

City of Wishek Minutes

The Wishek City Council met for their monthly meeting on October 5th, 2026 at 5:00 PM. Mayor Lipp calling the meeting to order and Councilpersons, Becker, Roth, Martell, Wald & Salwei answering roll call, absent was Opsahl. Also, present were Vernell Lehr, Jerry Lehr, Gayle Seibel, Steve Seibel, Janet Wolff, Andy Tunheim, Josh Kiefer, Jackie Hoggarth & Jacob Fandrich-VIA phone.

Approval of consent agenda-motion by Wald 2nd by Martell to approve *minutes from 9-8-26 meeting* *bills* roll call vote 5-0.

988 OHNSTAD TWICHELL, P. 09/02/26 \$3,702.00
 989 TWIN CITY ROOFING 09/14/26..... \$702.00
 990 JDA 09/29/26 \$9,005.97
 991 WISHEK PARK BOARD 09/29/26 . \$18,011.94
 7 INTERSTATE ENGINEER I 09/16/26 \$33,440.24
 8 Bituminous Paving 09/16/26 \$129,721.72
 27506 CITY OF BISMARCK 09/02/26.. \$868.99
 27507 COMPUTER EXPRESS 09/02/26..... \$300.00
 27508 MARTELLS CARQUEST 09/02/26..... \$121.69
 27509 MDU 09/02/26 \$3,143.55
 27510 Pye Barker 09/02/26..... \$144.00
 27511 TRUE VALUE MARTELLS 09/02/26..... \$327.38
 27512 Wilson Diesel Repair 09/02/26 .. \$300.00
 27530 Wishek Ready Mix 09/02/26 \$390.00
 27531 STATE DISBURSEMENT 09/08/26..... \$186.65
 27536 ITD 09/08/26..... \$101.25
 27537 ONE-CALL 09/08/26..... \$46.50
 27538 Vestis 09/08/26 \$523.20
 27542 BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIEL 09/14/26..... \$176.00
 27543 CENTRAL DAKOTA FRO 09/14/26..... \$1,801.09
 27544 CURTS 09/14/26 \$612.00
 27545 E & H Communications, 09/14/26..... \$136.16
 27546 Industrial Chem Labs &

09/14/26..... \$293.76
 27547 MDU 09/14/26 \$27.97
 27548 ND DEPT OF HEALTH 09/14/26 \$27.00
 27549 QUILL 09/14/26 \$314.02
 27550 ROCKYS 09/14/26 .. \$11,840.00
 27551 Walworth County Land 09/14/26 \$2,071.31
 27552 WISHEK DRUG 09/14/26 \$15.18
 27553-5 Void 09/14/26..... \$0.00
 27555 ANDY TUNHEIM 09/18/26..... \$484.68
 27556 CAMIKA MICHAELSOHN 09/18/26..... \$200.00
 27557 MARY VICKERS 09/18/26..... \$484.68
 27558 PERRY TURNER 09/18/26..... \$200.00
 27559 SUE WOLFF 09/18/26.. \$300.00
 27560 STATE DISBURSEMENT 09/21/26..... \$186.65
 27568 BEK 09/29/26 \$358.17
 27569 CAMIKA MICHAELSOHN 09/29/26..... \$60.00
 27570 Cole Papers Inc 09/29/26 \$102.86
 27571 DELTA DENTAL OF MN 09/29/26..... \$906.51
 27572 ECOLAB 09/29/26..... \$217.13
 27573 HAWKINS 09/29/26..... \$728.10
 27574 JUSTIN HOGGARTH 09/29/26 . \$1,400.00
 27575 ND HEALTH CHEMISTR 09/29/26..... \$224.33
 27576 WISHEK PARK BOARD 09/29/26..... \$909.80
 27579 ND LEAGUE OF CITIES 09/29/26..... \$550.00
 27580 Vestis 09/29/26 \$591.58

Ordinance & Permit Fee Schedule, Vickers presented materials from the Zoning Board outlining proposed revisions to the city's permit and fee schedule.

2nd Reading MDU Franchise Agreement. A motion to suspend the second reading of the MDU Franchise Agreement by Becker 2nd by Wald, roll call 5-0. Motion to approve the MDU Franchise Agreement by Roth 2nd by Martell, roll call vote 5-0.

Engineer Report- progressive estimate was presented by City Engineer Jacob Fandirch by phone. Progressive Estimate No. 3, the estimate totaled \$356,957.93. The contractor will return

in the spring to complete remaining punch list items and apply the chip seal coat. Motion to approve Progressive Estimate No. 3 by Salwei 2nd by Becker, roll call vote 5-0

Unfinished Business-Renaissance Zone Vickers provided an update on the Renaissance Zone.

Final Budget, motion to approve by Wald 2nd by Martell, roll call vote 5-0.

Utility Bills-Motion by Martell 2nd by Salwei to change the following on the utility bills, eliminate the current flat \$20 monthly charge for vacant lots, replace it with itemized fees \$3 for streetlights, \$1 for mosquito spray, and \$1 for snow removal—totaling \$5 per vacant lot per month. Then add \$1 snow removal charge to be added to every other account in the city, roll call vote: Becker-n, Wald-y, Salwei-y, Roth-n, Martell -y, 3-2

New Business-Resolution JPA, motion to approve the Resolution for the Joint Powers Agreement with the amended sunset date of December 31, 2030 was made by Roth and seconded by Becker, roll call vote 5-0.

JPA Agreement-Motion to approve the Joint Powers Agreement by Wald and 2nd Becker roll call 5-0.

Judge Pay was discussed; no action was taken at this time.

Chief Of Police Report - Chief Tunheim requested council approval to add Cooper Dosan to the Wishek Police Department roster as a fill-in officer, to be utilized only in emergency or extraordinary circumstances. A rate of \$350/day was proposed for Dosan. Motion by Becker 2nd by Martell, to approve 5-0

City Street Report – Kiefer presented bids for a sewer jetter, motion to approve the purchase of the Harben sewer

jetter unit at \$88,859.54, if freight/delivery costs do not exceed \$5,000, was made by Salwei 2nd by Becker, roll call vote 5-0.

Lipp-reported that the Sunday Cruise fundraiser generated \$850 in proceeds.

Salwei-Cemetery Lots were discussed regarding vacant burial plots. The council agreed to place a formal resolution on the next meeting's agenda to begin that process.

Armory Roof-Roth reported that contractor Brandon Lipp intends to complete the Armory roof project this winter.

Becker-Reported that the Civic Center roof continues to be a significant issue. Becker is pursuing bids for the roof. It was emphasized that these foundational systems should be addressed before pursuing kitchen upgrades or other improvements.

Wald – Reported Highway Project Update-Beaver Avenue is scheduled for mill and overlay on approximately October 12. Sidewalk work on the Civic Center side is ongoing, with an outstanding curb section still to be removed. Streetlights are expected to be fully reinstalled by November 20.

Tourism Report -Gayle recommended that the city publicize a call for volunteers to revitalize the board, particularly seeking younger community members with creative ideas. Motion to appoint Council Member Becker to the board 2nd by Wald, 5-0.

Motion by Salwei to adjourn meeting at 7:08 pm (5-0).

Attest: Mary Vickers, Auditor
Whittney Lipp, Mayor
(Oct. 14, 2026)
