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MILNOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 ~ 5 P.M.

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, September 8, 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, Cory Zacher, Scott Johnson, Robert Lotzer, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

Motion to approve the adoption of the 2026 final budget (Ost/Odegard, roll call vote taken with all members voting aye, no nays.). Motion carried.

Motion to approve meeting agenda (Smith/Ferderer, unanimous).

Motion to approve August meeting and special meeting minutes (Ferderer/Ost, unanimous).

Cory Zacher, owner of the Milnor Market business, introduced himself to council and explained the electronic labeling system he would like to purchase, if the grocery store receives the state's grocery store 80/20 grant. The cost of the system is \$77,627, and Zacher explained he'd be responsible for 20% of the cost and the annual and maintenance fees. Zacher informed council the electronic labels would alleviate labor on his employees. Carol Peterson stated she'd submitted the grant pre-application and needs council approval to submit the grant application.

Motion to let Carol Peterson proceed with the 80/20 grocery store grant application (Koeppe/Ferderer, unanimous).

Mike Bassingthwaite reviewed the Engineer's Report and presented updated project costs and maps for the DOT Flex Fund project proposals. Mayor Dusek stated he'd talked with the Milnor Township board, and they're on board with the Old Highway 13 project proposal.

Motion to proceed with the Old Highway 13 project proposal for the DOT Flex Fund Grant, as the city's #2 project, with the city contributing 10% of the cost and for the project to be completed in 2027 (Smith/Ost, unanimous).

Bassingthwaite presented two pay requests, \$165,360.79 from John's Refrigeration & Electric for the pumphouse updates and \$62,749.31 from Bohlman Trenching Service for the park road paving.

Motion to approve the pay estimates (Ost/Odegard, unanimous).

Deputy Rick Bryant reviewed the Sheriff's Report and informed council that August had been a good month, with the usual dog and driving complaints. Member Ferderer questioned Bryant on the residents' concerns regarding drugs in Milnor. Bryant stated the city itself is doing ok, and that SEMCA is always involved in the county's drug patrol.

Ryan Smith presented the Maintenance Report and informed council he'd like to fill in the bury pit at the landfill. A decision was tabled until October.

A quote of \$20,919 was presented to spray foam insulate the shop, to house the jetter in the winter. There were additional costs for either painting or fire coating. Carol Peterson stated Rod Larson would be willing to rent space this winter in the old Green Iron shop for the jetter, at \$0.50/sq. foot per month. Mayor Dusek stated the city could also put in a request to Milnor Community Foundation to help cover some of the costs.

Motion to store the jetter in the old Green Iron building for \$0.50/sq. foot per month this winter (Koeppe/Smith, unanimous).

Motion to apply to the Milnor Community Foundation for funds to help cover the cost of \$23,178 to spray

foam insulate the shop and paint and for funds for a new electronic speed sign on Main (Ost/Odegard, unanimous).

The first reading of Ordinance 32, prohibition on living or sleeping in buildings, vehicles, or temporary structures not designed for residential occupancy, was completed.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report and discussed Welcome to Milnor signage, Gibbon Farms' donation for beautification of the Hump's corner at the 4-way stop, a forestry grant for Ash tree removal and new tree planting, and the Christmas shop local campaign. Peterson presented two RZ project applications for approval.

Motion to approve the RZ project application from Scott Goolsbey for the rehab of his home and building a garage, located at 322 6th Street, Milnor, North Dakota, legally known as Lots 14-15, Block 26, City of Milnor, Sargent County, North Dakota (Parcel # 25-7615000). Property is located in Renaissance Zone Block 17A. (Ost/Odegard, unanimous). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the RZ project application from Andrew & Kimberly Dahlgren for the rehab of their home, located at 69 Greenfield Road, Milnor, North Dakota, legally known as Lot 3, Block 2, City of Milnor, Sargent County, North Dakota (Parcel # 25-7920000). Property is located in Renaissance Zone Block 3. (Ost/Smith, unanimous). Motion carried.

Motion to approve building permits – David & Deb Wagner – shingling, Andrew & Kimberly Dahlgren – home rehab and Geoff Lien – new windows (Ost/Koeppe, unanimous).

Motion to renew the contract with Lacey Ferderer to sell lots in Northview Addition (Koppe/Smith, unanimous).

Members Koeppe and Ferderer had conducted a tree survey and put together a list of residents with dead trees and piles of branches. Ferderer stated she would email the list to Jennie Hanna to send out letters.

The following bills were presented and approved Bills:

Debt Service Fund	
\$152,822.00	
Sargent County Auditor	2955.20
Carol Peterson	1396.00
Bohlman Trenching Inc	62,749.31
Dakota Plains Ag	303.24
Dickey Rural Networks	495.61
Gibbon Farm & Ranch	3400.00
Hansen Lumber & Hardware	68.25
Interstate Engineering Inc	15,102.15
Lee's Service Station	130.25
Midwest Pest Control	85.00
Milnor Market	11.98
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	104.04
National Tank Outlet	3551.89
Office Depot	92.60
Otter Tail Power Company	3592.34
Team Laboratory Chemical Corp	926.00
The Sargent County Teller	244.12
Waste Management of WI-MN	1454.41
Milnor Postmaster	78.00
Payroll Account 61-639	7228.26
Verizon Wireless	166.92
Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4935.00
Milnor Park Board	3643.00
Payroll Account 61-639	6459.83
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	3304.90
Southeast Water Users	4786.93
City of Fargo	14.00
Interstate Engineering Inc	8075.40
Johns Refrig. & Electric Inc	117,521.92
North Dakota One Call	12.85
Dakota Valley Electric Coop	458.00
Zions Bank	400.00
Payroll Account 61-639	1328.79
Johns Refrig. & Electric Inc	47,838.87
Payroll Account 61-639	1209.49
Jeremy M. Bixby	1115.78
Terry J. Dusek	166.23
Jennie M. Hanna	1684.93
Ryan J. Smith	2445.67
ND Child Support Division	522.50
Jeremy M. Bixby	1115.79
Jennie M. Hanna	1560.23
Ryan J. Smith	2118.59
ND Child Support Division	522.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	501.30
Unum Life Insurance Company	12.34
Nationwide Retirement Solution	454.22
Nationwide Retirement Solution	416.58
ND State Tax Commission	82.29
Internal Revenue Service	3562.85
Dickey Rural Networks	128.56
Midwest Pest Control	85.00
Milnor Public School	362.15

The regular October meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor
Terry Dusek, Mayor
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MILNOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

Milnor School's Budget Hearing was held September 10th at 6:45pm in the ITV room.

The School Board of Milnor Public School, District No. 2, met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the library. President Fyre called the meeting to order. Board members present- C Fyre, S Berndt, K Wehlander, and L Mund. Board members absent - A Bogart. Also, present Superintendent C Larson, Business Manager K Bixby, and C Fitzgerald. The Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented Mund/Berndt. The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda (consisting of the August 12th Board meeting minutes, financial report, and presentation of bills totaling \$189,866.14), Berndt/Wehlander.

Bills:
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC. \$1,326.26
CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG 1,541.21
CITY OF MILNOR 204.19
CROSSROADS ELECTRIC, INC. 242.12
DACOTAH PAPER CO. 1,042.06
DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOP. 809.14
ECKROTH MUSIC CO. 184.22
EPS OPERATIONS, LLC 148.17
THERESA ERICKSON 58.95
HAWKINS, INC. 449.62
HAZELDEN BETTY FORD FOUNDATION 36,000.00
HERITAGE INSURANCE SERVICES 270.00
HOPE INC. 356.40
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 126.00
J & M PRINTING INC. 399.25
LEE'S SERVICE STATION 32.40
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC. 288.62
LOFFLER 141.80
MILNOR MARKET 104.28
MISSION MECHANICAL, INC. 922.00
MOBRIDGE/NORDAK PUBLISHING 585.64
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. 1,466.27
ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION 9,608.00
ALISHA OLSON 19.37
ONLINE DAKOTA INFORMATION NETWORK 9.73
OTTER TAIL POWER CO. 463.14
POPP BINDING & LAMINATING, INC. 226.26
SANDRA POPP 147.91
POPPLES MUSIC STORE 172.69
RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC. 403.62
SARGENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 21,500.00
SOUTHEAST REGION CAREER & TECH. CENTER 20,520.00
STOCK GROWERS PUBLIC FINANCE, LLC 200,000.00
STORBAKKEN SANITATION, INC. 744.00
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION 621.00
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 67.00
VERIZON 444.25
THERESA WITTICH 26.00

Superintendent's Report: (1) Supt. Larson talked about Homecoming week with lots happening. Thank you to Ms. Bertram, Mrs. Arth, and Mr. Weber for helping coordinate. (2) Did some work on the new MACC scoreboard to get the radio signals set. Still to work on the schools, but they do work. (3) Swapped a panel at the football field. Thanks to Crossroads for the use of a lift. (4) ADs met in September. (5) We're getting going on the charter bus. It's a slow process. Talked to DOT and they'll send someone down to the area (either here or Lisbon), but have to have the permit for two weeks before being able to take the test. (6) Zoe has been a fun addition to the school. Definitely a lot of kids (and staff) that enjoy seeing her. Taking baby steps until Mrs. Weber gets certified. (7) Dr. Larson provided an overview on how the state cell phone ban is being implanted at MPS. (8) Dr. Larson provided context into how driving subs are paid.

High School Principal Weber's Report: (1) Congratulations to Jace Fyre and Karleigh Kadoun on being named our Homecoming King and Queen! (2) October 8th Milnor will be hosting a STEM day put on by the University of Minnesota Crookston. CREST stands for Center of Rural Education in Science and Technology. Students and Professors from UMN Crookston come to Milnor for the whole day. (3) Attending Principal Bootcamp on September 11 in Bismarck. (4) Hosting a career day in November. Lining up presentations with local businesses. We'll have them give a

presentation and then have time for Q&A after the presentation.

Elementary Principal Wittich's Report: (1) We are moving away from Star Reading and Math testing this year. We will continue to use Fastbridge and will be adding ND-A Plus and Navvy. This is part of the requirements of the CLIMBS grant we received. Testing window is currently open and all students in grades K-11 are being tested. We will begin ND-A Plus testing after Fastbridge is completed. (2) Our EL (English Learners) students will e using a new program called SummitK12. This is being purchased through SEEC and is giving our students the chance to get additional practice in all the domains of English development. (3) Homecoming is underway. Kids are loving the dress up days and tie dye went very well. Everyone is looking forward to the parade and pep rally! (4) Principals Bootcamp in Bismarck September 11th. Some topics covered include legislative updates, PLCs, Evaluations and Walkthroughs, School Culture, Behavior, Absenteeism, and Discipline. (5) Elementary Student Council for the 25-26 school year has been elected. Congratulations to Lauryn Speich, Drake Hogness, Nico Martinson, Easton Fyre, Abigail Lunneborg, Kenna Peterson, Vaiah Berndt, Blake Bogart, and Gabi Ellefson. We will have our first meeting next week to discuss the projects and events we want to focus on this year. (6) 6th graders will be attending Eco Ed day at Silver Lake on September 11th with Ms. Bertram. (7) Elementary volleyball and football are in full swing. Go Bulldogs!

New Business- Wehlander moved to approve volunteer agreements for C Larson and D Weber as therapy animal handlers for \$0, Berndt seconded, motion carried.

Mund moved to approve the Annual Compliance Report, Wehlander seconded, motion carried.

Discussed NDSBA Convention Dates & Delegates. October 9-10 at Bismarck Event Center.

Berndt moved to approve the annual policy review of FDB, FDC, FDE, and GABAA, Mund seconded, motion carried.

Wehlander moved to approve the Final 2025-26 budget as presented, Berndt seconded, motion carried.

Mund moved to approve a grant request to Milnor Community Foundation for School Based Mental Health and playground improvements, Wehlander seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports:
Facilities, Transportation, Technology: None.
Negotiations, Extracurricular, Budget: None.
Sports Co-op: None.
MACC: Meet September 16th.
Sundale School: None.
SMMSL: None.
MCF: Meet October 8th.

Next board meeting will be October 14th at 7:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm, Wehlander/ Mund.

Business Manager, Katie Bixby
Milnor School Board President, C Fyre
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CITY OF FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

The annual budget hearing was called to order at 6:03 PM by Mayor Kevin Bopp. Present were council members, John Stenvold and Kirk Fliehs. Also attending were Mayor Kevin Bopp, City Auditor Alicia Thompson, City Superintendent Donavon Hajek, Damon DeVillers, Zach Hatting and Sara Dux.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance. There were no residents present.

Budget was proposed as drafted. A motion was made by John Stenvold, seconded by Kirk Fliehs to approve the final 2026 budget for the City of Forman. Roll call vote: Stenvold – yes; Fliehs – yes; Wykoff– absent; Anderson – absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Kevin Bopp closed the budget hearing at 6:12 PM the called the regular City Council meeting to order.

A motion was made by John Stenvold and seconded by Kirk Fliehs to approve the agenda for the regular city council meeting. Motion carried.

Guests: Damon DeVillers and Zach Hatting were present from Interstate Engineering to discuss plans and projects for the Flexible Transportation Fund Program, and the different projects the city is going to put in for.

Kirk Fliehs made a motion to prioritize main street, extend the overlay of the road in front of Kwik Stop and fix the roadway alignment in the

Klefstad addition. John Stenvold seconded that motion. Motion carried.

They also are keeping us on the list with the DWSRF by applying for projects such as wells, water tower, water main looping, and water meters. John Stenvold made a motion to re-submit the application for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Kirk Fliehs seconded that motion. Motion carried.

John Stenvold made a motion to approve the August 12th city council meeting minutes. Kirk Fliehs seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff Report- none present

City Superintendent Donavon Hajek presented the Council with the work that has been done. How much mowing has been being done due to all the rain, and gutters filling due to the water runoff. He talked about the walls in the water plant that need to be replaced and water plant injection lines, a lot in the Klefstad addition that could be filled in possibly with rock, and looking into a bigger garbage truck body.

A motion was made by John Stenvold and seconded by Kirk Fliehs to approve the City Auditors report, delinquency report and payment of the bills. Roll Call: Anderson- absent; Stenvold- yes; Wyckoff- absent; Fliehs- yes.

Bills: DICKEY RURAL \$515.12, OTTER TAIL POWER 3120.95, CITY OF FARGO 14.00, FORMAN LUMBER 75.46, SOUTHSIDE AUTO 142.28, SARGENT COUNTY AUDITOR 847.62, BOPP LAW OFFICE 500.00, MARC 1098.34, AMAZON 1567.04, ONE CALL 9.00, CROSSROAD ELECTRIC 151.50, FORMAN PARK BOARD 858.01, FORMAN GOLD COURSE 2574.04, LESTER BJERKE 1000.00, HAWKINS INC 3350.07, DAKOTA PLAINS 695.43, CENTRAL GROCERY 63.38, COMPUTER EXPRESS 235.99, SARGENT COUNTY TELLER 100.96, METERING AND TECHNOLOGY 5842.74, JP MORGAN 1518.88.

n other business - The Daktronics Sign outside the City Hall has been malfunctioning, Alicia is getting a quote for fixing this one. The NDLC conference takes place in Bismark on Sept 17-19th and Alicia and Kirk will be going to that.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor
Alicia Thompson, City Auditor
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NOTICE FOR BIDS FOR ONE MOTOR GRADER –
NEW 2026 MODEL OR
LOW-HOUR 2025 MODEL

Notice is hereby given that the Sargent County Board of Commissioners will receive sealed bids for the furnishing of one new Motor Grader, as follows:

One new 2026 Model or Low-Hour 2025 Model Motor Grader. Specifications are on file at the County Auditor's Office and may be obtained by emailing tbopp@nd.gov or writing to Sargent County Auditor, 355 Main Street S, Ste 1, Forman ND 58032.

Sargent County intends to trade-in a 2018 140G Cat, with Capital I Snow Wing.

Please include this option in your bid. Information on trade-in specifications can be obtained by contacting Tim Faber, Road Supervisor at 701-680-0560.

Bids may be mailed to or deposited with the County Auditor in sealed envelopes plainly marked with the items in which you are bidding up to 10:00 a.m., November 4, 2025.

Bids must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a bidder's bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

By order of the Sargent County Board of Commissioners.

Dated at Forman, North Dakota this 7th day of October, 2025

Tia Bopp
Sargent County Auditor
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