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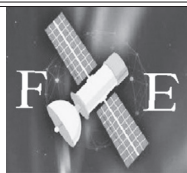
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MINNEWAUKAN CITY COUNCIL November 19, 2025

Mayor Matt Seufert (by phone) called a Minnewaukan City Council meeting to order on Nov. 19, 2025 at 6 p.m. Present were council members Kaylee Ripplinger, Mitch Weed and Niles Short; City Auditor Audrey McCollum; public works director Sari Babcock; and Paul Bjornson from KLL.

Ripplinger motioned to approve the agenda, adding Phelps' resignation letter and Ambers' building permit. Short seconded; the motion carried.

Ripplinger moved to approve Oct. 7, 2025 minutes. Short seconded; the motion carried.

Paul Bjornson reported there have been no updates on the flex fund grant awards.

Ripplinger moved to accept the resignation letter from Michael Phelps effective immediately. Short seconded; the motion passed.

Short moved to approve the sale of Lots 22 and 23 of Block 4 in the Bill and Rose Streifel First Addition to Todd Keena. Ripplinger seconded; the motion passed.

Ripplinger motioned to approve the sale of Lot 27 of Block 2 in the Bill and Rose Streifel First Addition to Danica Axtman. Short seconded; the motion passed.

Weed moved to approve the public comment policy, substituting the speaker card requirement with a sign-in sheet. Ripplinger seconded; the motion passed.

Short moved to approve Resolution 311: Public Comment Requirements at Regular Meetings Policy. Weed seconded; the motion passed.

Ripplinger's position on the North Central Planning board has moved to the executive board.

Short moved to approve Ambers' building permit at 245 West Ave. South. Ripplinger seconded; the

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motion carried. Babcock reported that the upgrades to the water plant are in progress and the new chemicals are arriving soon. Babcock was in contact with Otter Tail Power to coordinate the power outage and all went well. Babcock has been updating outdated files.

McCollum will invite the new Benson County sheriff to the next council meeting.

McCollum stated that a local resident had volunteered several hours to repair the street sweeper and would like the city to show their appreciation. Weed made a motion to purchase a gift card. Ripplinger seconded; the motion passed.

Ripplinger made a motion to pay the following bills. Weed seconded; the motion passed.

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Otter Tail Power Co.	2,577.41

Short asked council members to be mindful of comments made outside council meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. The next council meeting is scheduled for Dec. 9, 2025 at 6 p.m. Audrey McCollum City Auditor

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BENSON COUNTY NORTH DAKOTA November 18, 2025

The Benson County commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025 at 8 a.m. in the commissioner room of the Benson County Courthouse, Minnewaukan, ND. Commissioners present: Dick Horner, Doris M. Griffin, Ron Stadum and Tammy Kuk. David Davidson was present via Teams. The meeting was called to order by Chair Stadum. Other people present: Kelly Glover, Benson County Farmers Press; James P. Wang, Benson County state's attorney; Scott Todahl, DEM and highway superintendent; and Joy Orvedal, highway department clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Davidson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of Nov. 4, 2025 with a noted correction. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

Scott Todahl, DEM and highway superintendent, met with the board to give a report for the highway department. He discussed the work being done to resolve the damage caused by beavers on the road north of Wood Lake. Todahl discussed contacting the Game and Fish Department regarding this issue.

Todahl informed the board he received the floor sweeper that was ordered for his department.

The board reviewed a resolution for Project SC-0341(001) awarding the project bid to Knife River. A motion was made by Davidson, seconded by Horner, to approve and have the chair sign the resolution. Roll call vote: Davidson--yes; Horner-- yes; Griffin--yes; Stadum--yes; Kuk--abstained due to conflict of interest. The motion carried.

Todahl stated work is being done on the Maddock tower for EMS. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Griffin, to approve the quote from Stones Mobile Radio. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter from Sheriff Wanzek dated Nov. 18, 2025. A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Horner, to approve getting new decals on the other two vehicles used by the sheriff's department. All members voted yes. The motion carried. The board discussed the purchase of new tasers for the sheriff's department from Axon under a five-year contract. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Griffin, to approve the five-year contract

with the auditor determining which fund payment should come from. All members voted yes. The motion carried. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Griffin, to advertise the silver 2019 Dodge Durango, white enclosed trailer and four-wheeler used by the sheriff's office for sale. All members voted yes. The motion carried. The board discussed the purchase of five Bluetooth mics at an estimated cost of \$3,124.75. A motion was made by Kuk, seconded by Horner, to approve the purchase with payment, with the auditor determining which fund payment should come from. All members voted yes. The motion carried. The board discussed adding an additional \$10 per hour pay for temporary workers who work holidays. A motion was made by Kuk, seconded by Davidson, to approve the additional pay. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

At 8:30 a.m. the annual tax sale was held. Three of the five properties were sold at the auction.

The board discussed giving employees additional time off for the New Year's holiday. A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Davidson, to grant employees the day of Jan. 2, 2026 off in addition to the January 1 New Year's holiday. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

The auditor presented information on possible office closure for Nov. 20, 2025 when water and electricity are off in the city of Minnewaukan due to maintenance. A motion was made by Kuk, seconded by Horner, to close the affected Benson County offices in Minnewaukan on Nov. 20, 2025 due to the outage. Employees are encouraged to work from home if able. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the proposed LEC building bonding issue and the new building. Kuk reported on the current activity with the project. She indicated the city of Devils Lake is not in favor of having the facility in the Industrial Park in Devils Lake. Kuk stated no final plan has been made for the building. Horner stated his concern with some of the plans for the building and the proposed bonding. Kuk stated the NDHP may be interested in using the building. Additional discussion was held on this issue.

The board reviewed the profit and loss report for October 2025 from Benson County Transportation.

The audit and management report from Brady Martz & Associates for year-end Dec. 13, 2022 was presented to the board.

The board reviewed an audit engagement letter from Brady Martz & Associates for years 2023 and 2024. A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Horner, to approve the letter. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

The second draft of the JPA with Nelson County for K-9 Ares was presented to the board. Nelson County Chief Deputy Madche and Nelson County Deputy Goetz were present at this time via Teams. A motion was made by Horner, seconded by Griffin, to have the chair sign the JPA. One member voted no. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the Benson County financial report for October 2025.

A lease with Floodwater Properties for renting of the public health nurse office was presented to the board. A motion was made by Griffin, seconded by Horner, to have the chair sign the lease. All members voted yes. The motion carried.

Davidson left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The board reviewed and discussed the monthly county bills needing to be paid prior to end of month. A motion was made by Kuk, seconded by Griffin, to pay the bills. All members voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:39 a.m.

Bonnie Erickson
Benson County Auditor

Ron Stadum
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