

**City of Nome – Council Meeting Minutes**

Persons Present: Bruce S, Jed A, Chris A, Randy L, Sasha M, Shanon S, Betty, Dwayne, Lee, Karen, Mary, Michael, Donna, Jeanne.  
City of Nome Council was called to order at 7:01 on June 1st, 2026. Minutes from the previous meeting were read, with a motion to approved by Randy L, seconded by Chris A; the motion passed.

Under Old Business, it was noted that Terral will receive assistance from residents for his property in Nome. Regarding blighted properties, residents who have not responded to certified letters will have maintenance costs assessed to their property taxes in accordance with city ordinance. The Lawn Maintenance Ordinance was reviewed, confirming that if the city must mow a resident's lawn, a \$50.00 fee will be assessed per occurrence. The apartment update indicated that keys have been returned, maintenance is complete, and the unit are move in ready except for electric outlet repairs. Building permits for L. Capman, RLA and Micheal remain pending. The meter reading job description still requires review; R. Buckley announced his intention to resign as meter reader, and Jed A expressed interest in taking over the position with appropriate training. The council noted that the burn dump will take place after July 4th. A proposal to change Rick G's payment schedule from monthly to quarterly was tabled. It was reported that Microsoft software on the city computer is no longer needed, the Quicken program has been located, and for new sign up program includes a year subscription of \$46.00; Shanon will confirm the price and purchase if correct. A motion to

approve this purchase was made by Sasha M, seconded by Chris A, and passed. Transfers from each account to the general fund have been completed. Under New Business, Shanon's Oath of Office and W4 will be completed by the July meeting. Shanon requested removal of the dog fee be transferred to her city bill as the dog is no longer in her care; a motion to approve was made by Jed A, seconded by Sasha M, and passed. Several residents have unpaid water, sewer, and garbage bills; per ordinance, accounts unpaid for three months will result in service shutoff until payment is received. A building permit application from Sasha M for a shed was approved following a motion by Chris A, seconded by Jed A. A building permit application from Gail and Jeanne for a new home. Motion to approve new home by Chris and seconded by Jed A. The council also agreed to review the costs for recent apartment repairs and to research the local rental market to determine an appropriate monthly rent rate. Additionally, the city will reach out to locate a contractor who can assist with the cleanup of residents' properties. An update on sidewalks was discussed, and Bruce will reach out to gather more information and report back to the council. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm, with the next regular meeting scheduled for July 6th, 2026 at the Nome Schoolhouse.

Bills approved and paid:  
Fat Man Trash: \$534.28  
Ottertail Power: \$742.54  
Salaries: \$943.35  
Enderlin Independent: \$50.32  
Barnes Rural Water: \$935.36  
City of Fargo: \$ 14.63  
Midwest Pest Control: \$  
Pioneer Roll off: \$1495.00  
City Printer: 193.83  
Postage/ City cards: \$423.00



Game and Fish



**Breeding Duck Numbers Down Again**

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's 79th annual spring breeding duck survey conducted in May showed an index of about 2.4 million birds, down 9.5% from 2.66 million birds in 2025 and 2.9 million in 2024.

The 2026 breeding duck index dipped below the 1948-2025 average for the first time since 1993, according to John Palarski, department migratory game bird supervisor.

In these spring waterfowl surveys, Palarski said they're counting a portion of what remains of last year's fall flight. Duck production in North Dakota has been poor in recent years and midcontinent duck populations continue to decline.

"Waterfowl here in North Dakota have to have those wetlands in order to nest. But many species like mallards, pintails and blue-winged teal that are upland nesting ducks, also need grass," he said. "And so, we've seen a couple million acres of grass in the form of CRP come off the landscape in recent years. Between those declines and wetland loss due to drainage and

consolidation, that's going to impact our ability to produce ducks into the future which has acute impacts for waterfowl hunters here in the state, but also has continental impacts, because North Dakota is the Duck Factory."

Historically, duck numbers in North Dakota paralleled wetland conditions closely. In the heydays of North Dakota duck hunting from 1994-2016, the breeding duck index frequently topped 4 million birds, but it is unlikely for that to happen again, even in the wettest years, until habitat availability improves.

Indices for individual species were variable. Mallards (up 6.8%), pintails (up 23.7%) and green-winged teal (up 20.9%) indices increased from 2025 while blue-winged teal, gadwall, widgeon and most diving duck species decreased. Although mallards are up from 2025, they're still down 15.3% from their long-term average.

Palarski and crew covered more than 1,800 miles of transects counting wetlands and waterfowl down to the species and social grouping on both sides of the road. This spring, the wetland count was similar to last year but 34.9% below the long-term average.

As always, the July brood survey will give a better idea of duck production and insight into what to expect this fall.

**SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCED**

Applications are now being accepted to fill the position on the Enderlin School Board caused by the resignation of Board Member Brian Midthun. Mr. Midthun was a city representative on the Board.

Any person interested in being considered for the city position on the Board must be a qualified elector of the school district and reside within the city limits of Enderlin. A qualified elector is a citizen of the U.S. who is 18 years old or older, a citizen of the United States, a qualified elector (voter) in North Dakota and has resided within the specific school district for at least 60 days prior to taking office. Individuals should apply at the office of School District Business Manager Tammy Boeder. Applicants will be required to complete an "Application for Appointment

to Position on Enderlin School Board" form as well as a "Statement of Interests" form.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. CDT on June 24, 2026. An appointment to the Board from among the applicants will be made at a special School Board meeting to be held June 29, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. The appointee shall assume their position on the Board at the next meeting of the Board following the appointment. The appointee shall be required to attend the same in service training as a regularly elected Board member.

The appointee will serve until the next regular election in June of 2027 at which time they may choose to run for election to fill the remaining balance of the unexpired term.

For further information please contact District Business Manager Tammy Boeder at the school, 437-2240.

**Armstrong statement on ND receiving \$27.8M for DAPL costs in settlement with federal government**

BISMARCK, N.D. (JUNE 11, 2026) – Gov. Kelly Armstrong issued the following statement today after Attorney General Drew Wrigley announced a final settlement in North Dakota v. United States in which the U.S. government will pay North Dakota over \$27.8 million for law enforcement and other costs incurred by the state during the Dakota Access Pipeline protests in 2016-17.

"This settlement is long overdue and goes a long way toward making North Dakota whole, on top of the \$10 million previously paid by the DOJ to the state for protest-related costs," Armstrong said. "The Obama administration not only enabled but in fact encouraged these unlawful protests by failing to evict protestors from Army Corps of Engineers' land – instead playing politics with a legally permitted pipeline that has now been operating for almost a decade without incident. We're thankful for the efforts of the Attorney General's Office and other attorneys who worked on the state's behalf to secure a favorable ruling in U.S. District Court and ultimately reach a settlement that removes the financial burden from North Dakota taxpayers and places it on the shoulders of the federal government where it belongs."

According to testimony at trial two years ago, North Dakota's emergency response to the DAPL protests lasted over 230 days, involved 178 response agencies, and spanned Morton, Sioux, Burleigh and Emmons counties. During the protests, North Dakota law enforcement made 761 arrests, 709 of which were out-of-state residents. The cleanup of the DAPL camps required over 600 roll-off dumpsters for a total of 9.8 million pounds of garbage and hazardous materials.



NORTH DAKOTA SECRETARY OF STATE MICHAEL HOWE

**20.84% Voter Turnout in Primary Election**

BISMARCK, N.D. - 20.84 percent of eligible North Dakotans cast 125,101 ballots during the 2026 Primary Election as reported on election night. Election results will not be official until the state canvassing board meets later this month.

Unofficial results as of election night included 73,476 votes cast on election day, 17,287 ballots by early vote, and 34,338 absentee ballots. 41% of the total vote was cast during absentee and early voting. While 59% of the total vote was cast on Election Day. Unofficial results for contests and ballot measures can be found on the North Dakota Secretary of

State election results website.

"Election night is always exciting," said Secretary of State Michael Howe. "As results come in from across the state, citizens begin to learn who will lead their communities in the future. We are grateful for the 3,000 poll workers who helped make the 2026 June Primary possible. Without them, this statewide team effort would not happen."

Election results will remain unofficial until county canvassing boards meet on June 22, and results are certified by the State Canvassing Board on June 24.

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