

**THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF GWINNER, ND
APRIL 6TH 2026,
AT THE FIRE HALL AT 5PM.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jaimie Gavin, Auston Creech, Bryton Ciesynski, Kenny Wiederholt. **MEMBER ABSENT:** Michelle Goettle. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Leadbetter, Darrel Swanson, Sam Opdahl, Kris Beck, Kari Ulven, Dennis Dahl, Scott Johnson, Travis Paeper, Mike Bassingthwaite, Dawn Anderson, Jerry Waswick, Ray and Dale from Otter Tail, Dean Anderson, Jeff Anderson, Jessica Peterson.

Pledge of Allegiance
Motion to approve last month's meeting minute approved by Kenny, seconded by Bryton.

Public Comment: -
Law Enforcement Report: Travis was present. 157 hours worked. DARE was complete, Ray-Mac and Bobcat employees had high alcohol levels, Mulligan's alarm keeps going off, 305 3rd ST NW has had lots of service calls.

Interstate Engineering Report: Mike present. SRF grant for special road fund grant (east road going to the clubhouse) was approved, city's estimate is about \$180,000 from account #203 due to city making the decision to submit this project, (Kenny/Bryton), west drain paperwork is at the NDDOT, lagoons- no update

Pool Committee/GPB: Sam was present. Park board used the community center due to weather for their egg hunt. She was questioning the process of CalendarWiz and why things have changed. Select people have access to booking the calendar for community center and fire hall. The community center is now used every day for the senior meals; they leave their items out unless Jess notifies them in advance that they need to clean up their items. The community events are free to rent but have an understanding that the building needs to be cleaned up after each use. City council decided to keep the calendar as it is, and Jess needs to be notified by email or text. Jess will then notify senior meal ladies and the cleaner of what is going on.

Gwinner Housing Authority (GHA): Dennis was present. New post came out about pets and new age limits. Jaimie will work with Dennis and Kenny for the listing realtor. Auston would like to see results by July 6th.

The Spring's Association: Jerry and Dawn were present. \$183,774.29 was deposited into their account, they were expecting the full \$225,000 budget amount and not having the revenue from the golf course come out of \$41,225.71 for year 2025. The management agreement states city gets all golf income and it was talked about with Jerry on 12/1/2025 meeting. They have around \$246,883.74 for their 2026 budget as they ended with \$63,109.45 in their bank account.

Building Permit: Seth Aberle (420 4th Ave St NW)-for shed in backyard but it must be five feet from all property lines (Auston/Bryton), Jeff Hummel (112 2nd ST SE)- sewer line project (Auston/Kenny), Kari Ulven (22 Bobcat Dr)-new roof (Auston/Kenny) David Schmidt (204 3rd ST NW)- cut curb and add driveway, cement patio in back yard (Auston/Bryton)

Local Permits: none
City Attorney: Randy Ott with WM contacted Mayor about the short agreement we signed. Jeff will send over the agreement that Bryton and Michelle worked on with Jeff to Randy Ott this week. Time is of the essence.

Community Center: Senior Meals are running Monday-Friday, northside roof covering the walk-out door is in rough shape, we need to get rid of it.

Gwinner Activity Center: Kris Beck was present for the school board. Joint Powers amended agreement was discussed. City wants to move the maintenance expense from \$10,000 to \$20,000. (Auston/ Kenny) Kris said she wants to keep it at \$10,000 for the school board. Kris had no floor plans for the new floor in the activity center. She asked if the city wants to put any money towards that project and city made no motion for any funds at this time.

City Auditor Report: Employee vs Contractor was discussed. Two council members submitted invoices for \$45 per hour for snow removal, and the city council did not approve of this rate. City council asked for hours to be submitted in November, no rate was discussed at that time. Jeff will investigate this to see if they should be 1099 or W2 for going forward. NDIRF said the two council members would be covered under city insurance if they are employees but not independent contractors. Annual volunteer letters should be filled out and sent into NDIRF

for coverage. Jakob was not hired as a city employee; he was running under an independent contractor. Insurance claim was submitted for snowplow truck that was damaged by the railroad tracks, and the lowest estimate was \$20,005 from Little Falls Machine, Inc. Going forward, an email needs to be sent to the whole city council if a city claim should be submitted. Jess will get quotes for floor waxing for all the city buildings.

Public Works Report: Mosquito fogger is considered an emergency and needs to be ordered right away for \$14,600 (Auston/ Bryton) Darrel will need to get his applicator license. Jerry Waswick mentioned that the city could use the ranger that is at The Spring's for fogger the city. New fire hydrant is ordered for the hydrant across from the fire hall near Logan Peterson's house. The other fire hydrant on the north side of town is here; just wanting on the contractor to install it. Mowers' quotes were discussed and no motion was made at this time.

Council Items: Annual passes for new residents that buy a house in Gwinner. They can either pick a family swimming pool pass for one year or a family golf course pass for one year. Auston will work on this with the park board and spring association. Noice ordinance was discussed due to complaints came in when the lights and sirens were going off around midnight after the archery bus came back to town from state archery for a celebration. Request to amend 6-503 #1 to exempt emergency vehicles. (Auston/Bryton)

Otter tail Power Agreement: Representatives Ray and Dale from Otter tail Power were present. First reading of the Otter tail agreement was approved with a change of adding the fee in there. (Bryton/Auston) Otter tail will work with Jeff to get the updated agreement with the fee in it.

Pay the Bills: (Auston made a motion to pay all bills except to change Jakob, Bryton, and his invoices by deducting \$5 per hour, Kenny seconded the motion and all ayes)

Bills: IRS \$1923.85, ND STATE TAX COMMISSIONER \$549.43, IRS \$3868.97, AUSTON CREECH \$1040, AW DIESEL SERVICE \$1.34, BOBCAT OF GWINNER \$552.63, BRYTON CIESYNSKI \$760, CITY OF FARGO \$114, COMPUTER EXPRESS \$75.99, CORE&MAIN \$4511, DRN \$568.75, END OF THE WOODS \$1000, FULL CIRCLE AG \$125.71, GENERAL PARTS, LLC \$1629.49, GROTBORG \$505, HANSEN LUMBER \$85.10, JAKOB CREECH \$630, LOFFLER \$23.36, MDU \$1223.45, ND DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT \$345.95, ND ONE CALL \$1.50, NDPERS \$5407.85, PAYROLL \$13,594.78, RAY-MAC \$22.04, SARGENT COUNTY \$6350.62, MOBRIDGE/NORDAK \$302.20, SCOTTS ELECTRIC \$1270, TEAM LAB \$1119, TIAA \$2353.58, USA BLUE BOOK \$543.48, WASTE MANAGEMENT \$8925.32, GWINNER HOUSING AUTHORITY \$22,605.61, OTTER TAIL POWER \$6367.52, US POSTAL SERVICE \$183.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm. Next regular meeting is on May 4th at 5pm.

Jaimie Gavin, Mayor
Jessica Peterson, City Auditor
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**ANALYSIS OF THE
STATEWIDE MEASURES
APPEARING ON THE
ELECTION BALLOT
JUNE 9, 2026**

The following analysis is for the measure appearing on the statewide Primary Election ballot on June 9, 2026. This publication is required by section 16.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code to enable voters to become familiar with the effect of proposed measures. The full text of each measure is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at vote.nd.gov or by requesting a copy from the Elections Division at 701-328-4146, or from the office of any County Auditor.

In addition, as required by section 16.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, a copy of the Legislative Council's report on the estimated fiscal impact of initiated Measures No. 1 is available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at

vote.nd.gov, by phone at 701-328-4146, by email at soselect@nd.gov, or by letter to Secretary of State, 600 E Boulevard Avenue Dept 108, Bismarck ND 58505-0500.

**ANALYSIS OF INITIATED
CONSTITUTIONAL
MEASURE NO. 1
(SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION
NO. 4007, 2025 SESSION
LAWS, CH. 615)**

Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 was placed on the ballot by action of the 2025 North Dakota Legislative Assembly with passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007 (2025 Session Laws, Chapter 610). If approved, this constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to requiring each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment be comprised of a single subject. The proposed amendment would require constitutional amendments to be limited to one subject. The Secretary of State shall not approve an initiative petition for circulation if the Secretary determines that the proposed amendment comprises more than one subject. Additionally, the legislative assembly is required to limit proposed amendments to the constitution to one subject.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.

Voting "YES" means you approve the measure summarized above. Voting "NO" means you reject the measure summarized above.

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KNOW?**

There are parts of Africa in all four hemispheres. The average dog can understand over 150 words. Walrus can go without sleep for 84 hours.

North Dakota Nice

BY DEAN B. KANER

Hummingbirds hum because they can't remember the words.

**ARBOR DAY OBSERVATION
IN MILNOR**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 AT 9:30 A.M.
NORTHVIEW ADDITION
PLANTING OF NEW TREES**

PUBLIC IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

NOTICE

The Sargent County Weed Control Board hired a contractor who will be starting to spray road right-of-ways in the county. The spray crew will start with the North Dakota State Highway Right-Of-Ways, continue with the county roads & end with the township roads as time & conditions allow. It is difficult to schedule a spraying season, as we never know what weather conditions we will face, however, if you would like more detailed information as to when the crew might be in your area of the county, please contact Wayne Sebens, Chairman.

**NOTICE OF COUNTY TAX
EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that proceedings for the equalization of assessments for the year 2026 will be taken by Sargent County:

In the County, at the office of the County Auditor on **June 2, 2026, it is the first Tuesday in June at 9:30 a.m.**

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessments are hereby notified to appear at said meetings and show cause for having such assessments corrected.

Given under my hand and the Official Seal of Sargent County, North Dakota, this 5TH day of May 2026, at Forman, North Dakota.

TIA BOPP
COUNTY AUDITOR

**NORTH SARGENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT ELECTION NOTICE**

Gwinner, North Dakota
June 2, 2026

North Sargent Public School District #3, Sargent County, ND will hold its annual school district election on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. The purpose of the election is to elect school board members for three-year terms to fill expired or vacated positions. The polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Polling places will be at the North Sargent School Library in Gwinner for the Gwinner precinct and Stirum Hall in Stirum for the Stirum precinct.

AREAS AND ITEMS ON THE BALLOTS UP FOR ELECTION INCLUDE:

1) Area #3- The City of Gwinner position.
Gage Hansen filed to be on this ballot.
Brook Olson filed to be on this ballot.

2) Area #4-A rural position, comprised of Whitestone Hill Township minus the city of Gwinner, and parts of Willey, Bowen and Dunbar Townships that are in the district.
Zachary Johnson filed to be on this ballot.

If you intend to vote by absentee ballot, please submit an absentee ballot application to Donna Anderson, Business Manager at North Sargent School.

If auxiliary aids are required to vote contact the Business Manager at 678-2492 or via email at Donna.Anderson1@k12.nd.us at least 5 days prior to the election.

As with any ND election, please bring a valid ID and vote in your designated precinct.

May 1, 2026
Donna Anderson
Business Manager