

New Salem City Proceedings

NEW SALEM CITY PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 1ST, 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, Jon Engelstad, Amy Kruger, Richard Mendoza

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

The council reviewed the May 11th regular city council minutes. C. Goetzfridt moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Public Comment

Amy Kruger stated that the base radio is back at the fire hall so the sirens are able to be set off remotely again. Kruger also stated that she has been attending biweekly meetings for ND County Fest operations.

Auditorium Committee

Davis presented a bid for auditorium kitchen improvements to be completed by Legend-Air. Improvements will be donated by the New Salem Civic Club. Kautzman moved and Lausch seconded to approve the bid work be completed in the auditorium kitchen. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Kautzman stated that the first event to take place in the New Salem City Auditorium was a New Year's Eve party on December 31st, 1926. Kautzman has been in touch with several local organizations to host a 100th Anniversary of the New Year's Eve Party in 2026. Kautzman will keep the council updated on the progression of the event.

Personnel Committee

The council reviewed the May city works report. Moen moved and C. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the purchase of a tablet and data plan for city works department. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Kautzman moved and Moen seconded to approve the Main Ave Siren removal and disposal to be completed by Hoesel Construction and Braun Electric. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Ordinance Committee

Due to some recent dog

incidences and concerns, the council reviewed our current animal ordinances regarding a dog at large that has bitten other domestic animals. The council was in agreement that due to the repeated nature of the incidences and out of concern for public safety that action must be taken. P. Goetzfridt moved and Lausch seconded to send a letter to the owner of the dog requesting removal of the dog from city limits within 30 days. Kautzman, Lausch, Olson, P. Goetzfridt, and C. Goetzfridt voted aye, Moen abstained. The motion passes.

The council again discussed the possibility of adopting an ordinance to allow chickens within city limits. Several concerns about allowing chicken and the issues that can come along with allowing chickens have been brought to city council members since the April meeting. Some of the concerns include the increased skunk and raccoon population inside city limits, and enforcement of the policy and ordinance. P. Goetzfridt moved and Lausch seconded to move forward with adopting a policy and ordinance to allow chickens. P. Goetzfridt and Lausch voted aye, Kautzman and Moen voted nay. C. Goetzfridt and Olson abstained, creating a tie. Gaebel voted nay, the motion fails.

New Business

Kautzman moved and Moen seconded to approve the resolution setting the auditor bond limit at \$1,507,201. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Kautzman moved and P. Goetzfridt seconded to approve the preliminary resolution for the annexation of the Grain Inspection subdivision. All voting aye, the motion carried. A hearing will be held on July 13th, 2026 to hear any and all protests.

Davis presented an accessibility statement to be added to our city website. C. Goetzfridt moved and Kautzman seconded to approve the statement as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Gaebel discussed concerns about getting paperwork from our city attorney. It has proven to be a costly and time consuming process. With office appointments happening soon the council was in agreement to look into other attorneys for the city.

Consent Agenda

Kautzman moved and Lausch seconded to approve the consent agenda. All voting aye, the motion carried.

1. Transient sales permit – Kaboom Fireworks – June 27th-July 5th, 2026

2. Gaming permit application – New Salem Booster Club Moen moved and Lausch seconded to approve the bills as presented. All voting aye, the motion carried.

941 PAYMENT.....	\$1,984.56
ND RURAL WATER SYSTEMS	\$275.00
941 PAYMENT.....	\$2,131.01
NDPERS	\$2,270.38
.....retirement payment	
MDU	\$3,218.10
.....street lights	
Boehm, Robert ..	\$2,450.43
Davis, Melissa	\$1,459.23
Haff, Tyler	\$471.37
Ponzer, Dale.....	\$1,864.03
Yellow Bird, Miranda	
.....	\$1,120.98
Bennett, Shane.....	\$92.35
Boehm, Christopher	
.....	\$1,124.92
Boehm, Robert ..	\$2,129.66
Davis, Melissa	\$1,459.23
Haff, Tyler	\$390.05
Kruger, Amy.....	\$92.35
Ponzer, Dale.....	\$1,759.06
Yellow Bird, Miranda	
.....	\$1,170.42
AE2S	\$1,990.50
.....municipal engineering	
CENTRAL MECHANICAL, INC	\$392.00
.....replace ignitor	
CORE & MAIN.....	\$255.80
.....smoke fluid	
Dale Ponzer.....	\$175.00
.....Toro Cab	
Ecolab	\$400.00
perimeter treatment/rodent control	
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	\$494.86
.....hyd adpt, gate valve, lid lifter, cartridges	
FORTE	\$1,338.00
.....municipal court recording package	
HZ Electric, LLC..	\$8,800.04
.....lights/labor to install	
KARENS CREATIVE EMBROIDERY	\$22.50
.....embroidery	
MARC	\$2,051.74
.....solvent, enzymes	
MISSOURI WEST WATER SYSTEM	\$22,160.22
.....water purchase	
MORTON COUNTY AUDITOR	\$3,528.00
.....police contract	
PARK DISTRICT \$1,194.21	
.....state aid	
Robert Boehm	\$53.94
.....hose repair kit, gear drive	
Traffic Safety Services, Inc	\$906.00
.....posts	
TreviPay	\$2,209.98
.....plate compactor	
VESTIS	\$1,837.49
.....rugs, paper products,etc	

Gaebel adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm. The next regular New Salem City Council meeting will be Monday, July 13th, 2026 at 6:30pm.
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Morton County Commission Proceedings

MORTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 28, 2026

The Morton County Commission Regular Meeting was called to order on April 28, 2026 at 5:30 PM by Chair Boehm at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Commissioners Buckley, Tokach and Morrell and Auditor Rhone. Commissioner Zachmeier was present virtually. Also present was States Attorney Kopy.

Morrell moved and Tokach seconded to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried. Tokach moved and Morrell seconded to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2026 regular meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Boehm seconded to approve bills and payroll. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Morrell seconded to approve the refunds for the Primary Residence Credits for the 2025 Mobile Homes. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Tokach seconded to deny refunding building permit 26-18. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tokach moved and Buckley seconded to approve abatement #7209. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Tokach seconded to approve abatements #7210-7213. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Buckley seconded to approve abate-

ments #7214-7221. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tokach moved and Buckley seconded to accept the low bid from Midwest Contracting LLC in the amount of \$939,370.25 for replacement of Bridge 30-114-08.0. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Morrell seconded to approve the payment of \$3,900 for temporary construction easements, permanent drainage easement and permanent right of way for Sweet Briar Bridge #30-14511.1. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and seconded to approve a Special Use Permit to allow scoria mining from the designated area within S½ Section 2, Township 138N, Range 89W, as the site is in close proximity to highway being improved and is not in conflict with neighboring land uses, with the following conditions:

1) Hours of operation will be limited to 7am to 8pm.

2) The maximum amount of material that may be removed in any given year is 16,000 cubic yards.

3) Applicant will control dust as directed by the County Engineer.

All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Tokach seconded to approve the final plat of the short-form subdivision known as White Oak Ranch Subdivision and a zoning map amendment from Agricultural to Residential, as the subdivision conforms to the regulations established in Article 7 of the Morton County Land Use

Code and the use is adequately distanced from neighboring residential properties. All voting aye, motion carried.

Buckley moved and Tokach seconded to approve the final plat of the long-form subdivision, known as Tokach Timberhaven Fourth Subdivision, and a zoning map amendment from Agricultural and Residential to Estate District, as the proposed subdivision reduces the overall zoning non-conformity of the subject properties. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Buckley seconded to approve Lot 1 to be rezoned to Residential if and when the lot owner is granted official permission from FEMA to remove the entire lot, or a portion of the lot, from the special flood hazard area, such that there is adequate room for a residential structure to be built entirely outside the special flood hazard area. All voting aye, motion carried.

Public Comment period as required by NDCC 44-04-20.1 was opened at 6:52PM. There was no public comment and comment period was closed at 6:53PM.

The total of all county funds expended from April 10, 2026 through April 28, 2026 equals \$2,310,673.97.

A detailed list of funds expended by check is available for public inspection anytime during regular business hours at the Morton County Auditor's Office.

Chair Boehm adjourned the meeting at 7:01PM.

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City of Almont Proceedings

MINUTES OF ALMONT CITY JUNE 1, 2026

Present: Russell Kramer, Kaity Olson-Brett, Sharmayne Erhardt, and Lynne Jacobson.

Also present were: Pete Olson, Tasha Steinmetz

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. Minutes from the previous meeting were read. Kaity made a motion to accept the minutes as read; Sharmayne seconded; motion passed. Treasurer's report was provided. Sharmayne made a motion to accept; Kaity seconded; motion passed.

Old Business:
Lynne provided the engineer's report from Moore Engineering. Braun will be out to do

the borings on the contaminated soil area within the next couple of weeks. Discussion was held regarding an increase of the utility billing to cover the increased rates and loan repayment. This was tabled until next month so that all council members can be present to discuss this matter.

Only one letter was received regarding mowing of the city lots. Kaity will meet with WK to show what needs to be done and see if WK is still interested.

Lynne advised she will spray the city hall building lot and Sharmayne will contact someone regarding leveling/tilling of the lot. Lynne will contact Tyrel to see if he will mow the lagoon and get it sprayed.

The mobile home Main Street had until today to remove the mobile home. Lynne will follow up.

New Business:

Kaity inquired if the council will allow fireworks over Labor Day (Sunday) to celebrate the 250th anniversary. She was advised that council will allow as long as there is not a fire ban in place.

Tasha requested they be allowed to put in a culvert on their property. She was advised to go ahead.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kaity and seconded by Sharmayne. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Morton County Commission Proceedings

MORTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MAY 14, 2026

The Morton County Commission Regular Meeting was called to order on May 14, 2026 at 5:30 PM by Chair Boehm at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, North Dakota. Others present were Commissioners Zachmeier, Buckley, Tokach and Morrell and Auditor Rhone. Also present was States Attorney Kopy.

Morrell moved and Tokach seconded to approve the agenda w/additions. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tokach moved and Buckley seconded to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026 regular meeting. All voting aye, motion

carried.

Boehm moved and Morrell seconded to approve bills and payroll. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Tokach seconded to approve abatements #7222-7223. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morrell moved and Buckley seconded to approve abatements #7224-7225. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tokach moved and Morrell seconded to approve abatements #7226- 7227. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tokach moved and Morrell second to approve the sales agreement between KG3 Land Management LLP and Morton County, North Dakota for the real property described as Township 137, Range 85, Morton Coun-

ty, North Dakota, NW Quarter, including all mineral resources for a sum of \$1,250,300. Roll call vote, all voting aye, motion carried.

Public Comment period as required by NDCC 44-04-20.1 was opened at 7:26PM. There was no public comment and comment period was closed at 7:26PM.

The total of all county funds expended from April 10, 2026 through April 28, 2026 equals \$12,443,841.35.

A detailed list of funds expended by check is available for public inspection anytime during regular business hours at the Morton County Auditor's Office.

Chair Boehm adjourned the meeting at 7:27PM.

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Elm Crest Manor currently has openings for:

- Nurses
- CNAs
- Feeding Assistant/Activity Helper
- Laundry Aide (less than part time)

Team benefits include: paid time off and sick leave; paid holidays; health insurance, dental and vision plans; life, disability, and accident coverage; medical spending account; cafeteria plan contributions; additional incentive pay for picked-up shifts.

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