

New Salem City Proceedings

NEW SALEM CITY PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2026, 6:30 P.M. CITY AUDITORIUM

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

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

Others present: City Works Robert Boehm and Dale Ponzer, City Auditor Melissa Davis, Richard Mendoza, Garisson Risner, Alan Henke, Pat Fleckenstein, Donald LaFleur, Lori Dirk, Karissa Tuggle, Tyrel Schulz

Pledge of Allegiance
Minutes

The council reviewed the March 9th regular city council minutes. Kautzman moved and Lausch seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Board of Equalization
Gaebe called the Board of Equalization meeting to order. Morton County Tax Assessor, Donald LaFleur, recommended the following property values for the City of New Salem; Residential property \$59,653,000, commercial property \$12,909,400, and agricultural property at \$210,500. Hearing no appeals, Moen moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the recommended values. All voting aye, the motion carried. Gaebe adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting.

Public Comment
Pat Fleckenstein came to discuss concerns about the property at 910 Oak Ave. The homeowner applied for a building permit in 2016 to remove an old garage and put up a new one, after nearly ten years the work is not yet completed and there are several abandoned vehicles and rapidly spreading noxious weeds on the property. The council was in agreement to send a letter to the owner to clean up the property.

Garisson Risner came seeking permission to do a fireworks display in conjunction with the 2026 ND Country Fest. They would like to make the show bigger and better than last year. Risner requested permission to include shells as large as 12" for their fireworks display. P. Goetzfridt moved and Olson seconded to approve the use of shells up to 12". All voting aye, the motion carried.

Al Henke shared concerns about water and dirt pooling just north of his home and a requested the council consider pouring a new curb. The council asked Boehm to get some estimates to complete the work.

Water & Sewer Committee
Davis stated that there will be funding available for Category C Lead Service Line Inventory Assistance. The application has been completed but the council would need to approve the resolution of governing body applicant. Kautzman moved and Moen seconded to approve the resolution for assistance. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Personnel Committee
The council reviewed the March city works report. Boehm stated he is unable to put existing curb stop locations into our GIS system with our current marking antenna. Boehm stated he would like to purchase a Juniper Geode which will cost \$2156.50. Lausch moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the purchase of the Juniper Ge-

ode marking antenna with the trade in of our old Trimble DA2. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Boehm and Ponzer also discussed the purchase of a magnet for lifting manhole covers and purchasing some additional hoses for the lagoon. Kautzman moved and Lausch seconded to approve the purchase of the magnet and the hoses from Camlock Direct. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Board of Health
The council discussed several nuisance properties in town. The council was in agreement to send a letters to each of the properties owners and to have the city attorney send letters to the properties in town that have previously been sent letters. Lausch moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to visit with the attorney about 411 Birch Ave to see the best way to proceed. All voting aye, the motion carried. C. Goetzfridt moved and Lausch seconded to proceed through the attorney for the property at 205 N 3rd Street. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Ordinances
The council reviewed ordinance 2026-02, in regards to the franchise agreement with Mor-Gran-Sou. Kautzman moved and P. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the second and final reading of the presented ordinance. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Old Business
Kautzman stated that the equipment at the fire hall to set off the sirens remotely has been reinstalled and is working properly. Davis presented an updated quote for a new main street siren; a grant application has been submitted.

Gaebe stated that the mobile home cleanup at the hotel has not been completed therefore the city can now have the work completed and assess the cost to the property. The council reviewed the bid from Sims Valley in the amount of \$72,600. Schulz states he can start as soon as roll offs can be delivered to the property. Lausch moved and Moen seconded to accept the bid from Sims Valley LLC. All voting aye, the motion carried.

New Business
Kautzman moved and Lausch seconded to approve the purchase of the municipal court of record audio package for \$1616. All voting aye, the motion carried.

C. Goetzfridt moved and Lausch seconded to approve Northern Lights Digital do the necessary work to get the city website ADA complaint by April 2027. Moen, Kautzman, Olson, C. Goetzfridt, and Lausch voted aye, P. Goetzfridt voted nay, the motion carried.

Consent Agenda
Lausch moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the consent agenda. All voting aye, the motion carried; Kautzman abstained.

1 Pledge of Securities
2 Liquor License Transfers- New Salem Golf Association to Otte Events - 4/24/26 - teacher appreciation, Golden Nugget Saloon to Red Room - 4/17/26 - birthday party
3 Gaming Site Authorization: American Legion Post 91 - Game Time
Moen moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the bills as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

OFFICE DEPOT
.....Business Credit \$209.56 ink
941 PAYMENT.....2,561.93
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MOR- GRAN- SOU ELEC- TRIC\$186.10
.....street lighting

WEST RIVER TELECOM- MUNICATIONS.....	\$282.33
.....phones	
NDPERS	\$2,232.62
.....retirement payment	
MDU	\$4,400.31
.....street lights	
BANK OF NORTH DAKO- TA	\$36,386.26
.....Priority 1 Street Loan	
BANK OF NORTH DAKO- TA	\$33,010.80
.....Priority 3 Street Loan	
BANK OF NORTH DAKO- TA	\$13,347.07
.....Priority 2 Street Loan	
ZIONS BANK.....	\$40,438.75
.....2008 Lagoon Project	
Boehm, Robert ..	\$2,494.90
Davis, Melissa	\$2,788.21
Haff, Tyler	\$448.49
Ponzer, Dale	\$2,021.28
Yellow Bird, Miranda	\$807.06
Bennett, Shane.....	\$123.52
Boehm, Robert ...	\$2,499.34
Davis, Melissa	\$1,697.03
Gaebe, Joshua	\$796.51
Goetzfridt, Chad	\$346.31
Goetzfridt, Perrin	\$277.05
Haff, Tyler	\$435.82
Kautzman, Delton	\$275.90
Lausch, Corey	\$184.70
Moen, Bryan	\$184.70
Olson, Sheppard	\$277.05
Ponzer, Dale	\$2,065.48
Yellow Bird, Miranda	\$1,258.19
AE2S	\$3,602.00
.....Priority 6 Project	
ATCO INTERNATIONAL ...	\$182.95
.....Take Off degreaser	
CENTRAL DAKOTA FRON- TIER	\$1,519.28
.....gas, oil, shop supplies	
COFER SANITATION	\$540.40
.....Special Assessments	
CORE & MAIN	\$191.82
.....charging cable	
CURTIS RUD OIL.....	\$982.85
.....fuel	
DRI	\$725.00
.....ice machine maintenance	
FARMERS LUMBER & GAMBLES	\$1,400.42
.....aud/shop supplies	
GS Publishing, LLC	\$309.08
.....publishing	
HOESEL CONSTRUCTION	\$100.00
.....shop door repair	
MARC	\$618.22
.....cleaners	
Melissa Davis	\$230.48
mileage, laminator and pouches	
MISSOURI WEST WATER SYSTEM.....	\$15,696.42
.....water purchase	
MORTON COUNTY AUDI- TOR	\$3,528.00
.....police contract	
NAPA	\$616.89
.....equipment parts	
ND DEPT OF HEALTH - MICRO.....	\$27.00
.....labs	
NORTHERN IMPROVE- MENT	\$610.00
.....omegamix	
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	\$4.50 811
.....locates	
PAHLKE STEEL	\$714.00
.....railling	
PARK DISTRICT	\$1,030.00
.....state aid	
R Morrell LLC Capital City Wel	\$90.00
.....railling	
SIMS VALLEY LLC	\$24,800.74
.....Golf Course Water Line	
Solem Law Office	\$1,940.50
.....legal fees	
Kaelberer Construction Inc.	\$899.69
.....roll off fees	
VESTIS	\$870.05
.....rug and paper service	
Gaebe adjourned the meet- ing at 8:10pm. The next regular New Salem City Council meet- ing will be Monday, May 11th, 2026 at 6:30pm.	

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New Salem Park Board Proceedings

NEW SALEM PARK BOARD MEETING MARCH 10, 2026

Call to Order - meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m.

Roll Call
Present: Rob Boehm, Andrea Mathern, Lori Goetzfridt, Blaise Olson, Steve Kleinjan, Cadee Goetzfridt

Guest: Trevor Huffaker, The Origin Group, Kristie Klusmann, Chad Goetzfridt, Marty Doll, Richard Mendoza

Approval of Minutes - Minutes from previous meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Steve, seconded by Cadee - approved

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer's report of income and expenditures for the month of February were presented. Cadee made a motion to approve. Second by Blaise - approved

North Park
-A camper was hooked up to the electrical before the park was officially open but was told to remove his unit and didn't until the next night.

Downtown Park
-Park members took down all the holiday decorations and finished putting everything away.

Baseball
-The facility improvement has been halted until more funds are raised.

-The Legion baseball program would be funded fully by the Legion Post when a team is put together. They would hire and pay the coaches with Brian Christopherson as their contact to move this forward. The team would like to co-op with Glen Ulin. There would be no conflict of practice time since the little kids practice in the morning and the older kids would practice later in the day.

-There was a request by

parents to see if shirts could get numbered. Sims Valley is willing to donate money to get them printed.

-Rob will reach out to A2Z to get the frozen lines fixed.

Swimming Pool
-Brevik Olson has given his letter of interest to lifeguard.

Groundskeeper
-Brevik Olson has given his letter of interest to work as a groundskeeper.

Rud Park
-Margaret Johnston is still working through the process of her sister's will and how they want to donate money and if a water fountain is an option or to continue with a bench.

Mann Park
-Chad made some calls and asked for a revised quote to at least get the gas hooked up and pressure tested for MDU.

-Rob received an estimate of around \$2500 to establish stairs on the hillside.

Walking Path
-Andrea is still information gathering around getting lights behind the cow and if we continue the process of extending the walking path.

Old Business
-Picnic tables have been delivered but not put together yet.

-Steve makes a motion to hire The Origin Group (<https://theorigingroup.com/>) as our engineer/architect for the pool project and pay them \$7500 for their start-up costs. Second by Andrea. All approved.

New Business

-Marty Doll and Kristie Klusmann were in attendance to offer their assistance in the pool project. They want to be able to potentially leverage the Foundation funds with more grant funds. Kristie handed out a list of grants/links that could be op-

portunities for this project specifically. Marty is willing to offer up some help with the grant process and the narrative in getting them set up but not to manage/lead the entirety of everything.

-Another option is to ask the Community Foundation about matching funds and if we can request those funds from the Foundation for any grants.

-Blaise asked Trevor, whose previous company was EngTech, to attend as an architect who has done work for the NSA-HS Ag building and baseball renovation project. They constructed the pool in Kidder County (Steele) which totaled around \$2m. They also worked on a pool project in Herried, SD with a bathhouse, concrete and added zero entry splash pad at \$1M.

-Some things that The Origin Group could do if we hired them:

oHelp with the bidding process, oversee construction, work the project from beginning to end and assist with where we are in each phase.

oReview our current pool layout and retrofit (upsized equipment) during the construction process which allows for future upgrades.

oCost for the master planning phase would be \$7500

oNot included in pool equipment plans would be the civil, mechanical and structural engineering which would total around \$55k.

Chairman Boehm adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Next regular scheduled meeting to be held on April 14th (2nd Tues of every month) at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lori Goetzfridt

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Mandan Police Department case report

The Mandan Police Department responded to 41 cases the week of April 20 through April 26. Data from Friday, April 24, Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26 was not available at the time of publication.

The Mandan PD responded to the following cases on Monday, April 20: runaway/attempt to locate; wire fraud; driving with suspended license; motor vehicle accident; local warrant; drove without liability insurance, violation of drivers license restrictions, equipment-headlight/tail light out (warning only); driving with suspended license, equipment- headlight/tail light out (warning only); assist other agency; drug/narcotic violations, drug equipment violations.

The Mandan PD responded to the following cases on Tuesday,

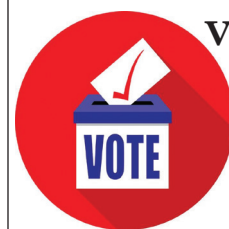
April 21: drug/narcotic violations, open container, drug equipment violations; false/fake ID, minor on premises, MIP/MIC; unlawful to accumulate junk, junk vehicles, trash and rubbish (warning); driving with suspended license, failure to use turn signal; welfare check; false information to PO, suspicious person/vehicle/activity, criminal warrants; simple assault; disorderly conduct/sexual assault; traffic violation; driving with suspended license, equipment-headlight/tail light out (warning only); drove without liability insurance, equipment-headlight/tail light out (warning only), drug/narcotic violations, drug equipment violations.

The Mandan PD responded to the following cases on Wednesday, April 22: drug/narcotic

violations, drug equipment violations; drug equipment violations, disregard stop sign (warning only); drug narcotic violations, runaway/attempt to locate; motor vehicle accident-injury, failure to yield right of way (warning only); child neglect and abuse- non-violent; welfare check; domestic dispute; detox; destruction/damage/vandalism or property; all other larceny- theft; terrorizing.

The Mandan PD responded to the following cases on Thursday, April 23: local warrant, trespass of real property; drug/narcotic violations, MIP-tobacco; extortion/blackmail; welfare check; criminal warrants; runaway/attempt to locate; disorderly conduct; motor vehicle accident, care required; loud music (warning only).

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