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MILNOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY JUNE 9, 2025 ~ 5 P.M.

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, June 9, 2025, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Denise Ferderer, Glen Koeppe, Michelle Odegard, Jodi Ost and Jasmine Smith. Also present: Carol Peterson, LeeAnn Even, Mike Bassingthwaite, Rick Bryant, Scott Johnson, Joel Quanbeck, Megan Burns, Wendy Willprecht, Mark Gainor, Robert Lotzer, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

Motion to approve meeting agenda (Anderson/Odegard, unanimous).

Motion to approve May meeting minutes (Koeppe/Ferderer, unanimous).

Joel Quanbeck and Megan Burns of KLG Engineering were in attendance to discuss the Sargent County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP), which needs to be updated every 4 years to qualify for federal funding for any disaster which may occur within the county. Residents of the county are encouraged to fill out a MHMP hazard survey, either online or a paper copy. Burns stressed having as many members of the public as possible fill out the survey by the July 20 deadline.

Deputy Rick Bryant reviewed the Sheriff's Report and reported a trailer stolen from Fergus Falls had been recovered, the juvenile issues still continue and June Fest went well. Members of council voiced complaints about dirt bike issues that are not being addressed by the department and also questioned what can be done about the vehicles with loud pipes. Bryant stated he would discuss these issues with Sheriff Paeper.

Mike Bassingthwaite reviewed the Engineer's Report and informed council the city had received 2 bids for the Park Road project. Bohlman Trenching Services provided the lowest bid of \$162,203.90. Bassingthwaite said the bid is higher than when the project was bid before, but the city's cost share is lower. The city's share of the cost is estimated at \$85,000. Bassingthwaite stated Interstate Engineering recommends the city accept the bid.

Motion to accept the bid of \$162,203.90 from Bohlman Trenching Services for the Park Road project (Ost/Smith, with a roll call vote taken with all members voting aye. No nays). Motion carried.

Bassingthwaite discussed the water plant project update and stated there had been a change order of \$8068.40, which includes new piping to fix leaks and new conduit for the VFDs. This change order includes a new completion date of July 30.

Motion to accept the change order of \$8068.40 and new completion date of July 30 (Ost/Anderson, with a roll call vote taken with all members voting aye. No nays). Motion carried.

Bassingthwaite presented a pay estimate of \$75,144 to John's Refrigeration for supplies for the water plant project.

Motion to accept the pay estimate to John's Refrigeration of \$75,144 (Ost/Odegard, unanimous).

Ryan Smith presented the Maintenance Report and informed council the new lawnmower had been delivered.

LeeAnn Even reviewed the Attorney's Report and presented Ordinance #30, an amendment to Section 11 – Keeping of Certain Animals Prohibited, for the 2nd Reading.

Motion to approve Ordinance #30, an amendment to Section 11 – Keeping of Certain Animals Prohibited (Ferderer/Smith, unanimous).

Even presented Ordinance #31, an amendment to Chapter 15 which prohibits residents from using pallets or scrap materials as building materials. The 1st Reading was completed, and the ordinance will be published in the Teller that week.

Even presented Resolution #32, which establishes a policy regarding public comment requirements at regular meetings and informed council this is a state mandate. There was a discussion among council members as to what changes will happen in future meetings and how residents can voice their concerns. A reading was conducted and will be published in the Teller after approval.

Motion to approve Resolution #32 (Ferderer/Odegard, unanimous).

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report and updated council regarding the Scavenger Hunt and the proposed walking path along Bulldog Creek. Peterson informed council about recent state legislation and proposed fund allocations.

Peterson discussed an upcoming grocery store grant, which deals with work force. The grant opens for applications on July 2, is for communities of 4000 people or less and is restricted to \$150,000. Cory Zacher and Carol Peterson will discuss ideas on remodeling to improve inventory storage, and other ways to help with inventory management.

Motion to approve gaming permits – St. Jude's S.E.N.D. – raffle and VFW Post #9069 - raffle (Anderson/Koeppe, unanimous).

Motion to approve building permit – The Dairy Dozen - New Trailer in Park Lane (Ost/Smith, unanimous).

Mayor Dusek discussed a building permit submitted by Rich Hogness for placing a storage container on his father's property. It is a temporary container to hold his tools for about a year. It was determined Hogness did not need a building permit, but council would like to revisit the issue in a year, if the container is still there.

Motion to approve the Bison Booster Club's Yearly Gaming Site Authorizations for Hump's Bar & Grill and Lakeview Golf Course (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous).

Council discussed junk cars and what can be done to get them out of the city. Mayor Dusek stated they could discuss with LeeAnn Even at the July meeting.

There was a discussion about the street deterioration between the railroad tracks, especially on 1st Street. Further discussion will take place at the July meeting.

Mayor Dusek informed council the house on the lot Tim Faber had purchased from the city had been demolished and removed.

The following bills were presented and approved (Koeppe/Odegard, unanimous).

Sargent County Auditor	\$2955.20
Carol Peterson	1396.00
Auto Value Wahpeton	25.99
Crossroads Electric Inc	165.11
Dakota Plains Ag	66.75
Dickey Rural Networks	455.62
Gary Ordahl	100.00
Hansen Lumber & Hardware	92.47
John Deere Financial	251.25
Lee's Service Station	233.00
Midwest Pest Control	85.00
Milnor Market	12.16
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	132.03
Office Depot	61.69
Otter Tail Power Company	3577.52
Riteway	210.27
Team Laboratory Chemical Corp	1326.00
The Sargent County Teller	573.48
Trevipay	39.99
Waste Management of WI-MN	1449.02
Johns Refrig & Electric Inc	22,563.01
Payroll Account 61-639	6370.47
Verizon Wireless	166.89
Sargent County Recorder	20.00
Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4905.00
Milnor Park Board	3099.62
Library Fund	365.53
Airport Authority	573.02
Debt Service Fund	2496.85
Payroll Account 61-639	6352.65
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	3304.90
Southeast Water Users	3403.40
Dakota Valley Electric Coop	557.00
Riteway	210.27
City of Fargo	14.00
ND Department of Health	25.00
North Dakota One Call	6.00
Johns Refrig. & Electric Inc	52,581.31
Payroll Account 61-639	1140.20
Payroll Account 61-639	1170.48
Milnor Postmaster	73.00
Jeremy M. Bixby	933.87
Terry J. Dusek	166.23
Jennie M. Hanna	1536.17
Ryan J. Smith	2101.72
ND Child Support Division	522.50
Jeremy M. Bixby	1115.79
Jennie M. Hanna	1578.81
Ryan J. Smith	2015.39
ND Child Support Division	522.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	501.30
Unum Life Insurance Company	12.34
Nationwide Retirement Solution	397.46
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ND State Tax Commissioner	61.26
Internal Revenue Service	3206.99
Dickey Rural Networks	128.62
Heritage Insurance	980.00
Midwest Pest Control	85.00
Milnor Public School	1940.78

The regular July meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor
Terry Dusek, Mayor

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Obituaries

Donald Johnson

MARCH 9, 1960 – JULY 4, 2025

Goodland, Kansas, resident Donald Joseph Johnson, 65, passed away at this home north of Ruleton on Friday, July 4, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Joe was born on March 9, 1960, in Ashland, Ky., to Duane J. and Betty Ann (Kulzer) Johnson. He was one of 5 children. He graduated from North Sargent High School in Gwinner in 1978.

Joe loved working on and especially riding his motorcycles. He also enjoyed helping his son and friend Austin work their cattle and hauling hay. Before retirement, joe was the operations manager at Rooks Fabrication Weld Shop.

On March 26, 1999, Joe married Dawn Marie Keller in Sterling, Colo.

Joe is survived by his wife Dawn Johnson of the home, his daughter Amy Holman, Sterling, his



son Matt (Marci) Johnson, Goodland, his parents Duane and Betty Johnson, Gwinner, as well as 3 step children; Jennifer (Josh) Anderson, Moorehead, Shane (Aneta) Murphy, Palmer, Alaska, and Bridget (Jeremiah) Bohn, Lisbon. He is also survived 7 grandchildren; Dylan, Bode, Cooper, Taylor, John, Clodagh and Iver, 4 great grandchildren and another on the way, plus his 4 siblings; Sandy (Arlen) Hanson, Michael Johnson, Justin (Kristal) Johnson and Christopher Johnson.

A Celebration of Life will be held on July 19 at 11:30 a.m. MT at the family's residence north of Ruleton.

In Lieu of Flowers, memorial contributions may be made out to Hero's for Humanity and may be left at the services or mailed to Koons-Russell Funeral Home, 211 N. Main Ave., Goodland, KS 67735.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.koonsrussellfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Koons-Russell Funeral Home in Goodland, KS.

SBARE elects new chair and gains new members

On June 10, the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education held elections during a meeting at North Dakota State University's Peltier Complex in Fargo, North Dakota, marking a new chapter for several members.

NEW CHAIR – PAM GULLESON

On June 10, SBARE elected Pam Guleson as the new chair. A longtime farmer-rancher from Rutland, Guleson brings decades of experience in agriculture, public policy and community health. She previously served in the North Dakota House of Representatives and as chief of staff to Sen. Byron Dorgan. Guleson's broad background in both production agriculture and state and federal leadership uniquely positions her to serve North Dakota's agricultural interests.

Chair Guleson will serve alongside Vice Chair John Nordgaard, elected to the position in 2023. Nordgaard has vast experience overseeing corn, potato, soybean, wheat and peanut production, as well as managing global agricultural operations. As the former vice president of AGVISE Laboratories and Black Gold Farms, the Bottineau, North Dakota, resident will continue advancing the SBARE mission.

NEW MEMBERS – SCOTT HUSO & JASON SCHMIDT

Scott Huso of Aneta, was elected as the Ag Coalition appointee beginning July 1. Additionally, Huso serves on the North Dakota Wheat Commission for District 5. A fifth-generation farmer, Huso holds a master's degree in agricultural economics from NDSU and previously worked on trade policy and biotechnology issues in Washington. His understanding of the wheat industry, coupled with experience in public and private sectors, aligns with SBARE's efforts to guide research priorities and promote market opportunities for North Dakota crops.

Jason Schmidt, of Medina, was elected as the representative for NDSU Extension's Multi-county Program Units 7 and 8. A seasoned rancher with a commercial cow/calf operation,



Pam Guleson, the new chair of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education. NDSU PHOTO

Schmidt serves on the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board and has also been involved with the North Dakota Beef Commission and the North Dakota Stockmen's Association. His leadership and perspective on livestock health, beef markets and rural policy will support the board's mission.

CONCLUSION OF CHAIR TERM – SARAH HALL LOVAS

Sarah Hall Lovas, who began her time on the board in 2017 and was elected chair in September 2021, concluded her service as chair and board member on June 30.

Lovas, a crop consultant and agronomist from Hillsboro, North Dakota, is known for her commitment to science-based agriculture and service to her community. A former president of the North Dakota Certified Crop Advisers and recipient of the 2022 North Dakota CCA of the Year Award, Lovas has consistently advocated for innovation and accountability in research.

During her tenure as SBARE chair, Lovas helped guide the board through multiple legislative sessions, emphasizing sustainable funding for the NDSU Research Extension Centers, equipment upgrades and targeted research to benefit producers. She advocated for transparent prioritization processes, producer engagement and the importance of pairing Extension education with on-farm solutions.

EXITING MEMBER – MARK URQUHART

After four years of service, Mark Urquhart of Jamestown has concluded his term on SBARE. Representing NDSU Extension's Multi-county Program Units 7 and 8 since 2021, Urquhart brought insight from his work in livestock, small grains and row crops.

In addition to his professional contributions, Urquhart has been active in local organizations such as the Jamestown Airport Authority and the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association.