

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MADDOCK CITY COUNCIL
October 13, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Maddock City Council was held Oct. 13, 2026. Mayor Dusty Pierson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. at city hall. Present for roll call were council members Bradley Hermanson, DeeDee Olson, Philip Backstrom and Teresa Dosch. Also in attendance were McKenzie Melaas, Jamie Green, Seth Syverson, Chris Pierson, Wyatt Hanson, Rachel Markestad, Cathy Faleide and Kari Bergman.

A motion was made by Hermanson and seconded by Dosch to approve the minutes of the Sept. 8, 2026 regular meeting, the Sept. 22, 2026 special meeting and the Sept. 28, 2026 special meeting. All voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Olson, to approve the following bills. All voted yes. The motion carried.

Wages	\$8,970.31
Mutual of Omaha	41.67
BC Farmers Press	52.00
BC Farmers Press	364.59
BC Sheriff's Office	600.00
Black Mountain	
Software	16,693.94
CenDak	628.30
CPWD	7,354.78
Core & Main	132.07
Devils Lake Journal	603.00
Double M Sanitation.....	6,330.00
Elite Spraying	265.00
First Dist. Health Unit	30.00
Johnson Ag Resources	45.07
Jones Brothers Auto	377.35
Maddock Opera	
House	200.00
McKenzie Melaas	68.40
MRES	200.00
Northern Plains Elec.	4,354.00
Pamela Lee	68.40
USA Blue Book	132.82
Vestis	176.30
Visa	341.19
BCBS	2,834.10
NDPERS	1,792.82
ND Telephone Co.	431.68
Western Area Power	
Admin.	5,904.20
Northern Plains Elec.	16,317.31
Jamie Green's Report --	
• He reported that 144 curb stops have been inspected, 11 require repairs and 74 remain to be inspected.	
• He reported that the water treatment plant (WTP) project is nearing completion and discussed	

items that still need to be completed.

- He reported that signage is needed for the transformers.

- He discussed a fire hydrant that needs to be replaced.

McKenzie Melaas's Report --

- She reported that ND Rural Water informed her about a manhole cover lifting tool, and that Workforce Safety and Insurance (WSI) offers a grant that may assist with the purchase.

- She reported that all manholes have been flushed.

- She reported that the fire hydrants still need to be flushed.

- She attended the ND Rural Water Conference on Oct. 7, 2026.

Pam Lee's Report --

- She presented the financial report.

- She reported that she completed and submitted the Outdoor Heritage Fund grant application for the campground project.

Seth Syverson and Chris Pierson with Northern Plains Electric were present to discuss the maintenance contract and load management contracts with the city council.

Wyatt Hanson with the ND Department of Transportation (NDDOT) was present to discuss plans for a future NDDOT facility in Maddock. He discussed the possibility of connecting the existing NDDOT site to the city's sanitary sewer system or purchasing property closer to the city for a new facility. The project is still

in the planning and evaluation stage.

Rachel Markestad and Cathy Faleide were present to discuss the pocket park project. They reported receiving a quote from AWS Electric for the light posts and a quote from Terpening Construction for the concrete sidewalk. They asked whether power could be obtained from a nearby light pole for the pocket park and whether the city would consider contributing toward the cost of the concrete work.

A motion was made by Dosch, seconded by Olson, to authorize the electrician and the 125th/Rural Renaissance Festival Committee to obtain power from the nearby light pole for the pocket park. All voted yes. The motion carried.

Rachel Markestad also reported that the Beautification Committee is scheduled to complete fall cleanup at the park and at the north and south

Maddock signs.

Cathy Faleide gave a Shade Tree Committee report. She discussed ongoing care and maintenance of newly planted and existing boulevard trees, including watering, trimming, weed control and tree removal needs. She also provided an update on emerald ash borer concerns and the committee's plans to identify and prioritize hazardous ash trees for removal. The committee is planning to pursue additional grant opportunities in 2027 and is beginning planning for the 2027 Arbor Day celebration and additional orchard tree plantings.

Kari Bergman was present to discuss a property in tax foreclosure.

The council discussed delinquent utility accounts.

A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Olson, to purchase a fire hydrant from Ferguson Waterworks. All voted yes. The motion carried.

Council members each gave a portfolio report.

The city council reviewed the three estimates received for the purchase of a new dump trailer. A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Olson, to approve the purchase of a dump trailer from Northern Tool and Equipment in the amount of \$7,149.99. The USDA Community Facilities Grant will fund \$3,749.25, with the remaining \$3,400.74 to be paid by the city. Roll call vote: Hermanson--yea; Olson--yea; Backstrom--yea; Dosch--yea. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dosch, seconded by Hermanson, to purchase solar lighting and installation from Divide Electric for the south Maddock sign. All voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Olson, to decline the purchase of the tax-foreclosed property located at 403 Central Ave. All voted yes. The motion carried.

The council discussed the employee conduct and performance expectations.

A motion was made by Hermanson, seconded by Olson, to appoint Stroh and Associates as the city's employee benefits broker to assist with the 2027 renewal process, plan options, employee education, compliance guidance and ongoing benefit support at no additional cost to the city. All voted yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dosch,

seconded by Backstrom, to approve a building permit for Bonita Eversvik for a shed and repairs to the gutters on the house. All voted yes. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m. The next regular meeting of the city council will be held on Nov. 10, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Pamela Lee
City Auditor

Dusty Pierson
Mayor