

VELVA REGULAR
COMMISSION MEETING
September 21, 2026 – 6pm
Velva City Hall

Velva City Commission meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Commission President Mike Schreiner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Mike Schreiner – Commission President, Mary Liz Davis, Dave Keller, Ben Zietz, Gene Jenson, Jenny Helm – City Auditor; Leo Walter – Public Works; Emma Lavachek – Ackerman-Estvold Engineering, Dave Dewanz – MCSD, Heather Tudor – Velva Area Voice.

*Motion by Davis/Jenson to approve the minutes from the August 17th regular meeting. R/c: All-aye; m/c.

*Davis/Jenson made a motion to approve the bills paid and bills to be paid in the amount of \$59,462.13 and Payroll for \$51,420.44. R/c: All-aye; m/c. (Acme 46.16, Auto Value 452.02, BAG 82.72, Benco 2,745, ChemLab 367.10, Circle 6818.91, Dokkens 359.71, Ferguson 531.39, 1st District 60, Gooseneck 6.18, Hawkins 797.69, Hydroverge 140.71, Lowes 59.80, Marc 231.76, McGee 1046.50, County Auditor 21,128.85, MBechtold 60, MouseRiver 954.04, NAPA 62.99, NDSPLS 375, NSCCU 956.23, 1Call 75.90, 3,273.48 Ottertail, PJemtrud 450, Quality Flow 642.54, SRT 568.54, TC Nursery 5500, Team Lab 17,232, VCDL 20.08, VFD 267.32, Library 20.08, Verizon 325).

President Schreiner asked for the commissioners to consider a housing development creation due to the pig iron plant erection starting in Minot in

the spring of 2027 and the need for homes. Discussion on various areas of town that we will look at.

The McHenry County Sheriff's department submitted quotes for drone equipment/software and a tactical shield; monies to be used were allocated to the sheriff's department for the 2026 budget. Jenson/Zietz made a motion to approve both purchases. R/c: All – aye; m/c.

Jenson/Zietz made a motion to approve Davis resignation from the SBPC. R/c: All – aye; m/c. Helm asked if anyone was interested in taking her place on the board. The commission advised to relay back to SBPC that no one is available at this time, but we will reevaluate in the spring.

Jenson/Davis made a motion to remove Kelly Jemtrud and add Leo Walter to the NSCCU credit card, and to allow the name change from Johns to Helm. R/c: All – aye; m/c.

Davis asked if the city would approve two no parking signs, located across from the school in front of Canavellios and behind the school down 1st Avenue. Discussion. Keller/Jenson made a motion to approve both no parking sign installations. R/c: All – aye; m/c. Keller thanked whoever removed the weeds by the underpass. Zietz asked Helm to check to make sure the clearance sign for the underpass is accurate at 14'6". Helm will contact the state.

Jenson stated that On Point Excavating is just waiting on parts for their milling machine to finish Truax Avenue West. Helm is to check the legality of vacating Riverview Road.

*Lavachek presented updates on the lead service line inventory; stating letters and spreadsheets are due by October 31st to NDDEQ. Lavachek stated that paving will begin on October 5th on the bridge and they will switch to the other side and open it to thru traffic on October 12th.

*Schreiner asked for a motion to approve/deny the 2027 final budget. Keller/Jenson made a motion to approve the 2027 final budget as presented. R/c: All – aye; m/c. Helm added that another deposit of Prairie Dog Fund money was received in the amount of \$125,000; we should receive another distribution in the spring. This money can continue to be used for capital street improvements.

Schreiner asked for the commission to approve a wage increase for Walter as a promotion to Public Works Director, effective immediately. Keller/Jenson made a motion to approve the wage promotion as presented. R/c: All – aye; m/c.

Helm gave a brief update on the west side elevator by the underpass. Helm stated that there was no update on the SVCC lease as we have not yet heard from the attorney. With no other business to discuss, Schreiner adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm. The next Commission Meeting will be Monday, September 21st at 6:00pm. If you would like to be on the next agenda, the deadline is Thursday at noon before a meeting. **Minutes are Subject to Amendment and Approval**
10/01/2026