier is the state school superintendent and administrator of the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. The superintendent and his team oversee the education of public and nonpublic school students in more than 220 districts and systems across the state.

Bachmeier was appointed superintendent by North Dakota Gov. Kelly Armstrong Oct. 21. He took office Nov. 24.

Bachmeier is an advocate for developing young people as patriotic citizens and is committed to ensuring schools work hand-in-hand with families and communities to ensure North Dakota students are thriving and Choice Ready. This means graduating students who are prepared for college, career or the military, are physically and mentally healthy and are ready to seize the opportunity to build meaningful lives and careers in North Dakota.

Bachmeier serves on more than a dozen boards, including the Education Standards and Practices Board, the North Dakota Children's Cabinet, the K-12 Education Coordination Council, the Board for Career and Technical Education and the Board of University and School Lands, which manages state landholdings and oversees a \$7.76 billion trust fund (as of May 31, 2025) that benefits North Dakota's public schools.

He is chair of a state committee that screens candidates for the North Dakota Board of Higher Education.

His administrative responsibilities include oversight of the North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Devils Lake, North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind in Grand Forks, the North Dakota Center for Distance Education in Fargo, and the North Dakota State Library in Bismarck.

Before he was sworn in as superintendent, Bachmeier held several roles dedicated to supporting the education and development of young people.

He began his career teaching high school social studies and coaching football and track and field at Crazy Horse School in Wanblee, S.D., on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He later served as a policy advisor to North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum, focusing on K-12 education and rose to become director of the governor's policy team.

Bachmeier returned to West Fargo in fall 2019, where he grew up and graduated from West Fargo High School in 2010 to serve as business manager for the West Fargo Public Schools. He also coached pole vaulting, where he supported several conference and state champions.

As business manager, Bachmeier worked to maximize the district's return on investment of taxpayer



LEVI BACHMEIER

funds; raised its Moody's credit rating to the highest of any North Dakota school district; restructured the budget to maximize teacher salary increases while staying within property tax limits; and helped engage school district patrons to approve a bond issue of almost \$100 million to accommodate the district's growth and facility needs.

Bachmeier is a native of West Fargo, N.D., and graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., with a degree in social studies education and a minor in coaching in 2014.

He holds a certificate in educational finance from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Bachmeier is blessed with four wonderful females in his life, his wife, Rachel, daughters Linden and Roslin, and rescue pup, Sunka.

In their free time, the Bachmeiers can be found hiking the North Dakota Badlands and attending high school activities.