

## New Salem City Proceedings

### NEW SALEM CITY PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026, 6:30 P.M. CITY AUDITORIUM

These minutes are being published subject to review and revision by the New Salem City Council.

Gaebel called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

#### Attendance

Council Mayor: Josh Gaebel  
Council members present: Chad Goetzfridt, Delton Kautzman, Sheppard Olson, Perrin Goetzfridt, Corey Lausch, Bryan Moen

Others present: City Works Robert Boehm, City Auditor Melissa Davis, Kami Olson, Richard Mendoza, Ricky Olsen, Officer Myers

#### Pledge of Allegiance Minutes

The council reviewed the January 12th regular city council minutes. Kautzman moved and Lausch seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

#### Public Comment

Kami Olson attended the meeting to discuss home school use of the New Salem City Auditorium. After much discussion, the council and Olson were in agreement to move home school use time to 10am-2pm on Fridays to allow the custodian time to clean the gym before the weekend.

#### Water & Sewer Committee

Davis stated that the City's meter reading handheld is going to be phased out and that the city would have to purchase an updatable tablet along with a subscription to support services to continue to read meters in the future. The tablet would be around \$200 and the support subscription that is required is estimated to be around \$4000/year. Davis stated that the only other option would be to go with a different company and brand of meters which would require the city to change all of its current 450 meters and smart points which would cost upward of \$500,000. The council was in agreement to stay with our current company, Core and Main, and update the current system with a tablet and required subscription.

Davis asked the council to consider purchasing and installing a fixed based meter reading system with our remaining grants funds from USDA. A fixed based system is automated technology that uses a permanent, fixed network to transmit utility usage data directly from meters to the city office. It eliminates manual reading and provides near real-time, frequent data intervals for improved billing accuracy, leak detection, and customer service. Kautzman moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to pursue the purchase of the fixed base system along with additional meters and smart points if approved by USDA for use of the remaining grant funds. All voting aye, the

motion carried.

The owner of 115 N 3rd Street has requested to stop water billing for the property as the home is vacant and will be demolished or moved by August 1st, 2026. P. Goetzfridt moved and Kautzman seconded to cease billing effective immediately and to revisit the subject if the home is not removed by August 1st. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Davis stated that the city received notification of a water rate increase of \$0.20/1000 gallons from Missouri West Water. C. Goetzfridt moved and Kautzman seconded to increase New Salem water rate from \$7.56/1000 gallons to \$7.76/1000 gallons, all voting aye, the motion carried.

#### Auditorium Committee

Gaebel presented a rent reduction request from Kendra Hoovestol for a 5 week Bible study through the month of March, meeting on Sunday evenings from 6pm-8:30pm. Moen moved and Olson seconded to approve a rent reduction making the rent \$50/use. All voting aye, the motion carried.

#### Police Committee

The council reviewed the January police report.

#### Sanitation and Garbage Committee

Transfer Station Attendant, Tyler Haff requested a taller fence on the east side of the transfer station. The council was in agreement that a fence would not be a fix all solution to the blowing trash.

#### Personnel Committee

The council reviewed the January city works report.

C. Goetzfridt stated that three applicants were interviewed for the city works position. C Goetzfridt expressed that his recommendation lives in town and has a wealth of experience. C. Goetzfridt moved and Moen seconded to hire Dale Ponzer at \$24/hour with a 6 month probationary period. Ponzer will receive the same benefit package as the current full time and permanent city employees which includes; ND-PERS retirement, sick and vacation leave, and a \$400/month health insurance stipend. Following successful completion of the probationary period, Ponzer will receive a \$0.50 raise and a \$0.50 raise for each subsequent certification received. All voting aye, the motion carried.

#### Ordinances

The council reviewed Ordinance No. 2026-01, An ordinance to amend and re-enact section 9-12-02 of chapter nine of the revised ordinances of the City of New Salem regarding a penalty for commercial vehicles on non-designated truck routes. Kautzman moved and P. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the first reading of the ordinance. All voting aye, the motion carried.

#### Old Business

Davis stated owner of the hotel has signed the plea agreement with the city and once the judge signs off on the agree-

ment the owner will have 45 days to clean up the property.

The council discussed and revised the public comment policy drafted by Davis. P. Goetzfridt moved and Olson seconded to strike points 2, 3, and 7a from the policy and to include time allotted will be at the discretion of the presiding officer. Moen, Olson, and P. Goetzfridt voted aye, Kautzman, Lausch, and C. Goetzfridt voted nay. Gaebel voted nay. The motion failed. C. Goetzfridt moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the policy presented but to change the speaker card to a sign in sheet and to strike point 3 from the policy all together and to include the time limit to be extended at the presiding officer's discretion. Kautzman, P. Goetzfridt, Moen, Olson, and C. Goetzfridt voted aye, Lausch voted nay. The motion carried.

#### New Business

C. Goetzfridt moved and Lausch seconded to approve the property tax exemption for Mike and Dana Pazdernik for years 2026-2030. P. Goetzfridt, Olson, Moen, C. Goetzfridt, and Lausch voted aye, Kautzman abstained. The motion carried.

The council reviewed the franchise agreement from Mor-Gran-Sou. Lausch moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the agreement pending city attorney approval. All voting aye, the motion carried.

#### Consent Agenda

Lausch moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the annual financial statement and the USDA 2025 End of year financial report as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Lausch moved and Olson seconded to approve the gaming permit application for the New Salem Fire District for a raffle on July 11, 2026. P. Goetzfridt, Olson, Moen, C. Goetzfridt, and Lausch voted aye, Kautzman abstained. The motion carried.

Lausch moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the bills as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

- OFFICE DEPOT ..... \$21.09
- ..... paper/stapler
- NDPERS ..... \$1,662.10
- ..... retirement payment
- 941 PAYMENT.... \$1,641.24
- MOR- GRAN- SOU ELECTRIC ..... \$169.62
- ..... street lighting
- WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS..... \$282.62
- ..... phones
- 941 PAYMENT.... \$1,601.98
- MDU ..... \$4,306.52
- ..... street lights
- BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA ..... \$9,400.00
- .....SRF Administrative fees
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- Boehm, Robert... \$2,839.83
- Davis, Melissa .... \$1,459.23
- Haff, Tyler ..... \$364.55
- Yellow Bird, Miranda ..... \$1,060.00
- Bennett, Shane..... \$92.35
- Boehm, Robert... \$2,449.41

- Davis, Melissa .... \$1,459.23
- Haff, Tyler ..... \$662.04
- Yellow Bird, Miranda ..... \$1,112.75
- BANYON DATA SYSTEMS ..... \$1,260.00
- ..... software and support
- CENTRAL DAKOTA FRONTIER ..... \$237.80
- .....gas, oil, shop supplies
- CENTRAL MECHANICAL, INC ..... \$983.00
- .....Fix radiator leaks
- Chris Cole..... \$525.00
- ..... Fly Ash Delivery
- COFER SANITATION ..... \$134.15
- .....Special Assessment
- CURTIS RUD OIL.. \$408.61
- .....Fuel
- DAKOTA FIRE STATION ..... \$125.00
- ...Fire Extinguisher Service
- FARMERS LUMBER & GAMBLES ..... \$253.77
- .....aud/shop supplies
- General Equipment & Supplies ..... \$1,515.24
- ..... Blade and Edge
- GS Publishing, LLC ..... \$253.23
- .....publishing
- INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS ..... \$962.23
- .....generator service
- KARENS CREATIVE EMBROIDERY..... \$112.50
- .....logo embroidery
- Linde Gas & Equipment ..... \$244.03
- .....cylinder lease
- MARC..... \$717.63
- .....chemical
- MDU ..... \$344.87
- .....street lights
- Melissa Davis ..... \$367.94
- ..... Mileage, receipt books, extension cords
- MISSOURI WEST WATER SYSTEM..... \$17,342.15
- ..... water purchase
- MORTON COUNTY AUDITOR..... \$3,528.00
- .....police contract
- ND DEPT OF HEALTH - MICRO ..... \$27.00
- ..... labs
- NORTHERN LIGHTS DIGITAL, LLC ..... \$110.00
- ..... Website Support
- ONE CALL CONCEPTS ..... \$1,50 811
- Robert Boehm ..... \$118.00
- ..... Bathroom fans x2
- Solem Law Office ..... \$1,289.59
- ..... Legal Fees
- Kaelberer Construction Inc. .... \$474.30
- ..... transfer station disposal
- TYLER HAFF ..... 25.00
- .....gas stipend
- VESTIS..... \$1,497.57
- ..... rugs, paper service
- Construction Bills Paid
- Arntson Stewart Wegner PC ..... \$6859.14
- AE2S ..... \$18333.50
- Crow River Construction ..... \$34000.00

Gaebel adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm. The next regular New Salem City Council meeting will be Monday, March 9th, 2026 at 6:30pm.

The Board of Equalization meeting will be held April 13th, at 6:30pm

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ELECTION-FILING DEADLINE

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 a regular election will be held in the City of New Salem for the purpose of electing the following offices:

- City Council (3positions) (four year term)
- Mayor (four year term)
- Park Board (3 positions) (four year term)

A candidate for a City Office must complete and return the following forms to the City Auditor's Office on or before the filing deadline on April 6th, 2026 at 4pm: SFN 02704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and SFN 10172 Statement of Interest. If you are interested in running for election forms are available at the City Auditor's office or online through the Secretary of State.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Morton County Board of Commissioners, Morton County, North Dakota will accept bids until Tuesday March 24th, 2026 at 10:15 A.M. (CT). Bids will be opened and read at that time at the Morton County Shop Building, located at: 2916 37th Street NW, Mandan, ND 58554. Bid results and final disposition will be presented to the County Commission on Tuesday March 24th, 2026 at 5:30pm (CT) in the Commissioners Room located in the basement of the Morton County Courthouse, for the following item.

**CONTRACT GRAVEL HAULING FOR COUNTY ROADS**  
Equipment used must meet the approval of the Road Superintendent. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Morton County Highway Department. Specifications are available at the office of the Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th Street NW, Mandan, North Dakota 58554. Phone (701)667-3346.

Bidders are required to submit a copy of a current Contractor's License. Said license to be submitted in an envelope separate from the Bid information. Each successful bidder must submit evidence of general liability insurance coverage prior to award of bid. The mailing address is: Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th Street NW, Mandan North Dakota 58554.

A Bidder's Bond will not be required of Bidders. Instead the successful Bidder will be required to post a Performance Bond in the amount of \$10,000 immediately after award of the Bid. The purpose of the Bond is to assure that the Bidder will honor their unit price commitment for the specified time period. Should a Bidder default on their Contract, the Morton County Board of Commissioners will retain the amount of Bond as liquidated damages.

Awarded Bids will be considered valid for one year beyond the date of award. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids; to waive technicalities or to accept such as may be determined to be in the best interest of the County.

By Order of the Morton County Commission  
Dawn R. Rhone, Morton County Auditor

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE of LOAD RESTRICTIONS MORTON COUNTY, ND

Load Restrictions have been placed on all county paved roadways in Morton County. Gravel roads will be restricted as needed. Load Restriction map can be viewed at [www.mortonnd.org/maps](http://www.mortonnd.org/maps). Restrictions are in effect as of 7:00 AM, February 25th, 2026 and enforced by the North Dakota State Patrol. The maximum weights are as follows:

All paved Morton County Roads will have a 6 ton/axle, 80,000 lb. max restriction except:

County Rte. 139: from State Hwy 49, west to I-94, and from ADM Elevator west to the County Line, 7 ton/axle, 105,500 lb. max.  
County Rte. 139: from East Entrance Southwest Grain, New Salem, west to County Rte. 85,  
From West City Limits of Glen Ullin south to State Hwy 49, County Rte. 85: New Salem from I-94 south to County Rte. 139, from County Rte. 139 south to Feland Redimix Plant, County Rte. 139: from intersection of County Rte. 88, west to S 5th Street, from S 5th Street, west to City Limits, from intersection of County Rte. 88 and South Avenue (Glen Ullin) east to State Hwy 49, 41st Street (Glen Ullin Stockman's Weight Association from intersection of County Rte. 139 west to end of pavement.

County Rte. 84 (Flasher Main Street) from State Hwy 21, south to end of pavement, 25 mph Speed Limit, 105,500 lb. max.  
County Rte. 90 (Hebron) from intersection of Elm St. & Washington Ave, north on Elm Street to intersection of Summit Avenue, east on Summit Avenue to the end of pavement, 80,000 lbs.

County Rte. 139 from I-94 north to the ADM Elevator, County Rte. 140 from State Highway 1806 to State Hwy 25, County Rte. 90: (Brickmaker Expressway, Hebron) from I-94, north to west city limits, Main St. (Hebron) from west city limits east to intersection of Elm St., north on Elm St. to intersection of Washington Ave., 105,500 lbs. year round.  
Fort Rice St. (Main Street) from State Highway 1806 east to end of pavement, Fort Rice Boat Dock from State Hwy 1806, east to Missouri River, Weinberger Drive S. from State Hwy 6 east, south and west back to State Hwy 6, 65,000 lbs.

Weights in Subdivisions: 65,000 lbs.  
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