Speeding Slows You Down: Enforcement Period Begins

will have extra patrols enforcing speed limits and removing aggressive drivers from the road as part of the Speeding Slows You Down enforcement campaign from July 1 to

With the passing of HB1298 during the 69th Legislative Assembly, interstate speed limits will increase to 80 mph, effective August 1. Speeding and/or aggressive driving is defined as speeding, driving too fast for conditions, following too closely, or operating a vehicle in a reckless, negligent, or aggressive

"When you exceed the speed limit you are putting everyone on

Law enforcement across the state the road in danger. When you speed or drive too fast for conditions, reaction time is shorter and stopping distances are longer. Choose personal responsibility behind the wheel," said Watford City Police Chief Jesse

Preliminary data for 2024 shows speeding was a factor in nearly 24 percent of traffic fatalities in North Dakota. Vision Zero is calling on everyone to show regard for all road users' lives and safety, including their own, by following speed limits everywhere and all the time.

Visit the North Dakota Crash Memorial Wall to view memorials built on the hope of preventing another death on North Dakota roads.

AARP Fraud Alert: If Fraud Was A Company

According to the Federal Trade Commission, theft through fraud may have been as high as \$158.3 billion in 2023 alone. To put this into perspective, if fraud was a US company, it would be in the top 40 by revenue. That's \$434 million every day, or about \$300,000 every minute, stolen from Americans by fraud criminals.

All reports on fraud that seek to measure the problem show a meteoric year-after-year increase. And we, at last, are beginning to see signs of hope in addressing the fraud crisis. We see more policymaker concerns at the federal and state levels. The Aspen Institute has taken on a nationwide initiative to create the first US national fraud strategy (AARP is deeply involved), and a new nonprofit, the National Elder Fraud Coordination Center (NEFCC), launched in April to help bring an organized crime lens to fraud investigations. The goal is to build large cases for investigation, arrest and prosecution of fraud criminals to seek justice for victims.

Each of us has a role to play in addressing fraud. When you learn about a new scam, share what you know. You may just help the next fraud target avoid becoming the next fraud victim.

Learn how to spot and avoid scams with AARP Fraud Watch NetworkTM. Suspect a scam? Call our free Helpline at 877-908-3360 and talk to one of our fraud specialists about what to do next. AARP North Dakota has a wide array of fraud events occurring statewide in 2025. For more information about FraudFest 2025, go to www.aarp. org/NDFraudFest.

2025 Sales And Special Taxes Legislative Recap Now Available Manufacturing Distilleries; HB

The North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner has released a summary of highlights regarding sales and special tax legislation approved by the 69th Legislative Assembly and signed into law by Governor Kelly Armstrong.

The updated sales and special tax laws will take effect on various dates, with some beginning July 1, as specified in their respective bills. A detailed summary of these legislative changes is available in the 2025 Legislative Recap - Sales and Special Taxes.

Bills highlighted within this spe-

cial feature include:
HB 1139, Fire Departments; HB 1281, Fire Department Motor Fuel Tax Refunds; HB 1440, Cigar Lounges; HB 1466, Domestic and

1483, Oil Extraction Tax Rate Reduction for Wells Outside Bakken or Three Forks Formation; HB 1578, Commercial Towing Service Transfers; SB 2038, Disclosure of Tax Incentive Information; SB 2136, Beer Manufacturer and Beer Wholesalers Relationships; SB 2177, Animal Agriculture Facility Infrastructure Fund; SB 2207, Tribal Government Vehicle Purchases; SB 2369, Educational, Religious, or Charitable Events held at a Publicly Owned Facility; and SB 2397, Development Incentive Well Oil Extraction Tax Exemption and Gas Tax Exemption.

Question, contact the Sales Tax office at salestax@nd.gov or call 701-328-1246.

Moody's Ratings Reaffirm ND's Strong Credit Rating

Moody's Ratings recently released an updated credit opinion for the state of North Dakota, reaffirming the state's strong financial position and maintaining the state credit rating at the second highest level -Aal stable.

"The strong Moody's credit rating largely reflects our substantial reserves, low debt levels and a solid track record of responsible budget management," said Office of Management and Budget Director Joe Morrissette. "These strengths position North Dakota to maintain flexibility and continue essential state services and programs, even amid oil price fluctuations or broader economic slowdowns."

Morrissette added that effective leadership from both the administration and legislature has allowed North Dakota to sustain the conservative state fiscal management practices needed to maintain such a

The report notes that North Dakota "is well positioned to weather potential economic and revenue volatility because of its history of conservative revenue forecasting, low fixed costs and strong reserves. However, the state's economy is uniquely reliant on volatile commodities, and Moody's notes the importance of continuing strong reserve balances in the future: "[The] state's relatively volatile economic and revenue composition will continue to challenge its budget predictability, making above-average reserve levels an important credit stabilizer."

A Moody's credit rating directly impacts the state's borrowing costs and overall financial health. A higher rating indicates a lower risk of default, leading to lower interest rates on bonds and other debt instru-

Take Steps To Manage Storm Damage To Irrigation Systems

Storms and high winds pose a serious threat to irrigation systems, often resulting in costly damage. Taking informed action can minimize irrigation system downtime and avoid future irrigation delays, according to Laxmi Prasad, North Dakota State University Extension water engineer.

Center pivot irrigation systems are particularly susceptible to a variety of storm-related damages. High winds can flip over an irrigation machine or cause structural collapse on wet or uneven ground. Wind forces may cause towers to become misaligned, leading to drivetrain strain or gear failure.

Prasad warns that electrical components such as control panels and wiring are at risk from lightning strikes and water intrusion."Anchors and foundations may shift or fail in softened ground, undermining the system's stability," says Prasad.

Airborne debris during high winds, such as tree limbs and sheet metal, can also damage parts of a center pivot, leading to further mechanical issues.

Examining these potential failures is essential for post-storm inspection and effective recovery.

Safety is always the top priority while examining a storm-damaged center pivot system. Immediately disconnect power to the system and ensure proper grounding. Avoid contact with any part of the system if electrical hazards are suspected and immediately contact a licensed electrician for advice.

"Also, watch for downed power lines, and be cautious around areas with high water pressure or chemical injection systems," says Prasad.

Once safety is secured, assess and document the damage. Take clear photos and videos from multiple angles before starting any repairs. Review your farm insurance policies to understand what is covered and promptly contact your insurance agent to begin the claims

Begin necessary emergency repairs to prevent further damage, such as securing loose components of the center pivot. For more complex issues, consult your irrigation supplier or service expert. Do not forget to check the grounding of electrical components to prevent hazards. Keep records of all repairrelated expenses.

For more information about dealing with damage from summer storms, visit ndsu.ag/summerstorms25.

North Dakota **Receives \$2 Million In Interior PILT Funds**

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) announced North Dakota will receive \$2.093.127 in Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding for 2025 to support the costs associated with maintaining vital community services. PILT payments are calculated based on the number of acres of federal land within each county or jurisdiction, and population.

PILT payments are made for taxexempt federal lands administered by DOI bureaus, including the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In addition, PILT payments cover federal lands administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In FY24, North Dakota received nearly \$2 million from PILT for counties encumbered by nontaxable federal land.

Online Local Foods Map Enhanced To Include SNAP **Function**

Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring has announced an enhancement to the interactive local foods map to allow farmers markets to indicate if they accept Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits at their market. The North Dakota State University Extension Family Nutrition Program supported the change to the map.

The new information will help to increase access to local foods for all community members and connect them with North Dakota growers and producers," Goehring said.

Farmers markets that accept SNAP benefits should update their profile on the map to show the SNAP function. Farmers markets not yet registered for the map can find sign up instructions at https://www.ndda. nd.gov/NDLFMAP.

Questions about the map should be directed to Local Foods Marketing Specialist Jenna Nieters at jnieters@nd.gov or 701-328-2659.

The local foods map is available at https://www.ndda.nd.gov/NDLF-

International Peace Garden Offers Adaptive Chairs

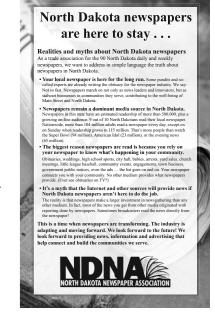
The International Peace Garden (IPG) will have two adaptive chairs available for use on July 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The motorized chairs run on tracks that allow them to move easily over varied terrain. Visitors with limited mobility are welcome to use the chairs for onehour intervals to explore the garden with friends and family.

"We want everyone to be able to enjoy our beautiful garden," Tim Chapman, CEO of IPG, said. "The chairs are easy to use and provide a comfortable and safe experience for visitors with limited mobility."

The chairs are being provided by Annie's House, a collaborative partnership between Anne Carlsen and Bottineau Winter Park. Annie's House is a nonprofit program offering adaptive recreational opportunities for individuals of all ages with disabilities, as well as veterans with a ten percent or greater service-connected disability. Advance sign-ups for chair use are recommended and

can be made on the IPG website. Nestled in the Turtle Mountains is a garden. A celebration of peace, a living monument to the ideals of friendship and cooperation among nations. Acres of uninterrupted prairie, forest and radiant floral gardens defined by nature, not borders. The International Peace Garden is a nonprofit organization committed to advocating for peace, www.peace-

For further information contact Tim Chapman, email: tim@peacegarden.com, phone: 1-888-432-



Proceedings Of The New Town City Council

NEW TOWN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES** MAY 28, 2025

Members Present: Mayor Jay Standish; Council Members: Frank Sillitti, Doug Bratvold, Nathaniel Mayer and Jesse Baker

(via phone). Others Present: City Attorney William Woods; Eileen Zaun, Laurie Giffey, Esmeralda Mata-Abarca, Jason Strand, Patrick Samson, John DeGroot, Gabe Nybakken, Susie Hayden, Chief Troy Whiteowl, Shane Goettle

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M. Motion to Sillitti, seconded by Bratvold to approve the agenda.

1. Minutes:
Motion by Baker, seconded by Bratvold to approve April 9th, 2025 Tax Equalization meeting.
All Voting Aye: Motion carried

Motion by Sillitti, seconded by Baker to approve April 16th, 2025 Council min-

All Voting Aye: Motion carried.

2. Financials & Bill Set:

Motion by Sillitti, seconded by Bratvold to approve the financial and bill set as

FIRST OF THE MONTH: CK#45427 KARL EMERGENCY VEHICLE \$33,955.00; CK#045428 MCRANDALL MOBILE GLASS \$450.00; CK#045429 MWEC \$10,317.84; CK#045430 CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION \$1624.62; CK#045431 NR CONSTRUCTION \$1615.75; CK#045432 ONE CALL CONCEPTS \$83.35; CK#045435 RTC \$2489.00; CK#045503 SHANE GOET-TLE \$1700.00; CK#045504 SLAW-SON EXPLORATION COMPA \$15.09; CK#045505 THE SUHUH CREW \$276.95; CK#045506 UNITED QUALITY COOPERATIVE \$325.07; CK#045507 VISA \$786.10; CK#045508 WEST-LIE MOTOR COMPANY \$6,421.58; CK#045509 WOODS WILLIAM JR \$3,500.00; CK#045510 WSI \$250.00; **TO**-TAL CHECKS \$63,810.35 COUNCIL BILLS:

ACKERMAN-ESTVOLD ENGINEER-ING \$32,033.84; CK#045512 AE2S \$71,445.44; CK#045512 AIRE-MAS-TER \$120.00; CK#045514 AMERI-CAN WELDING & GAS \$3,107.52; CK# 045515 ARMOR INTERACTIVE \$1730.77; CK#045516 BARNES & NO-BLE \$18.99; CK#045517 BRATVOLD, GERI \$167.43; CK#045518 BRAUN INTERTEC \$601.50; CK#045519 CEI \$20,816.54; CK#045520 CENTRAL PAINTING \$45,750.00; CK#045521 CORE & MAIN \$1126.84; CK#045522 CULLIGAN WATER CONDITION-ING \$13.66; CK#045523 DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS \$385.00; CK#045524 ELAN FINANCIAL SER-VICES \$9472.13; CK#045525 ELEC-TRONIC COMMUNICATION \$388.00 CK#045526 FIRST DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT \$90.00; CK#045527 FLOWPOINT ENVIRONMENTAL \$6.38; CK#045528 FURUSETH LAW FIRM \$500.00; CK#045529 GAFFANEY'S \$1575.46; CK#045530 GRAYMONT \$18,555.47 CK#045531 HAWKINS \$3,537.30; CK#045532 HAYDEN JEFFREY \$134.73; CK#045533 HERBEL, KIA \$81.00; CK#045532 HOSIER WORLD-WIDE \$189,008.10; CK#045535 INFOR-MATION TECH. \$341.95; CK#045536 JAMERSON, DEMETRIUS \$70.00; CK#045537 MENARDS \$1,644.09; CK#045538 MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROM \$1,237.44; CK#045539 MVTL \$115.50; CK#045540 NAPA \$1,337.28; CK#045541 JACK & JILL \$102.41; CK#045542 OVERHEAD DOOR COM \$1,712.55; CK#045543 PREMIER PART-NERS \$4,200.00; CK#045544 QUADI-ENT \$1,000.00; CK#045545 RATH & MEHRER \$25,500.00; CK#045546 SA-TERMO \$233.64 CK#045547 SLAWSON EXPLORATION \$13.13; CK#045548 TO-TAL CONTROL \$1,000.00; CK#045549 UNIFORMS2GEAR \$239.42; CK#045550 UNITED QUALITY COOP \$505.05; UNITED QUALITY COOP \$4,311.21; CK#045552 UNITED QUALITY COOP \$1366.46; CK#045553 USA BLUE BOOK \$464.62; CK#045554 VALINT CON-STRUCTION \$56,973.13; CK#045555 VESSCO \$2,894.44; CK#045556 VES-TIS \$1,157.70; CK#045557 WATER SMITH \$1,646.07; CK#0455558 WHITE OWL, TROY \$45.00; TOTAL CHECKS

\$509,809.21 PAYROLL PP 10 E-CHECK 92429 TO 92469; E- CHECK #92470 ACH CHECK \$52,232.53 - PP 11 E-CHECK 92471-

92500- E-CHECK 92501 \$51,151.81 3. Shane Goettle - Legislative Up-

A report was given to the City Council for the 2025 North Dakota Legislative session. Wrapped up on 74th day of the session. Saved 6 days to call back into session. 1021 bills and 68 resolutions introduced; 1089 total: highest number since 2009. 615 bills passed by both chambers. 2025 Legislature passed a record \$20.3 billion, two-year budget (2.6% increase over 2023-2025). Included nearly \$6.25 billion in state general fund spending, (up \$150

million from previous biennium) The Consulting and Legal Services Agreement was brought up for Shane and the City of New Town to sign and to help identify and pursue state, federal and local funding opportunities for the water supply and treatment project. Arranging and facilitating meetings with relevant government officials and agencies to secure funding commitments. Assisting in the preparation and submission of applications, documentation and required presentations to government entities, also advising the City on legislative and regulatory strategies to enhance funding opportunities and be able to meet face to face with Governor Hoeven. Motion by Mayer, seconded by Brat-

vold to approve signing the agreement with Shane Goettle and the City of New Town, reimbursement will be on an hourly basis. Voting Aye: Mayer, Bratvold, Sillitti, Baker

Voting Nay: None

4. Water Plant Updates:

Well Smith is fixing check valve on well #2. 4th, 5th and 2nd Avenue will be taken off the water line and put on temp-water, so they can work on the new water line. The Pool and Splash Pad are up and running this week, as the pool is opening on Monday, June 2nd. Some of the sensus meters have reached their expected life span, so putting in new meters. We hired two new employees for the water plant, so that was good news. We have been working on the ponds to get them drained. 5. AE2S Jason Strand:

*New Town Sand Hill Water Tower: put in a request (Sater Water Commission) for preconstruction costs, the city was awarded \$153,000.00. I put together funding reimbursement request #1 to send to the State Water Commission for \$51,021.25 for the design and bidding for construction

Motion by Bratvold, seconded by May-

er to approve request #1 for \$51,021.25 from the State Water Commission, Sand Hill Tower engineering, with construction

All Voting Aye: Motion carried.

*2023 Street & Utility Improvements: I conducted a one-year warranty walk-through with the city to identify any remaining warranty items left on last year's project. Overall, the project is in good condition. *Curb stops that need to be adjusted to be flush with the adjacent ground. *Gate valves that have shifted during the winter and aren't fully straight. *Cracked and/or damaged areas of curb, sidewalk, driveways, and valley gutters that need to be either replaced or routed and sealed

*Manholes that have asphalt to be removed from the pick holes. *Two curb stops that don't have extension rods installed inside them. *A gate valve that has dirt in the bottom of it that needs to be cleaned out. *Two curb stops that were installed in the yards instead of the boulevards. *Three curb stops that need to have the extension rods shortened. *A bollard that needs to be reinstalled on 7th Avenue E by the college. *A gate valve that needs to be lowered north of 4th Street N.

*2025 Street & Utility Improvements (phase 2): Meyer started to install the new sewermain at the intersection of 4th Street N and east Avenue. Residents on 4th and 5th Street, Rainbow Drive and 2nd Avenue are on temporary water as these areas will soon be affected by utility construction work.

The asphalt millings will be left in place on the roadways until underground work will be done in the street, at which point the millings will be stripped off and salvaged for use as base material. The Weekly construction meeting will be held

on Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. *Water Tower Coating Failures: Coating on the new Water Tower up North have started popping up as we discussed at last month's council meeting. Construction on the water tower was completed in 2020, so it is past the 2-year window for warranty repairs. I have asked KLM Engineering for a quote to inspect both the interior and exterior coating on the tower. They sent a quote for \$6,614.00. Motion by Bratvold, seconded by Sillit-

ti to approve the quote from KLM to check out the Water Tower. Voting Aye: Bratvold, Mayer, Sillitti,

Voting Nay: None

*Eagle Drive Alley Driveway: Scott asked for a quote to install a driveway on Eagle Drive in the alley between 5th Ave. E. and 6th Ave. E. This area currently has a high-back curb and sidewalk along the north side of Eagle Drive. I have two quotes: Meyer Construction \$4,051.08 and

Poitra Brothers Construction \$7810.00. Motion by Bratvold, seconded by Sillitti to approve Meyer Construction for the change order to add this to the 2025 street project \$4,051.08.

Voting Aye: Bratvold, Sillitti, Baker

Voting Nay: Mayer
6. Ackerman-Estvold Venue 8 City

The Venue - (Valint): Change order -(\$6,144.69) the pier foundations were originally set at 3" 4" for a depth; and now with the stamped engineer drawings they have 6" 6". I asked the FRI to the design team to clarify what one is correct, and they said that the stamped engineer drawing is what they are expecting.

Motion by Bratvold, seconded by Sillitti to approve change order #1 for Valint \$6,144.69, for the Venue. Voting Aye: Bratvold, Mayer, Sillitti,

Voting Nay: None

Venue Braun: Site excavation observations, soil compaction testing, concrete testing, structural inspections, quote

\$24,184.50. Motion by Sillitti, seconded by Bratvold to approve Braun testing at the Venue site \$24,184.50.

Voting Aye: Sillitti, Bratvold, Mayer,

Voting Nay: None
<u>City Hall Replacement (Hosier's)</u>:
Change order Item 1 - for \$14,600.30, soil corrections - removal of uncontrolled fill from building footprint and removal of abandoned foundation; change order Item 2 - \$7,304.21 charge in haul location for debris due to MHA landfill closure. Total

of the two item changes \$21,904.21. Motion by Sillitti, seconded by Mayer to approve the two-item changes totaling \$21,904.21. Voting Aye: Sillitti, Mayer

Voting Nay: Baker, Bratvold Motion carried.

City Hall Replacement Braun: Removal of the 10,000-gallon fuel tank that was buried underground, to determine if impact soils are still present and collect confirmation samples to receive for the EPA regulaons total \$6850.00.

Motion by Sillitti, seconded by Mayer to approve Braun, \$6,850.00 soil testing by buried tank. Voting Aye: Sillitti, Mayer, Bratvold

Voting Nay: Baker

7. Ackerman-Estvold Patrick Sam-

son: 2025 West Central Avenue Improvements: Start up on June 9, 2025. Sanitary sewer installation June 16, 2025, Change order #1 for East Avenue improvements between 9th and 12th street, (road is sinking in); \$46,526.25 - adding with original total street improvements \$695,840.25. Motion by Bratvold, seconded by Mayer to approve change order #1 - \$46,526.25, between 9th and 12th street improvements.

Voting Aye: Bratvold, Mayer, Sillitti Voting Nay or Absent: Baker

Motion carried. NDDPT Trail Project (PCN23923): DOT held the bid opening for the project on May 9th, 2025 with three bids received

* Gratech Company, LLC

\$1,061,087.13 Strata Corporation, \$1,277,800.51 * Keller Paving, \$1,379,945.52 Engineers estimate

\$1,153,977.60

The NDDOT original award to the city was for a \$517,500 project with an 81/19 cost share. Cost increase are a result of NDDOT required grading and alignment revisions Per communications with the NDDOT,

the cost share will apply to the contract award amount. * New Town share (19.07%) \$202,349.32, Construction Engineering Town share (19.07%) fees \$30,000.00; testing not covered by

* Suggested Budget = \$250,000 if the city accepts the low bid. DOT is waiting on Council decision to award the project. Motion by Bratvold, seconded by Siltti to approve the DOT cost share of

Contractor, potential change orders.

Voting Aye: Bratvold, Sillitti, Mayer Voting Nay or Absent: Baker Motion carried

Cemetery Updated: Braun has com-

pleted their fieldwork and provided point files of location site on May 20^{th} . Ackerman surveying is working with Braun to plot the data and identify the occupied sites. Survey crews may be in town this week to collect boundary information so that the plot maps can be laid out to match the old maps and

Plan Review - Regenerative Medical Clinic: Clinic review was completed in November 2024. Architectural code review approves, minor electrical/mechanical comments being addressed. Recommend approval of building permit.

8. Police Report:

Grants: Work continues with EOC get assistance. Personnel: Continue looking into options for Echo/K9. Policy Manual: Policies to be approved with any recommended changes are: Communicable Diseases; Mental Illness Commitments; Vehicle Maintenance; Custodial Searches and temporary Custody of Adults. Will need a motion to approve these policies. Motion by Bratvold, seconded by Sil-

litti to approve these policies. All Voting Aye: Absent: Baker; Motion

carried. Patrol Vehicles: The Chevy Tahoe K9 unit was received and operating in the fleet. The two explorers to arrive in July. Training: Chief White Owl attended the Vision Zero Conference in Bismarck, Sgt. Jamerson attended taser recertification training. Chase is to attend SRO in July and Sgt. Jamerson to have K-9 recertification in June. Eileen will be attending the Chief of Police Conference in June.

Miscellaneous: Audit for grants on June 4th with NDDOT highway Safety, Car show on Main Street on June 13th, Street signs sheet provided to Scott to get sign ordered Calls of service: 791

9. Building Permits:

Motion by Bratvold, seconded by Sillitti to approve demo homes: TAT North Segment, 222 3rd Street N. condemned home; 424 4th Street N condemned home; 350 East Avenue A-4; 350 E trailer East Avenue A-1 trailer; 350 East Avenue A-20 condemned home; TAT FBHA 103 Dakota Drive home; 112 Dakota Drive home; 208 6th Ave. home; 513 5th Street N. home; 516 Street N. home; 517 5th Street N. home; 221 Main Street interior fire remodel, all areas affected by the fire.

Voting Aye: Bratvold, Mayer, Sillitti

Voting Nay or Absent: Baker Motion made by Mayer, seconded by Sillitti to approve TAT Regenerative Clinic, 804 Arikara Drive new building. Voting Aye: Sillitti, Bratvold, Mayer

Voting Nay or Absent: Baker Motion by Mayer, seconded by Brat-vold to approve Frank Sillitti, 221 Main Street, remodel building

Voting Nay or Absent: Baker; Abstainıng: Sillitti Motion carried. Motion by Mayer, seconded by Brat-

Voting Aye: Bratvold, Mayer

vold to approve NDSP 404 4th Street N., new wood fence. Voting Aye: Sillitti, Bratvold, Mayer Voting Nay or Absent: Baker Motion carried.

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Brat-vold to approve 404 4th Street N., new wood steps

Voting Aye: Mayer, Bratvold, Sillitti Voting Nay or Absent: Baker Motion carried. Motion by Bratvold, seconded by Sillit-

ti to approve New Town Library, 307 Main Street, replacement of exterior storefront entrances and windows. Voting Aye: Bratvold, Mayer, Sillitti

Voting Nay or Absent: Baker Motion carried. Motion by Sillitti, seconded by Brat-

vold to approve New Town Library, 307 Main Street, remodel bathroom. Voting Aye: Sillitti, Bratvold, Mayer

Voting Nay or Absent: Baker Motion carried. Motion by Mayer, seconded by Bratvold to approve Little 2's Daycare, 301 6th

Street N, replace wood fence. Voting Aye: Bratvold, Sillitti, Mayer Voting Nay or Absent: Baker Motion carried.

Motion by Bratvold, seconded by Sillitti to approve Orville Drosdal, 339 Main Street, outdoor patio. Voting Aye: Bratvold, Sillitti, Mayer

Voting Nay or Absent: Baker Motion carried. Motion by Mayer, seconded by Bratvold to approve New Town Library, 307

Main Street, new roof. Voting Aye: Mayer, Bratvold, Sillitti Voting Nay or Absent: Baker

Motion carried. Motion by Bratvold, seconded by Mayer to approve North Segment, 710 East Ave, 5 pavilions around town.

Voting Aye: Bratvold, Sillitti, Mayer Voting Nay or Absent: Baker Motion carried. 10. DeGroot - Fire Department

Truck: The Fire Department are wondering if the City would help us pay for a new 2025 Ford command truck (\$69,123.560). The rural Fire department will pay for half of

Motion by Mayer, seconded by Bratvold to approve paying for half of the new Command truck (34,561.75.). Voting Aye: Mayer, Sillitti, Bratvold Voting Nay or Absent: Baker

11. BCBS Change & Employee Start-

ing "Get BCBS" BCBS Dental and Vision have a lot of business not in the network with the plan

we now have. I am asking if we can switch over to Azurance, this will not cost the city anything to switch over. This is still a part Motion by Bratvold, seconded by May-

er to switch the insurance to Azurance for Dental and Vision only.
All Voting Aye: Absent: Baker; Motion

carried. Can the rest of the city get the BCBS insurance when they first start instead of waiting that 3 months. It would only be the

insurance and after 3 months get the rest of the benefits. Motion by Mayer, seconded by Sillitti to approve new hires getting the insurance

Voting Aye: Bratvold, Sillitti, Mayer Voting Nay or Absent: Baker Motion carried.

12. Committees for Budget: It's that time to think about the budget

On the Budget committees: Building Committee- Jesse Baker and Nathaniel Mayer; Street Committee- Doug Bratvold, Nathaniel Mayer; Water & Sewer Committee- Nathaniel Mayer, Frank Sillitti; Police & Public Committee- John DeGroot, Frank Sillitti, Bill Woods, Eileen Zaun

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 P.M. Jay Standish, Mayor Eileen Zaun, Auditor

