

**MILNOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026**

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, August 10, 2026, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Alan Boyer, Denise Ferderer, Michelle Odegard and Jodi Ost. Also present: Mike Bassingthwaite, Travis Paeper, Paige Benda, Robert Lotzer, Courtney Jacobson, Ryan Smith, Glen Koeppe and Jennie Hanna. Carol Peterson joined the meeting later.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Glen Koeppe.

After review and discussion of the proposed budget, a motion was made by Member Anderson to adopt the preliminary budget for 2027. The motion was seconded by Member Ost. All members voted aye. No nays. Where upon, the motion passed, and the final 2027 budget review and adoption is scheduled for September 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., to be followed by the regular Council monthly meeting.

Motion to approve meeting agenda (Anderson/Boyer, unanimous).

Motion to approve July and Organizational meeting minutes (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous).

Sheriff Travis Paeper reviewed the Sheriff's Report. He reported July had been busy, with a number of citations issued. Council members voiced concerns about traffic on 1st Street and minors driving golf carts.

Mike Bassingthwaite reviewed the Engineer's Report and stated the sidewalk project was done, with just grass seeding and sign replacement left. Member Boyer asked Bassingthwaite if there is anything that can be done to help drainage in the ditch by his house on the airport road. Bassingthwaite stated the ditch most likely needs to be cleaned out. It's dried out right now, but he stated he'd take a look after it rains.

Ryan Smith reviewed the Maintenance Report and stated he'd looked into a paint line striper for street lane lines and curbs. Smith informed council the machine is around \$3000, but stated he would research more in the spring. Smith informed council the pickup and Bobcat are both in need of new tires. Mayor Koeppe stated there is a lot of junk around the city shop that should be gone through and cleaned up.

Paige Benda reviewed the Attorney's Report and informed council she was working on an issue concerning a dog attack against Member Ferderer's dog. Benda stated she would work with the Sheriff's department and Jayne Pfau regarding the next steps. Benda discussed the next step regarding removing junk cars from the city.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report and stated the culvert for the Northview Playground and the piece of exercise equipment for the park need to be installed. Mayor Koeppe stated he would take a look at both and see what was needed.

Peterson informed council the foundation grant of \$15,000 to the city for the shop insulation could be moved to help pay for the senior center parking area in the back of the building. With that, and the Bison Boosters' pledge of \$25,000, the city still needs about \$20,000 for the remaining cost. Peterson asked council if she should apply for another \$15,000 from the foundation. Council stated Peterson should start getting bids for the concrete work.

Motion to allow Carol Peterson to apply to the North Dakota Community Foundation for \$15,000 to help pay for the Senior Center parking area (Ferderer/Boyer, unanimous).

Motion to approve building permits for Chad Aabrekke – Walkway between house and garage and Shane Knudsvig – garage (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Motion to approve off-site alcohol permit – Hump's Bar & Grill on 8/22/26 at the Milnor Veteran's Hall (Ferderer/Odegard, unanimous).

Motion to approve updating the signature cards at the bank (Ost/Odegard, unanimous).

Council discussed sending letters to property owners who have dead trees on their property, focusing on trees that are a danger to citizens or city property. Paige Benda stated there is a process for removal and informed council she would draft a letter to the owners. Council discussed updating the tree ordinance to make it more specific.

The following bills were presented and approved (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous).

Bills:

Sargent County Auditor	\$3586.98
Carol Peterson	1445.00
Auto Value Wahpeton	205.19
Dakota Plains Ag	278.00
Dickey Rural Networks	460.06
Even Law Office, PLLC	184.00
IB & BG, LLC	200.00
Jennie Hanna	97.59
Lee's Service Station	121.00
Midwest Pest Control Inc	85.00
Milnor Market	8.08
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	105.80
Office Depot	104.44
Otter Tail Power Company	3644.51
Smith & Stregre Ltd	1500.00
The Sargent County Teller	147.16
Waste Management of WI-MN	1506.25
Payroll Account 61-639	6541.60
Verizon Wireless	192.57
Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4935.00
Milnor Park Board	956.39
Library Fund	136.17
Airport Authority	229.00
Debt Service Fund	1923.91
Debt Service Fund	1292.45
Payroll Account 61-639	6767.19
Southeast Water Users	4329.00
Dakota Valley Electric Coop	595.00
Banyon Data Systems Inc	595.00
City of Fargo	14.00
North Dakota One Call	15.00
Spee-Dee Delivery Service, Inc	33.92
Payroll Account 61-639	1169.14
Mark & Sandra Claes	5000.00
Payroll Account 61-639	1272.02
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	3856.66
Milnor Postmaster	214.50
Bank of North Dakota	12,850.00
Jeremy M. Bixby	989.48
Jennie M. Hanna	1570.71
Glen D. Koeppe	166.23
Ryan J. Smith	2156.61
ND Child Support Division	522.50
Jeremy M. Bixby	1177.78
Jennie M. Hanna	1609.70
Ryan J. Smith	2256.86
ND Child Support Division	522.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	562.89
Unum Life Insurance Company	12.34
Nationwide Retirement Solution	408.42
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Internal Revenue Service	3342.29
Dickey Rural Networks	128.66
Lee's Service Station	241.82

The regular September and Final Budget meeting will be held on Monday,

September 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
Motion to adjourn (Anderson/
Odegard, unanimous).
Jennie Hanna, Auditor
Glen Koeppe, Mayor
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