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**THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL FOR T HE CITY OF GWINNER, ND NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>2025, AT THE GREENDALE LIVING CENTER AT 5PM.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jaimie Gavin, Michelle Goettle, Kenny Wiederholt, Auston Creech

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Bryton Ciesynski

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Bassingthwaite, Jeff Leadbetter, Darrel Swanson, Jessica Peterson, Jim & Margee Asche, Julie & Martin Potts, Bryan Johnson

Motion to approve last month’s meeting minute approved by Michelle, seconded by Kenny.

**Public Comment:** none

**Law Enforcement Report:** Bryan present.

**Interstate Engineering Report:** Mike was present. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE- Safe route to school grant project to be placed on the north side, with a boulevard in between the street and then new 5 foot wide sidewalk (Auston/Kenny) The city will help pay for the Asche sprinklers, and the Greendale property to be moved due to the new sidewalk and three loads of dirt will be provided to the Potts for their west yard (Auston/ Michelle) Apply for the SRF Grant would be to continue the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW to the golf clubhouse (Kenny/Michelle)

**Pool Committee:** Payment #9 \$147,108.97, IE \$13,774.95 Contingent on the approval of the pool committee. (Auston/Kenny)

**Building Permit:** Ron Jacobson (204 1<sup>st</sup> ST SE) for new metal roof, Bobby Beckstrom (132 Maplewood Dr) for new 20x16 addition on house, Wyatt Schilling (111 1<sup>st</sup> ST SE) for new windows on house (Kenny/ Michelle)

**Local Permits:** n/a

**City Attorney:** Waiting for the signature from WM, we sent ours to them.

**Gwinner Housing Authority (GHA):** Winterized sprinklers and still working on construction list. Looking into memory care unit.

**Springs Golf Course:** Golf profits are still going to the Spring’s Association checking account. How do we want to handle this? Harold needs a way to audit this. Do a joint account or ask them to have access to their current account, let them keep it and then take off the next approved budget amount. Is the money a pass through or goes directly to the course? The computer system is the in-city’s name. Olson’s Accounting has access to everything they need to do in their monthly, quarterly, and annual reports. Tabled until next month.

**City Auditor Report:** Forfeited land for parcel #31-9827000, community center needs repairs- Auston working on it, extra fee for recycling needs to be updated on our rates, JDA Meeting was last week, special assessments were submitted, \$500,000 transfer from MM to Main checking thru Stock Grower Bank (Kenny/Michelle), all city buildings lighting grant a possibility in the works, open position to add a part-time/ seasonal with a CDL.

**Public Works Report:** Well 2 leak- top eight feet of well needs replaced, backup lift pump is back.

**Council Items:** Two letters were sent to residents for clean-up, railroad tracks

**Pay the Bills:** (Michelle/Kenny) IRS \$2881.89, CITY OF FARGO \$14, C O M S T O C K \$ 1 4 7 , 1 0 8 . 9 7 , CORE&MAIN \$3590.67, DRN \$458.13, ELAN FINANCIAL \$1408.05, ELECTRIC PUMP \$4353.86, ENDERSON CONSTRUCTION \$1193.56, RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE \$51, GROTBORG ELECTRIC \$876.48, HANSEN LUMBER&HARDWARE \$20.47, GWINNER HOUSING AUTHORITY \$21,199.75, HAWKINS \$4663.82, IN CONTROL \$1323.50, INTERSTATE ENGINEERING \$13,774.95, J&M PRINTING \$263.36, LESMEISTER GRAVEL \$562.50, MIDWEST PEST CONTROL \$155, MDU\$ 516.54, ND ONE CALL \$24.60, PAYROLL

\$11,211.54, SARGENT COUNTY \$6135.86, MOBRIDG/NORDAK \$545.02, TEAM LAB \$50, THEIN WELL \$315, TIAA \$2353.58, USA BLUE BOOK \$508.78, VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL \$2722.50, VERIZON WIRELESS \$198.64, WALOCK-JOHNSON INSURANCE \$1030, GWINNER HOUSING AUTHORITY \$21,199.75

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm. Next regular meeting is on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm at Fire Hall meeting room.

/s/ Jaimie Gavin, Mayor  
/s/ Jessica J Peterson City Auditor  
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**CITY OF GWINNER PUBLIC NOTICE RENAISSANCE ZONE.**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., in the City Council chambers in the Gwinner Emergency Management Building, the city council will hold a public hearing on the extension of Renaissance Zone Development Plan. Documentation regarding this petition may be inspected at the office of City Auditor Jessica Peterson, 4 First St. SE, Gwinner, North Dakota, during regular business hours.

/s/ Jessica J Peterson  
Gwinner City Auditor  
Publish December 5 & 12, 2025

Industrial Commission announces two agriculture relief loan programs

The Industrial Commission recently announced two new agriculture relief initiatives to support agriculture producers: the 2026 Farm Financial Stability Loan Program and the 2026 Grain Inventory Loan Program. The programs are offered through Bank of North Dakota (BND), and ag producers should consult with their local lender, who will handle the application process.

Producers are facing an unusual convergence of challenges including the severe weather of summer 2025, high input costs, trade policy uncertainty, and low commodity prices – all leading to increased financial stress across the agriculture sector.

“Agriculture is a foundational pillar of North Dakota’s economy,” said the Industrial Commission in a joint statement. The Industrial Commission, comprised of Gov. Kelly Armstrong as chairman, Attorney General Drew Wrigley and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, oversees BND. “These programs provide the confidence producers need to plan for the 2026 season in these uncertain times.”

The 2026 Farm Financial Stability Loan Program is designed for ag producers with an operating shortfall in 2024 or 2025, and can be used to replenish working capital, term out operating carryover or restructure existing term debts. Loans will be at a fixed interest rate of 3.75% for five years for BND’s share. The local lender’s share of the loan may not exceed BND’s Base Rate plus 1%. BND has set aside \$300 million for the program.

The 2026 Grain Inventory Loan Program is for North Dakota ag producers to provide short-term financing of remaining grain inventory. BND will provide funds with a variable interest rate at 0.75% below its Base Rate which is determined at the time of funding. The local lender’s share of the loan may not exceed BND’s Base Rate plus 1%. BND set aside \$100 million for this program.

“BND is committed to supporting our ag producers as they navigate these rapidly changing times,” stated BND President/ CEO Don Morgan. “Local lenders know their producers best, and partnering with them ensures these programs reach the people who need them. Their insight has been invaluable in shaping both loan offerings.”

To access either of the loan programs, producers should contact their local lender to submit an application. The program application period will open Dec. 9, 2025 at 12 p.m. CT, and will close June 30, 2026. More information on the program from BND can be found at [bnd.nd.gov/ffslp](http://bnd.nd.gov/ffslp) and [bnd.nd.gov/gilp](http://bnd.nd.gov/gilp).

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Quinn Minute Christmas trees

BY RIX QUINN

Christmas trees are like a distant cousin. They come to your house, surround themselves with presents, and stay a month. Then they begin to shed, and need somebody to drive them off.

People often do strange things with cut trees. One of my neighbors pulled out a chain saw and widened his front door three feet. That allowed him to bring in the tree without bending it, and it made a great spectacle the neighbors could video.

Once inside the home, some people say you should cut a couple inches off the base of a live tree trunk, and immerse it in a tree stand filled with water.

Never use water on an artificial tree. And if you cut anything off its trunk, you’ll have a shorter tree next year.

Do not use flammable decorations on a tree. The new smaller, safer tree lights seem better. I even saw one guy try to wear these lights to a party, but his extension cord kept coming out.

Some people surround the tree with a decorative tree skirt. I have never worn a tree skirt to a party, because I do not shave my legs.

After the holidays, dispose of your tree properly. Many cities will remove it from your lawn, and recycle it into mulch.

Therefore, do not dispose of your artificial tree. Plastic mulch will not grow anything.

Be The One: Support Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention

*Ty Hegland, CEO of Prairie St. John’s provides an update along with important reminders on our mental health:*

“September has come and gone, but as we proceed to the coldest, darkest months of the year we all need to be vigilant about mental health. Unfortunately, our region continues to experience an increase in the number of individuals who need support and care due to the severity of their mental health illness. Short days and cold weather can lead to social isolation, which can play a role in the increased risk of suicide, but we also know that connectedness and a sense of belonging can help prevent it.

There are many ways you can help yourself or someone else who might be struggling. In addition to seeking help from crisis services and mental health professionals, there are concrete actions the public can take to help keep our family members, friends, colleagues and neighbors safe. Closing the gap for those who are in a suicidal crisis is critical to help ensure that anyone at risk has a safe place to go, someone to talk to and someone to care.

As a community provider of services and treatment for mental health issues, substance use disorder or co-occurring disorders, Prairie St. John’s is dedicated to #BeThe1To in a manner that promotes connectedness. Evidence-based treatments and support are available. It is imperative that we equip our community with hope, resilience and the tools to feel empowered. People needing help can contact:

- 988, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, that provides 24/7 confidential support. Text, chat or call today. Trained crisis counselors are ready to serve.
- The Veterans Crisis Line for Military Veterans, call 988, press 1.
- Trevor Lifeline, the only national 24/7 lifeline for LGBTQ youth, at 1-866-488-7386.

Be the one to save a life.  
About Prairie St. John’s  
Prairie St. John’s provides a number of services for children, adolescents and adults facing mental health issues, substance use disorder or co-occurring disorders. For confidential, level-of-care assessments to help determine the best care for you or your loved ones call 701-476-7200 anytime, day or night. Learn more: <https://prairie-stjohns.com>



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**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS, WATER DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE SYSTEM OPERATORS, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS, AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TRANSFER SYSTEM OPERATORS**

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (“Department”) will hold a public hearing to address amendments to North Dakota Administrative Code (N.D. Admin. Code) chapter 33.1-19-01 regarding certification of water treatment facility operators, water distribution and storage system operators, wastewater treatment facility operators, and wastewater collection and transfer system operators at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Conference Room  
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality  
4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324  
December 30, 2025  
10:00 AM CST

A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, operator certification program, 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or calling (701) 328-5150. Written comments on the proposed rule amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address or by email to [DEQ-MF-Inspection@nd.gov](mailto:DEQ-MF-Inspection@nd.gov) until January 9, 2025.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department at the above address or telephone number below at least two days prior to the public hearing. The Department will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations or language assistance, contact the Department’s Non-discrimination/EJ Coordinator at (701) 328-5150 or [deqEJ@nd.gov](mailto:deqEJ@nd.gov). TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. No testimony will be accepted through the Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701) 328-5150 or can be found on the Department’s website at: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2025.  
L. David Glatt, P. E.  
Director, Department of Environmental Quality